

The Summer of Pentecost

July 31, 2022

Prelude

Welcoming

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Love that Never Ceases

Energy Who animates the Cosmos

Wellspring of Abundance

You do not withhold, you do not hoard;

You break bread and there is enough.

Singular Love

Unending Hope

Mysterious Peace

We gather together, longing for You.

Opening Hymn: Come, O Fount of Every Blessing (Voices United 559)

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- 1 Come, O Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing your grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing
call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unfailing love.

- 2 Here I pause in my sojourning,
giving thanks for having come,
come to trust, at every turning,
God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God,
came to rescue me from danger,
precious presence, precious blood.

- 3 O, to grace how great a debt
or daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it,
wander from the love I've known:
here's my heart, O, take and seal it,
seal it for your very own.

Opening Prayer

Holy One, you see us for just who we are, and yet you love us with a parent's love. In your enduring love for us, we see both our guilt and our acquittal. Gracious God, continue to guide us and teach us to walk in your ways. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament): Hosea 11: 1-11

Gospel Reading: Luke 12: 13-21

Reflection

Rev. Rob Crosby-Shearer

Hymn of the Day: Great is Thy Faithfulness (Voices United 288)

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm 1923, alt.

Music: William M. Runyan 1923; desc. Joachim Segger 1995

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- 1 Great is thy faithfulness,
God our Creator;
there is no shadow
of turning with thee;
thou changest not,
thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been
thou forever wilt be.

Refrain Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

- 2 Summer and winter
and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars
in their courses above
join with all nature
in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness,
mercy, and love. *Refrain*
- 3 Pardon for sin
and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide,
strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow -
wondrous the portion
thy blessings provide. *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

Mountains contrast molehills; storehouses contrast a few grains of rice—in a world of abundance, resources are hoarded by the few. When the inequity seems insurmountable, God blesses our co-laboring to make our communities equitable. And our efforts co-mingling with all those doing the same. Let us bring forth our offerings that there may be enough for all.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Parting Hymn: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (Voices United 651)

Words: Welsh, William Williams 1745;

English trans. Peter Williams and William Williams 1771.

Music: John Hughes 1905.

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- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more.
feed me till I want no more.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield
be though still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee
I will ever give to thee.

Benediction

May we die to harmful ways like a star collapsing, beautiful in our unraveling. May we open to the life-giving like a galaxy spreading out, brilliant in our becoming. The Love that breathes the Milky Way, expands our lungs too— How can we not go with God?

Postlude

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