

The Summer of Pentecost

August 7, 2022

Prelude

Welcoming

Mission & Service Birthday/Anniversary Recognition

Lighting the Christ Candle (Nancy Walker)

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: Creator God You Gave Us Life (More Voices 27)

Words and Music: Judith Snowdon, 2004

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- 1 Creator God you gave us life,
your image formed within our souls,
yet through the mist of time and space,
we search for that which makes us whole.

Refrain Through hands that paint majestic skies,
and voices chanting melody,
with words that reach beyond the page,
we comprehend your mystery.

- 2 In ev'ry flow'r and ev'ry tree,
we see your great diversity,
yet greater still we see your love,
expressed in our humanity. *Refrain*

- 3 When with our hearts, our hands our minds,
we share gifts with all the world,
our spirits soar beyond the veil,
to touch the very face of God. *Refrain*

Opening Prayer

Lord,
the eyes of all look to You in hope;
and You give them what they need.
You open Your hand
and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.

We, too, turn to You again, longing to be filled—
to eat of the Bread of Life,
to drink from Your life-giving streams,
to taste Your goodness and live.

May the time we spend together in Your presence
nourish our hearts and minds;
may it strengthen our relationship with You,
and renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful
disciples.

For You alone are God,
the Source and Sustainer of life.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Blessing for New Ministries

The Lord's Prayer (Songs for a Gospel People, 12)

Setting: Darryl Nixon, 1987 © SFAGP, 1987.

W: International Consultation on English Texts, 1986

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Scripture Readings

The Epistle (New Testament): Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Gospel Reading: Luke 12:32-40

Reflection

Hymn of the Day: To Abraham and Sarah (Voices United 634)

Words: Judith Fetter 1984

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- 1 To Abraham and Sarah
the call of God was clear,
'Go forth and I will show you
a country rich and fair.
You need not fear the journey
for I have pledged my word,
that you shall be my people
and I will be your God.'
- 2 From Abraham and Sarah
arose a pilgrim race,
dependent for their journey
on God's abundant grace;
and in their heart was written
by God this saving word:
'that you shall be my people
and I will be your God.'
- 3 We of this generation
on whom God's hand is laid,
can journey to the future
secure and unafraid,
rejoicing in God's goodness
and trusting in this word:
'that you shall be my people
and I will be your God.'

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

Prayer Introit: And When You Call for Me (More Voices 96)

Words: Lynn Bauman, 2000

Music: Linnea Good, 2004

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And when you call for me,

I have already answered.

And when you call for me,

I am already there.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Parting Hymn: Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

(Voices United 507, vs. 1, 3 & 4)

Words: H. Kenn Carmichael 1985

Music: English traditional melody, arr. Arthur Seymour Sullivan 1874

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- 1 Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make ploughshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.

3 Pray justice may come rolling down
as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town
to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for
a harmony of peace.

4 May we in service to our God
act out the living Word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.

Benediction

So now we leave this time of worship
And while so much of the road ahead is uncertain,
the path constantly changing,
we know some things that are as solid and sure
as the ground beneath our feet,
and the sky above our heads.

We know God is love.

We know Christ's light endures.

We know the Holy Spirit this there,
found in the space between all things,
closer to us than our next breath,
binding us to each other,
until we meet we again,

Go in peace

Postlude

Worship Leaders – Nancy Walker & Pastor Beth Parsons

Music Leader – Sharon Prindle Collins

Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey & Jiemei Li

Greeters – Grace & Russell Lindsay

Scripture Reading – Beth Parsons

Technical Support – Ron Norman & Bill Walker

Flowers for the service are offered by Jiemei Li & Edward Hickcox in
celebration of the life of Jiemei's father, En Li.