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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation “Processional on *Hail Thee Processional Day*” (SALVE FESTE DIES)
R. Vaughan Williams
setting by Michael Burkhardt

Welcome and Call to Worship Scott Turner

One: Beloved child of God, you are welcome here....

Many: We give thanks to God for bringing us into this moment of worship.

One: For no matter who you are or where you’ve been, you matter to God and to us.

Many: Our hearts rejoice and give thanks for all those who have come before us and made a place for us to worship, pray, sing, wonder, doubt, believe, and just be.

One: May the love of God through Christ our Lord convince you of your worth and invitation into this body of believers as we worship together in thanksgiving and hope.

Choral Summons “The Body of Christ” Timothy R. McKinney

God has combined the members of the body,
And has given greater honor to those that lacked it,
So that there should be no division in the body,
But that its members should have equal care for each other.
If one member suffers, all members suffer; if one is honored, all rejoice.
You are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a member.

Processional Hymn, No. 225 “On Pentecost They Gathered”

Litany of Pentecost Harper Hoover

One: When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

Many: And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

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