



**Seventh & James Baptist Church**  
**May 28, 2023 · 11:00 a.m.**  
**Pentecost**



One: Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

**Many: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.**

One: Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem.

**Many: And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.**

One: Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?”

**Many: And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?**

One: Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs...

**Many: In our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Harper Hoover

**Epistle Reading**

*1 Corinthians 12:4-13*

Leslie Rosencrans

**Choral Response**

**Hymn, No. 233**

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

**Gospel Reading**

*John 20:19-23*

Matt Rosencrans

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

**The Work of God’s People**

Matt Rosencrans

**Prayers of God’s People**

Matt Rosencrans

**Offertory**

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Doris Akers  
arr. Kurt Kaiser & Herbert ColvinDonnie Balmos, *piano*Lydia Bratcher, *organ**Offering plates are available at the doors of the sanctuary as you leave worship.***Gloria Patri, No. 704**

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.

**Children’s Sermon**

Leslie Rosencrans

*All children are invited to come forward for the Children’s Sermon.  
Preschoolers [ages 4-kindergarten] may then go to Extended Session.*

**Sermon**“A Chorus of Gifts”  
(1 Corinthians 12:4-13)

Erin Conaway

**Anthem**

“Praise His Holy Name!”

Keith Hampton

Sing till the power of the Lord comes down,  
Shout Hallelujah! Praise His holy name!  
Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee!  
Shout Hallelujah! Praise His holy name!  
Holy Jesus, Praise His name!  
Oh, Hallelujah! Praise His holy name!

**Silent Reflection**

Because our gifts carry us out into the world and make us participants in life, the uncovering of them is one of the most important tasks confronting any one of us. When we talk about being true to ourselves — being the persons we are intended to be — we are talking about gifts. We cannot be ourselves unless we are true to our gifts. When we talk about vocation, whether we are artists or engineers, we are talking about gifts. In a discussion about commitment, we are on the same subject, for the place of our concrete involvement is determined by our gifts. Serious reflection on almost any aspect of our lives leads into a consideration of gifts.

— Elizabeth O’Connor, *Eighth Day of Creation: Gifts and Creativity*

**Hymn of Commitment, No. 241**

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

*If you would like to make a public profession of your faith in Christ  
or request membership in this congregation, our ministers  
will greet you at the front of the sanctuary.*

**Congregational Response**

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place; we offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes; we hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, by God’s grace. Amen.

**Pastoral Blessing**

Erin Conaway

**Choral Benediction**      “Mighty God, All Praise Is Due You”

Carolien E. Tantra

Lorie Crowder, Harper Hoover, Paula Hoover, Giselle Vento, *barred instruments*  
Berta Teodora, *flute*

Mighty God, all praise is due You, Abba’s praises we proclaim.  
Glory, majesty, and honor, praise and bless Your holy name.

Holy Spirit, we adore You, for Your witness and Your grace.  
Sent from God and from the Savior, comfort us in Your embrace.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three-in-One, the Trinity  
Highest praise, we offer to You, now and through eternity.

**Postlude**

“Toccata on *Amazing Grace*”

J. Christopher Pardini