

The Summer of Pentecost

July 3, 2022

Prelude

Welcoming

Lighting the Christ Candle

In a time of change and confusion,

We need a source of unwavering light.

In a time of transition and change,

We need a light to show us the way.

May the light of Christ

Be this light for every one of us.

May it shine in our hearts all of our days.

Call to Worship

Come let us praise the Giver of life.

The earth is filled with God's creatures.

Come let us praise the Sustainer of life.

The air, the waters, the moving changing universe,

Have their continued existence in God.

Come let us praise the Renewer of life.

God's love casts out fear;

God's justice gives confidence to the powerless.

Come let us praise the Eternal Life-bringer.

God's glorious realm has no beginning and no end.

Opening Hymn: Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

(More Voices 10, vs. 1 & 3)

Words: Ruth Duck, 1993

Music: Donna Kasbohm, 1995

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- 1 Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
she who danced when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches,
for her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice,
showing us what love must do.
- 3 Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;
nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit guide and close companion,
bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people,
holy friends of God and earth.

Opening Prayer (based on Psalm 30)

I will praise you, O God, for you have lifted me up
and have given my enemies no cause to rejoice.

Hearing my cries for help, you healed me;

bringing me from the very depths of hell, you restored my life.

Let all faithful people give thanks, and praise God's holy name.

For your anger, O God, lasts but a moment,
while your graciousness lasts a lifetime.

Weeping lingers for a night, but joy comes with the morning.

You have transformed my life from mourning to joy,
making my spirit dance and my heart sing.

May our praise never be silenced as we give thanks,
and praise God for ever and ever.

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament): 2 Kings 5:1-14

Christian Scripture (New Testament): Galatians 6:1-6

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Reflection

Hymn of the Day: Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (VU 563)

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- 1 Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

- 2 You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
- you will find there my nets and labour. *Refrain*

- 3 You need my hands, full of caring
through my labours to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving. *Refrain*

- 4 You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me. *Refrain*

Invitation to Offering

As we travel, like pilgrims along the road, we encounter those who might need our help and those who might help us. Whatever we have, God invites us to share it with our fellow travelers. Our offerings will now be received.

Offering Prayer

**Almighty God, whose son Jesus Christ has taught us,
That what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for him,
give us the will to be the servant of others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave up his life and died for us,
but is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

God, like the Israelites in the wilderness,
we too have known Your love,
and experienced Your care and provision.
You invite us to extend that love to the world around us—
to care for others as deeply as we care for ourselves.
And so we bring the needs of our world before You now.
In Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the many who do not have enough:
enough food to eat, or shelter to keep warm;
enough employment, or money to pay their bills;
enough medicine or medical care.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We also pray for those who have more than enough,
but who still struggle to find meaning and purpose in life;
who indulge in dangerous or self-serving activities
to dull their pain or loneliness.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, Your grace reaches out to all of us.
You call us to live as citizens of heaven,
working together with one heart and mind.
Strengthen us to live in a manner worthy
of the Good News we have received,
offering our lives in service of Your kingdom,
where the last are first, and the first are last,
and there is grace enough for all.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, **Amen.**

Parting Hymn: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

(Voices United 575, vs. 1, 2 & 4)

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- 1 I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 2 I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
- 4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Benediction

May the love of God,
Wonderful creator, eternal sustainer, embrace you.
May the love of Christ,
Instrument of compassion, advocate for justice, affirm you.
May the love of the Holy Spirit,
Giver of courage, giver of hope, work with you.

Postlude

Worship Leader – Nancy Walker

Music Leader – James Yi

Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey

Greeters – Mary Jane Apcar and Barbara Shobbrook

Scripture Reading – Sue Christensen

Spirit Kids Program – Leslie Moffat

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