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Chiming of the Hour

Meditation

“O Day Full of Grace”

(DEN SIGNEDE DAG)
Michael Burkhardt

Welcome and Call to Worship

Leslie Rosencrans

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

“Gracious Spirit”

Timothy R. McKinney

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now Thy grace to see, I would be like Thee;
And, with words that help and heal, Thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me know Thy truth to see, I would be like Thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, Thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions, loving, speak Christ's sincerity.

Gracious Spirit, Truthful Spirit, Holy Spirit, Mighty Spirit, dwell with me.

Processional Hymn, No. 225

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

Litany of Pentecost

Matt Rosencrans

One: We've gathered this morning from many different lands...our geography is not the only thing that makes our starting places different and unique. Some of us come to

this place from a land of plenty: a wellspring of blessing and resource and comfort. Some of us come to this place from a land of scarcity: barren, wasted places of cursing and self-doubt, of wanting and hunger. Some of us come to this place from a land of confusion: a whirlwind of competing voices and cacophonous advice, but we all gather here this morning hoping to find our home once again in the shadow of your glory and the community of our shared thirst.

Many: O Lord, quench our thirst for belonging.

One: We long to make statements with our lives that change the world—even if only our little piece of it, but we come to realize that our words are fleeting and our best communication is still a dim window into our souls.

Many: O Lord, quench our thirst to be heard.

One: So here we are, gathered from many different lands, yearning to do well and to be all that you created us to be. O Lord, hear our prayer, quench our thirsts, and ignite in us the tongues of fire that we might leave this place and sing your grace to a world groaning for redemption and waiting for your return.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Matt Rosencrans

Reading from the Acts

Acts 2:1-13

Rachel Farris

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:22-27

Ava Farris

Hymn, No. 235

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Gospel Reading

John 16:13-15

Daniel Farris

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of God’s People

Daniel Farris

Offertory

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Doris Akers
arr. Kurt Kaiser & Herbert Colvin

Donnie Balmos, *piano*
Lydia Bratcher, *organ*

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.*

Responsive Reading of Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Scott Turner

One: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Many: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

One: There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

Many: These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

One: When you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

Many: When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

One: When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

Many: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works--

One: Who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

Many: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

One: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

Anthem**“A Jubilant Song”**

Allen Pote

Sing to the Lord a jubilant song. Rejoice and sing and let the earth be glad.
Let the heavens be filled with joy, and a jubilant song.
Sing alleluia to the Lord, tell of his salvation from day to day;
Shout His marvelous works among the people.
For great is the Lord, great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.
Sing to the Lord a jubilant song. Rejoice and sing and let the earth be glad.
Let the heavens be filled with joy, and a jubilant song.
Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were made, or the land and the sea were born,
From age to age you are God, and we pray for the coming of your Kingdom.
We shall rejoice all the days of our lives.
Sing to the Lord a jubilant song. Rejoice and sing and let the earth be glad.
Let the heavens be filled with joy, and a jubilant song.

Sermon**“Do You Speak Fish?”**
(Acts 2:1-13)

Erin Conaway

Silent Reflection

The church has no native language, nor was one created at Pentecost. Rather, the Spirit made it possible for Christians to be understood in the many languages that are native to the peoples of the world. The ability to communicate across this major cultural barrier—language—is part of the Spirit’s leading into mission, with no boundaries given except ‘the ends of the earth.’ We see here God’s intention that the church’s witness be global. The celebration of Pentecost calls the local congregation to the renewal of its own vision of the church beyond itself. It is the season to renew the commitment to come into contact with Christians around the world and to find means to do so.

— Catherine Gunsalus Gonzalez

Hymn of Commitment, No. 229**“Let Every Christian Pray”**

*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

Congregational Blessing

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One: Giselle, beloved member of our family of God in this place, as you depart for this next season of life:

Many: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

One: God has given us the privilege of using our arms to hold you and keep you; though we haven't always gotten it right, it has been our great joy.

Many: May the face of God shine upon you.

One: In this place, we have shared love, care, kinship, and hope; learning and teaching, giving and receiving from you...as you've traveled with us and given us the grace to travel with you.

Many: May the Lord be gracious unto you.

One: You may leave our present company, but you will not leave our hearts. We will keep you no longer in our arms but constantly in our prayers, and we will watch the horizon for your return and our glad reunion, regardless of its location.

All: May God give you peace...now and forevermore. Amen.

Choral Response

“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.

Postlude

“Toccatà on *Amazing Grace*”

J. Christopher Pardini

Today at Seventh

Our Pianist today is Donnie Balmos.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given by Don & Mary Ann Cook in celebration of their 48th wedding anniversary (May 22, 1976).

Hearing devices are available at the sound booth for any who need assistance.

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