

The Lord's Service

Pentecost Sunday

May 20, 2018

*All who are able, please stand.

Prelude

*Song of Praise with Greeting

Across the Lands

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began.
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together by the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory, let the land and seas rejoice.

Chorus: You're the author of creation,
You're the Lord of ev'ry man,
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry, with a word You stilled the sea.
Yet how silently You suffered that the guilty may go free. (Chorus)

With a shout You rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave
And ascended into heaven leading captives in Your wake.
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own,
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home. (Chorus)
(2002 Thankyou Music)

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

In silent meditation, prepare to meet the *eternal* God in worship.

Choral Song of Acclimation

Praise His Holy Name

Sing till the power of the Lord come down.
Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.

Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for every one and there's a cross for me.

Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!
Praise Him!

(Hampton, 1988 earthsongs)

*Call to Worship

LEADER: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker
of heaven and earth

PEOPLE: **Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the
Lord, all the earth!**

LEADER: Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His
salvation from day to day.

PEOPLE: **Declare His glory among the nations, His
marvelous works among all the peoples!**

ALL: **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be
praised.**

*Salutation

Pastor Steere

*Hymn

No. 330

Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness

*Invocation

Elder Todd Smith

God Cleanses Us

Reading of the Law of God

LEADER: Hear now the Covenant of your God, which He has commanded you to keep saying, “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

You shall have no other gods before Me.

PEOPLE: You shall not make for yourself an idol.

LEADER: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

PEOPLE: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

LEADER: Honor your father and your mother.

PEOPLE: You shall not murder.

LEADER: You shall not commit adultery.

PEOPLE: You shall not steal.

LEADER: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

PEOPLE: You shall not covet.”

LEADER: Have you fully obeyed the Lord in all that He has commanded? Have you loved the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength and your neighbor as yourself?

PEOPLE: No, but we have sinned in thought, in word, and in deed.

LEADER: Then confess your sins to the Lord for with Him there is mercy and abundant redemption.

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
Whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and Whose mercy we forget
in the blindness of our hearts:
cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to You,
confessing our faults,
confiding in Your grace,
and finding in You our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ Your Son. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the good news...
...The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

*Hymn

No. 98

Now Thank We All Our God

God Consecrates Us

Old Testament Reading

Elder Mark Stevenson

Revelation 22.12-21 (p. 1042)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Choir

I Feel the Winds of God Today

I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift,
Tho' heavy oft with drenching spray, and torn with many a rift.
If hope but light the water's crest, and Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at His behest, and brave another cruise.

It is the wind of God that dries my vain regretful tears,
Until the braver thoughts shall rise the purer, brighter years.
If cast on shores of selfish ease or pleasure I should be,
Lord, let me feel Thy fresh'ning breeze and I'll put back to sea.

If ever I forget Thy love and how that love was shown,
Lift high the blood-red flag above; it bears Thy name alone.
Great Pilot of my onward way, Thou wilt not let me drift;
I feel the winds of God today, today my sail I lift.

(arr. Forrest, Public Domain)

*Doxology

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (2x)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x)

Give thanks.

(1978 Henry Smith Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

*Prayer of the Church

Pastor Steere

*Hymn

Holy Spirit

1. Ho - ly Spir - it, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new life in - to my will - ing soul. —
2. Ho - ly Spi - rit, come a - bide with - in, may Your joy be seen in all I do. —
3. Ho - ly Spi - rit, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing life to all that God has made,

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Let the pres - ence of the ris - en Lord come re - new my heart and make me whole.
Love e - nough to co - ver ev - 'ry sin, in each thought and deed and at - ti - tude.
show Your pow - er once a - gain on earth, cause Your Church to hun - ger for Your ways.

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Cause Your Word to come a - live in me; give me faith for what I can - not see,
Kind - ness to the great - est and the least, gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace.
Let the fra - grance of our pray'rs a - rise; Lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice,

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give me pas - sion for Your pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly Spir - it breathe new life in me.
Turn my striv - ings in - to works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.
that in u - ni - ty the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

Scripture Lesson

Joel 2.18-32 (p. 761)

Sermon

Pastor Bennett

THE CRY OF THE SPIRIT AND THE BRIDE

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

*Confession of Faith

LEADER: The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.

ALL: The Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

*Gloria Patri

No. 735

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, amen.

God Commissions Us

*Benediction

Pastor Bennett

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Postlude