Pentecost May 28, 2023

Gathering God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (Time for Silent Preparation)

Y Call to Worship (Responsively)

Susan Obenschain

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us; we dwell in him and he in us. Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

Invocation (Responsively)

Susan Obenschain

Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

come, Holy Spirit.

Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

come, Holy Spirit.

With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

come, Holy Spirit.

With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

come, Holy Spirit.

With power from above to make our weakness strong,

come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

Praise Song

10,000 Reasons

Chorus
Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

Ending Lord, I'll worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Confessing God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

Susan Obenschain

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Prayer of Confession (Responsively)

Susan Obenschain

Sovereign Lord, you have anointed us with your Spirit, yet we have not shared your great gift.

Create in us a clean heart, O God.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation.

We have not proclaimed your good news to the poor.

We have not bound up the brokenhearted.

Create in us a clean heart. O God.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation.

We have not proclaimed your freedom to the captives.

We have not comforted those who mourn.

Create in us a clean heart, O God.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation.

Forgive us for closing our eyes to the needs of others.

Forgive us for limiting your abundance.

Create in us a clean heart, O God.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation.

Open our minds, Lord. Open our hearts, Lord.

Open our hands, Lord. Open our lips, Lord.

Give us a willing spirit to show your love to your world.

Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Susan Obenschain

"I will take you out of the nations;
I will gather you from all the countries.
I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean.
I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you;
I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.
And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees.
You will be my people, and I will be your God."
Friends in Christ: by the power of the Spirit,
we are united with Christ and given a new spirit.
Live in the joy and peace of that assurance.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

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. A-men, A-men.

Offering Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Minute for Mission Danie & Delia Odendaal

Invitation With joy, we offer our gifts to God as a sign of our

deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

Offering

Offertory

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

Prayer of Dedication

God of abundant love, we thank you for the gift of your Spirit, poured out on all who live in Christ. May these gifts be our response of abundant love; use them to bless others through Christ, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

¶ Hymn 249

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

<u>Proclaiming</u> God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon Pentecostal Power Susan Obenschain

Scripture Reading 1 John 3:21-24

²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts don't condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive whatever we ask from him because we keep his commands and do what is pleasing in his sight. ²³ Now this is his command: that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps his commands remains in him, and he in him. And the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he has given us.

Sermon

"The Spirit within Us" Rev. Tim Latham

∰ Hymn 381

Open My Eyes, that I May See

Responding We respond to God's Word

Profession of Faith (In Unison)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People

<u>Commissioning</u> God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Praise Song By Faith

Verse 1
By faith we see the hand of God,
In the light of Creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

Verse 2
By faith our fathers roamed the earth,
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts,
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign.

Refrain

We will stand as children of the promise, We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward. Till the race is finished and the work is done, We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

Verse 3
By faith the prophets saw a day,
When the longed for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death,
And raise triumphant from the grave.

Verse 4
By faith the church was called to go,
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news,
In every corner of the earth.

Refrain

Verse 5
By faith this mountain shall be moved,
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible,
For all who call upon His name.

Refrain

Benediction & Blessing

This morning's Prayer Partners are Bonnie Mecaughey, Dennis Lesher

Postlude