

Day of Pentecost

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WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. A special welcome is extended to those visiting with us. Two of the hardest lessons to learn and they are related. Everything we have belongs to God not us and life is not all about you or me. We are servants and stewards – weak and fragile – entrusted with the treasure of the Gospel to steward at the crossroads. God’s blessings on your worship this morning!

AS YOU PREPARE TO WORSHIP

- Please sign an attendance card. Pass to the center of the isle. They will be collected after the offering.
- Please silence your cell phone.
- Children are welcomed in worship! There are busy bags available in the narthex with coloring pages and books. There will be a Children’s Time during worship for your child(ren) to go up front with the pastor. If your child becomes fussy, you may prefer to use the nursery room (toys are available in the room and there is audio and video of the service).

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Keith Reich	Organist: Bonnye Wenzel	Usher Captain: Sonny De La Garza
Elders: Lucas Robinson & Ryan Polster	Acolytes: Hannah Ward & Addley Yates	
Offering Counter: John Parks	Greeters: Alanda Tyson & Amber Tyson	Trustee: Jimmie Horton

ORDER OF WORSHIP

HYMN — “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” # 790

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all hear now to His temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning.
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been,
Sent by His gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again; Gladly forever adore Him!**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.]

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I assure you that all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: We pray. O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading — Acts 2:1-13

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear,

each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians – we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading — 1 Corinthians 4:1-7

¹ This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ² Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. ³ But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. ⁴ For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵ Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God. ⁶ I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another. ⁷ For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it? (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and VERSE — page 205

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
These things are written that you may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel Reading — John 7:37-39

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH — Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into

heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG — "My Hope Is In You"

Verse 1: I meet with You and my soul sings out, As Your word throws doubt far away
I sing to You and my heart cries holy, Hallelujah Father You're near

Chorus 1: My hope is in You Lord all the day long, I won't be shaken by drought or storm
A peace that passes understanding is my song, And I sing; My hope is in You Lord

Verse 2: I wait for You and my soul finds rest, In my selfishness You show me grace
I worship You and my heart cries glory, Hallelujah Father You're here
Chorus 1

Bridge: I will wait on You, You are my refuge, I will wait on You, You are my refuge

Chorus 2: My hope is in You Lord all the day long, I won't be shaken by drought or storm
My hope is in You Lord all the day long, I won't be shaken by drought or storm
The peace that passes understanding is my song, And I sing; My hope is in You Lord
My hope is in You Lord, My hope is in You Lord

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MESSAGE – *At the Crossroads: It's Not About You and Me!* – 1 Corinthians 4:1-7

"As a result of what you have heard from God's Word today, what is He giving you to believe or do this coming

week? _____

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this altar in the confession and glad confidence that as our Lord says, He gives to us not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us.

(The wine is available in individual cups or the common cup. If you would like the common cup, keep your hands folded in front of you when the pastor goes by with the individual cups and he will return to you with the common cup. There is also available in the center of each tray white grape juice for those unable to receive wine.)

DISTRIBUTION

“Here Again”

Can't go back to the beginning, can't control what tomorrow will bring
But I know here in the middle, is the place where you promise to be

Chorus: I'm not enough unless you come, will you meet me here again
'Cause all I want is all you are, will you meet me here again

As I walk now through the valley, let your love rise above every fear
Like the sun shaping the shadow, in my weakness your glory appears
Chorus and Bridge

Bridge: Not for a minute was I forsaken
The Lord is in this place, the Lord is in the place
Come Holy Spirit, dry bones awaken
The Lord is in the place, the Lord is in this place
Bridge and Chorus

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“We Give Thee But Thine Own” # 781

We give Thee but Thine own, whate're the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus as stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our firstfruits give!

**Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, and homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled are straying from the fold.**

**To comfort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless is angels' work below.**

**The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace, it is a Christ-like thing.**

**And we believe Thy Word, though dim our faith may be:
Whate're for Thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto Thee**

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"Take My Life and Let It Be" # 783

**Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;
Take y heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.**

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"Beautiful Savior" # 537

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration Now and forever more be Thine!**

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, that You have refreshed us through this gift of Your Son's body and blood. We ask that You would strengthen us daily in our faith and give us a passion to love and serve those around us. We pray this in Jesus name,

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

SONG — "Shout to the Lord"

**My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You;
All of my days, I want to praise, The wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, Tower of refuge and strength;
Let ev-'ry breath, all that I am, Never cease to worship You.**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.
Power and majesty , praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar,
At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

Repeat All

**Ending: Nothing compares to the promise I have in
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

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