

PENTECOST

MAY 11, 2008

10:00 AM

MINISTERS:

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

PASTOR:

THE REV. JOHN DAVID HEECKT

MUSIC DIRECTOR:

JEAN EARLY

Relying on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us, we worship God, and witness to Jesus Christ with loving service and commitment to justice and peace.

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

Prelude

The Church Bell Calls Us To Worship

Introit: *Spirit of the Living God*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*The First Song of Isaiah: Isaiah 12:2-6*)

One: Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.

All: For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

One: Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.

All: And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

One: Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his name is exalted.

All: Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.

One: Cry aloud inhabitants of Zion, sing out you joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Hymn: *Come Holy Spirit, God and Lord!* PH 440

*Unison Prayer:

Almighty and everlasting God, who on this day fulfilled your Son's promise to his disciples through the gift of the Holy Spirit: So fill our hearts with that

same Spirit, we pray, that we may always live lives sanctified to you and dedicated to your purposes in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

*The Lord's Prayer (*using "sins"*)

*The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21 N.T. Pg. 119/L.P. Pg. 144

Sung Psalm: Psalm 104 NCH Pg. 689

Second Reading: John 7:37-39 N.T. Pg. 100/L.P. Pg. 122

Anthem: *O Thou Who Camest From Above* S. Wesley, arr. G. Peterson

Time with the Children

*Hymn: *O God, Whose Steadfast Love* NCH 426

Sermon

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* NCH 245

Offering

Offertory: *Ave Maria* F. Schubert

Hank Williams, Bass

PH 515

Doxology:

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God: Through the gift of the Holy Spirit you have given us the power to live lives sanctified to you. Receive now our gifts, we pray, and put them to your use, both in this congregation and beyond, for the support of your church, and to the honor of your holy Name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

(*All who are able, please stand.)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Table is open to all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people. Deacons ask parents to reflect on communion and its meaning with their children.

The Confession

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all righteousness. Therefore, let us stand together and confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***All:** Most merciful God; we confess that we are in bondage to sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways. Amen.

***One:** Almighty God has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. May the peace of God be always with you.

***All:** And also with you.

Communion Prayer and Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Post-communion Prayer

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn:** *For All the Saints* PH 306

Benediction

Choral Response: *As We Go* Medieval French Melody

Postlude

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