

PENTECOST WORSHIP

MAY 23, 2021

PRELUDE “Come, Holy Spirit” -Bach

OPENING SENTENCES

Do you hear it,
the sound of rushing wind beginning to fill this house?
Do you see it,
the glowing pillars of fire reflecting in every pair of eyes?
Do you feel it,
God moving in this place, calling us to worship?
The spirit has come! The church is born!
Let us worship God with thanksgiving!

HYMN MEDITATION “As the Wind Song”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, as your Spirit filled the church
on the first Pentecost day,
so fill this house of worship with your presence,
and fill us with your passion.
You are doing a new thing, actively moving in the world.
Forgive us when we act as if your stories have all been written.
You hear the prayers of every language
and call us to hear each other.
Forgive us when we act as if your Spirit
only spoke our native tongue.
Wash us in your grace, O God,
and illumine us with your fire.
Send us out to follow your spirit
and teach us to hear the prayers of all your people.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,**

**Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.**

HANDBELL VOLUNTARY

“Gentleness”

-Mallory

CONFIRMATION OF ELIZABETH HEERDT

PRESENTATION

Elder: Elizabeth Heerdt is presented by the session
for the reaffirmation of the baptismal covenant.

She now desires to profess her faith publicly
and to accept greater responsibility
in the life of the church and God’s mission in the world.

Pastor: We rejoice that you now desire to declare your faith
and to share with us in our common ministry.
In Baptism you were joined to Christ
And made a member of his body.
In the community of the people of God
you have learned of God’s
purpose for you and for all creation.
You have been nurtured at the table of our Lord
and called to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

You are citizens with the saints
and members of the household of God,
built upon the foundation of apostles and prophets,
with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Pastor: Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Pastor: Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple,
Obeying his word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Pastor: Will you devote yourself
to the church's teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Pastor: Gracious God, by water and the Spirit
You claimed us as your own,
cleansing us from sin, and giving us new life.
You made us members of your body, the church,
calling us to be your servants in the world.
Renew in Elizabeth the covenant your made in her baptism.
Continue the good work you have begun in her.
Send her forth by the power of your Spirit
to love and serve you with joy,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING

Pastor: O Lord, uphold Elizabeth by your Holy Spirit.
Daily increase in her your gifts of grace:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence,
both now and forever. **Amen.**

Elizabeth, remember your baptism and be thankful,
and know that the Holy Spirit is a work within you.

Thanks be to God.

WELCOME

Elder: Elizabeth, by professing your faith publicly,
you have expressed your intention
to grow in the covenant God made with you in your baptism.
May the Spirit continue to strengthen and sustain you
in worship and mission of the church. **Amen. Alleluia!**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

FIRST READING: Psalm 104:24–34, 35b

-Elizabeth Heerdt

SECOND READING: Acts 2:1–21

SERMON

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN # 469 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love; send us power; send us grace. (*sung 2X*)

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!
People will come from north and south
and from east and west
to sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke,
when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,
he took bread,
blessed and broke it,
and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened,
and they recognized him.

This is the Lord’s Table.
Our Savior invites those who trust him
to share the feast that he has prepared.

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Praise to you, O God, for all your works.
You created the world and called it good
and made us in your image to live together in love.
You made a covenant with us,
and even when we turned from you,
you remained ever faithful.

Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Thank you O God, for sending us your Son.
He lived among us and told your story.
He healed the sick and welcomed sinners.
He shared our pain and died our death,
then rose to new life that we might live,
and all creation be restored.

We give thanks that the Lord Jesus,
on the night before he died, took bread,
and after giving thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way Jesus took the cup, saying:
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering your boundless love
revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
we break bread and share the cup,
giving ourselves to you
to live for him in joy and praise.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine

that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ
and that we may be his body for the world.

By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another
until we feast with him and with all your saints
in your eternal realm of justice and peace.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done in earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
**and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and forget not all God's benefits.

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored:**

Refrain

***And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
By our love, yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

**We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
And together we will spread the news that God is in our land:**

Refrain

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one:**

Refrain

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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