

# The Summer of Pentecost

July 24, 2022

Prelude

Welcoming

## Lighting the Christ Candle

As we light this Christ candle,  
may our Loving God kindle the flame in our hearts,  
that it might glow with love, mercy, and justice.

## **Opening Hymn: Where Two or Three Are Gathered** (More Voices 14)

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Where two or three are gathered in my name,  
I am there, I am there. *Repeat*

## Opening Prayer

Come to worship, knowing God is faithful,  
Inviting each of us into active faith.

**We trust in God who is the fountain of love,  
Who renews us each day through our living,  
Who calls us to follow the Way of Jesus.**

Come to celebrate new life in the risen Christ,  
Our hope and our abiding gift.

**We rejoice and dance in the assurance of forgiving mercy,  
The place where justice and peace meet,  
The hope of joy in our discipleship.**

Let us join together in prayer:

**We come, O God, to listen.**

**We come, O Christ, to follow,**

**We come, O Spirit, to dare.**

**Each day you take us as we are,  
restoring our passion and our courage  
that we might yield your harvest.**

**Work within us, we pray, that our very lives may speak good news,  
that we might always turn our hearts to you.**

**You give all of us what is good.**

**May we take your gifts and do what is good,**

**Living compassionately, healing hurts, working for justice –**

**All in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done

On earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive

those who sin against us,

Save us from the time of trial,

And deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

And the glory are yours,

Now and forever. Amen.

## Scripture Readings

The Epistle (New Testament): Colossians 2:6-15, 16-19)

Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1-13

Reflection

## Hymn of the Day: Called by Earth and Sky (More Voices 135)

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Refrain      Called by earth and sky,  
                  promise of hope held high.  
                  This is our sacred living trust,  
                  treasure of life sanctified,  
                  called by earth and sky.

1      Precious these waters,  
          endless seas,  
          deep ocean's dream,  
          waters of healing,  
          rivers of rain,  
          the wash of love again. *Refrain*

2      Precious this gift,  
          the air we breathe;  
          wind born and free.  
          Breath of the Spirit,  
          blow through this place,  
          our gathering and our grace. *Refrain*

3      Precious these mountains,  
          ancient sands;  
          vast fragile land.  
          Seeds of our wakening,  
          rooted and strong,  
          Creation's faithful song. *Refrain*

4      Precious the fire  
          that lights our way,  
          bright dawning day.  
          Fire of passion,  
          sorrows undone,  
          our faith and justice one. *Refrain*

## Invitation to Offering

How privileged we are that the Creator, God of heaven and earth, who cares intimately for all creation, asks and allows us to work to bring the life and hope, the peace and justice of God's kingdom into reality.

The offering will be received.

## Offering Prayer

**Loving God, we offer these gifts up to your blessing,**

**As you have blessed our lives so abundantly.**

**May we live as your generous people in all that we are  
and all that we do.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

## Prayers for Others and Ourselves

### Parting Hymn: Grateful (More Voices 182)

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*Refrain*      Grateful for the life you give us,  
                  thankful for your Holy Son,  
                  joyful in your Spirit flowing over all,  
                  O God of Love.  
                  Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,  
                  thankful for your Holy Word,  
                  joyful in your mercy flowing,  
                  we will praise you.

1      You are more than we imagine,  
          Ancient, Holy, Living Lord.  
          Even when we doubt your presence  
          you are faithful to your Word. *Refrain*

2      May our lives proclaim your justice,  
         may our voices sing your praise.  
         May our hands work in your service  
         to the glory of your name. *Refrain*

**Benediction**

Eternal God,

You call us to ventures

Of which we cannot see the ending,

    By paths as yet untrodden,

    Through perils unknown.

Give us faith to go out with courage,

    Knowing your hand is leading us,

    And your love supporting us...

And may the grace of Jesus Christ,

The love of God,

And the communion of the Holy Spirit

    Be with us all,

Today and always.

Amen.

Postlude

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