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Worships God in Word and Sacrament

May 31, 2020

Fiftieth Day of Easter/The Day of Pentecost

(Today's worship is online only)

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Prelude and Fugue in F Major J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 130 Let Every Christian Pray Laudes Domini

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel. Empower us with that same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love and draw all people to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

An Affirmation of Faith for Easter Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Unison: **That I belong, body and soul, in life and in death,**

not to myself, but to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ,

who at the cost of his own blood, has fully paid for all my sins

and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;

that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven

not a hair can fall from my head.

Indeed, everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life

and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Pastor: The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Numbers 11:24-30

Psalms 104:24-27,28b-31,33

Unison

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide.

Creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season.

When you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created

and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

I will sing praise to God while I have being.

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 313

Come Down, O Love Divine

Down Ampney

The congregation sits.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Gospel

John 7:37-39

Pentecost Lesson from Acts

Acts 2:1-21

Sermon

Spirit Filled

Mike Krech

“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages ...” Acts 2:4

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 126

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

St. Agnes

Nicene Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 15, Ecumenical

Gloria for Easter Season Refrain of Hymn 122

Judas Maccabeus

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son.

Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

The Lone Wild Bird

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight Is still with Thee, nor leaves Thy sight, And I am Thine!

I rest in Thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me. The ends of earth are in Thy hand,

The sea's dark deep And far-off land. (-- Text: Henry Richard McFadyen, 1925, alt;

Tune: Prospect; Sacred Harp, 1844; Harm. David N. Johnson, 1968)

Emily Mayne, alto

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology for Easter Season (to the tune of Hymn 455) Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The congregation sits.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Hymn 506

Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness

Schmucke Dich

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion and Benediction

The congregation stands to sing the

Recessional Hymn 131 Wind Who Makes All Wind That Blows

St. George's, Windsor

Postlude

Rejoice the Lord Is King

Darwall's 148th; arr. Jason Payne

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today is the Day of Pentecost. The descent of the Holy Spirit upon believers in Christ seals their

faith in the resurrection, fulfills Christ's promise of the Advocate who would come, and empowers

the church for mission and witness. Pentecost was already a festival for Jews, marking the harvest

of the early wheat crop and was celebrated as the day God gave the law to Moses. For Christians

Pentecost's images also include the wind or breath of the Spirit and the tongues of fire (thus the

color red) as well as the miracle of tongues by which the apostles proclaimed the Gospel to all

people. (JMK)

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Let Every Christian Pray

Let every Christian pray, This day and every day, Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Was not the church we love Commissioned from above? Come, Holy Spirit, come!
The Spirit brought to birth The church of Christ on earth To seek and save the lost:
God never has withdrawn, Since that tremendous dawn, The gifts at Pentecost.
Only the Spirit's power Can fit us for this hour: Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Instruct, inspire, unite, And help us see Your light: Come, Holy Spirit, come!
(Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1970; Tune: Laudes Domini; Joseph Barnby, 1868)

Come Down, O Love Divine

Come down, O Love divine, Seek out this soul of mine
And visit it with Your own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Your holy flame bestowing.
O let it freely burn, Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let Your glorious light Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
And so the yearning strong With which the soul will long
Shall far out-pass the power of human telling;
For none can guess God's grace, Till Love creates a place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.
(Text: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434); Trans. Richard Frederick Littledale, 1867, alt.;
Tune: Down Ampney; Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906)

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, With all Thy quickening powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love In these cold hearts of ours.
In vain we tune our formal songs, In vain we strive to rise;
Hosannas languish on our tongues, And our devotion dies.
Dear Lord, and shall we ever live At this poor dying rate?
Our love so faint, so cold to Thee, And Thine to us so great!
Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, With all Thy quickening powers;
Come, shed abroad a Savior's love, And that shall kindle ours.
(Text: Isaac Watts, 1707; Tune: St. Agnes; John Bacchus Dykes, 1866)

Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness

Deck yourself, my soul, with gladness, Leave behind all gloom and sadness;
Come into the daylight's splendor, There with joy your praises render
Unto God, whose grace unbounded Has this wondrous banquet founded;
Come, for now the Lord most holy Stoops to you in likeness lowly.

Sun, who all my life does brighten; Light, who does my soul enlighten;
Joy, Your wondrous gift bestowing; Fount, from which all good is flowing;
At Your feet I cry, my Maker, Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven, For our good, Your glory given.

Jesus, source of life and pleasure, Truest friend and dearest treasure,
By Your love I am invited, Be Your love with love requited.
From this banquet let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
Through the gifts that here You give me, As Your guest in heaven receive me.

(Text: Johann Franck (1618-1677); Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, and John Casper Martes, 1913; alt. Tune: Schmücke Dich; Johann Cruger, 1649)

Wind Who Makes All Winds that Blow

Wind who makes all winds that blow – Gusts that bend the saplings low,
Gales that heave the sea in waves, Stirrings in the mind's deep caves –
Aim Your breath with steady power On your church this day, this hour.
Raise, renew the life we've lost, Spirit God of Pentecost.

Fire who fuels all fires that burn – Suns around which planets turn,
Beacons marking reefs and shoals, Shining truth to guide our souls –
Come to us as one You came: Burst in tongues of sacred flame!
Light and Power, Might and Strength, Fill Your church, its breadth and length.

Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame, Move within our mortal frame.
Make our hearts an altar pyre, Kindle them with Your own fire.
Breathe and blow upon that blaze Till our lives, our deeds and ways,
Speak that tongue which every land By Your grace shall understand.

(Text: Thomas Troeger, 1983; Tune: St. George's Windsor; George Job Elvey, 1859)