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Sunday, May 28, 2023

Service of Word and Prayer
Hymns from ELW
10:00 A.M.

Order of Service

PRELUDE

America the Beautiful

Kay Ringley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation is invited to stand.

PENTECOST PROCESSION

***GATHERING SONG** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

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CONFESSION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sins,
and whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,**

**things we have done and
things we have failed to do.**

Turn us again to you,

and uphold us by your Spirit,

**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us
even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power
through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE – *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

The musical score is written on five staves of a single treble clef in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood. When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil." The score ends with a double bar line.

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray,

Lord, how majestic are Your works. On this Pentecost, the Holy Spirit blows upon us, shaking us up, pushing us out of our comfort zones, and scattering us to the ends of the earth. Fill us with your peace that having received the unique gifts you have chosen for us, we might share them in our families, our church, and our whole world. In the name of Jesus give us his peace. Amen.

Assembly is seated.

Children are released for Jr. Church.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and
glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴O LORD, how manifold are your works!

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

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

²⁷**These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;**

²⁸when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.**

³⁰When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works —**

³²who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

³⁴May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.

³⁵**Bless the LORD, O my soul.**

Praise the LORD!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Alleluia, ELW Setting 3*)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL:** John 20:19-23

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Assembly is seated.

SERMON

The Impossible Gift

Pastor Stephanie

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ELW 579

The assembly stands

***APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church,
the world, and all in need.

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift up our prayers
and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our
risen Lord.

Amen.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Assembly is seated.


OFFERING

My Country 'Tis of Thee

Kay Ringley

The assembly stands

***OFFERTORY HYMN** *Create in Me a Clean Heart (WOV 732)*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Generous God,
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the sharing of these gifts,
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the giving of ourselves,
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***SUNG BLESSING** to the tune of “*Edelweiss*”

**May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever.
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.**

***BLESSING**

The God of all,
who raised † Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN** *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* ELW 890

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE** *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* Kay Ringley

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the

spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,

2 All a - round me looked so fine,

3 Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

Refrain

out of his mouth came fire and smoke.

asked . . . my Lord if all was mine.

chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual