

The Summer of Pentecost

July 17, 2022

Prelude

Welcoming

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this candle to give thanks for love,
which carries us along in its embrace.

We light this candle to represent the light of love.

We are grateful for the capacity to love
and the blessing of having been loved.

We are thankful that love endures, even after death,
and that our connection to our loved ones

and the memories we shared will always be safe in our hearts.

We will strive to love others fully and to serve as a light to them
as our loved ones shared their lights with us.

Call to Worship

We gather together this morning,
rising from summer sleeping to sacred singing,

from weeding gardens to worshipping God

from camping out to sharing in community

from recreation to re-creation.

We rise in the light of long summer days

and gather in the light of God's holy presence.

Opening Hymn: And on This Path (More Voices 8)

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- 1 And on this path,
the gates of holiness are open wide,
and on this path,
the gates of holiness are open wide,
and on this path,
the gates of holiness are open wide!
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide
The gates are open wide!
- 2 So enter in
the gates of holiness are open wide,
so enter in
the gates of holiness are open wide,
so enter in
the gates of holiness are open wide!
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!
The gates are open wide!

Opening Prayer

Eternal God, we have gathered in community to remind ourselves that we are in your presence at all times. In the midst of the many voices that surround us, teach us to be attentive to your voice. In the midst of all the pressures of our daily living, make us long to do your will. Grant us the courage to shine light in dark places and to fearlessly seek your truth in the faith that your love and your truth will set us free. In Jesus' name we pray...

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings

Christian Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13

Faith Story Part 1

Hymn: She Comes Sailing on the Wind (She Flies On)

Voices United 380, vs. 1 & 2

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Refrain She comes sailing on the wind,
 her wings flashing in the sun;
 on a journey just begun, she flies on.
 And in the passage of her flight,
 her song rings out through the night,
 full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

- 1 Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,
 like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.
 And from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon the earth,
 like a mother breathing life into her child.
- 2 Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight
 when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.
 Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts
 found new delight,
 and then down the ages still she flew on. *Refrain*

Faith Story Part 2

Hymn: She Comes Sailing on the Wind (She Flies On)

Voices United 380, vs. 3 & 4

Refrain She comes sailing on the wind,
 her wings flashing in the sun;
 on a journey just begun, she flies on.
 And in the passage of her flight,
 her song rings out through the night,
 full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

- 3 To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came,
 a whisper softly calling in the dark,
 the promise of a child of peace whose reign would
 never end,
 Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart.

- 4 Flying to the river, she waited circling high
 above the child now grown so full of grace.
 As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky,
 and she carried him away in her embrace. *Refrain*

Faith Story Part 3

Hymn: She Comes Sailing on the Wind (She Flies On)

Voices United 380, vs. 5

Refrain She comes sailing on the wind,
 her wings flashing in the sun;
 on a journey just begun, she flies on.
 And in the passage of her flight,
 her song rings out through the night,
 full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

- 5 Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,
 after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,
 the Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,
 bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on. *Refrain*

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Offering: What Can I Do? (More Voices 191)

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What can I do?
What can I bring?
What can I say?
What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy.
I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love.
I'll do my share.

Repeat

Offering Prayer

To you, O God, we joyfully present our gift;

Through them,

Faith will counter unbelief,

Hope will counter despair,

Fellowship will counter loneliness,

And mission will counter self-serving,

Bless these gifts, O God, for action, in the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Parting Hymn: Take up His Song (More Voices 213)

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- 1 Take up his song of peace
 and go into the world
 Take up his song of peace in ev'ry moment.
 In ev'ry moment of the journey,
 we're laying down our lives;
 lay them down, in peace,
 lay them down and take up his song.

- 2 Take up his song of hope
 and go into the world
 Take up his song of hope in ev'ry moment.
 In ev'ry moment of the journey,
 we're laying down our lives;
 lay them down, in hope,
 lay them down and take up his song.

- 3 Take up his song of faith
 and go into the world
 Take up his song of faith in ev'ry moment.
 In ev'ry moment of the journey,
 we're laying down our lives;
 lay them down, in faith,
 lay them down and take up his song.

- 4 Take up his song of love
 and go into the world
 Take up his song of love in ev'ry moment.
 In ev'ry moment of the journey,
 we're laying down our lives;
 lay them down, in love,
 lay them down and take up his song.

Benediction

The God of discovery, challenge you.

The God of compassion, cheer you.

The God of justice, engage you.

The God of love, surround you.

Postlude

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