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June 9, 2019
Pentecost Sunday
In the history of redemption, Pentecost occurred 10 days after the ascension of Christ and 50 days after His resurrection. It was the fulfillment of the great promise Jesus made to His disciples that He would send “another counselor” (John 14:16).

John Stott says, “Without the Holy Spirit, Christian discipleship would be inconceivable, even impossible. There can be no life without the Life-giver, no understanding without the Spirit of Truth, no fellowship without the unity of the Spirit, no Christ-likeness of character apart from His fruit, and no effective witness without His power. As a body without breath is a corpse, so the church without the Spirit is dead.”

Therefore, on this Pentecost Sunday, may we celebrate and express our absolute dependence on Him for our lives in the faith and our power for the mission to reach the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!
Crown-ing gift of res-ur-rec-tion sent from your as-cend-ed throne,
moves to stir, to draw, to quick-en, thrusts us through with sense of sin;
In his strength we dare to bat-tle all the rag-ing hosts of sin,
Fill us with your ho-ly full-ness, God the Fa-ther, Spir-it, Son;

full-ness of the ver-y God-head, come to make your life our own.
brings to birth and seals and fills us—sav-ing Ad-vo cate with-in.
he whose ho-ly in-ter-ces-sions rise for us both night and day,
and by him a lone we con-quer foes without and foes with-in.
in us, through us, then for-ev-er, shall your per-fect will be done.

†INVOCATION (Please lift hands)

†STATEMENT OF FAITH: Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 13 . . . . . . Grace Knight (8:15)
Will Stevens (11:00)

Did our first parents remain as they were created?

Left to the freedom of their own wills,
our first parents sinned against God
and fell from their original condition.

This catechism will be the topic of the sermon this evening.

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: “God, Be Merciful to Me” . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . REDHEAD 76

Music: Richard Redhead / Psalm 51:1

God, be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

Come, Spirit of Grace

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Father,
who sent the promised Holy Spirit
to fill disciples with willing faith,
we confess that we resist the will of Your Spirit among us,
are slow to serve You,
and reluctant to spread the good news of Your love.
When Your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears,
for we fear what You might call us to do.
When the fire of Your Spirit touches us, we quench the flame,
afraid of the new life it might bring.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Transform our timid lives by the power of Your Spirit.
Inflame us with a desire to do Your will and be Your faithful people
for the sake of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.
It is in His matchless name we pray.
ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Romans 8:1, 11
There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “The Lord Is My Shepherd” . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Allen Pote
Music: Allen Pote / Psalm 23
The Lord is my shepherd, nothing shall I want.
My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters.
The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life.
Leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord’s name.
And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.
I will fear no evil, for you are with me, Your rod and staff will comfort me.
You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,
And in the house of my God, I will live forever.
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director

†DOXOLOGY . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Brandon Terry

†GREETINGS
A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Dylan Franklin

COME, SPIRIT OF TRUTH

†PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (please stand)
Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: “Depth of Mercy” . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . DEPTH OF MERCY
Words: Charles Wesley / Music: Mark Lopez, arr. Ruth Coleman / Titus 3:5
Soloist:
Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me?
Can my God His wrath forbear me, the chief of sinners, spare?
Whence to me this waste of love? Ask my Advocate above!
See the cause in Jesus’ face, now before the throne of grace.
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To fill disciples with willing faith,
I. Captivity

II. Conflict

III. Conquest

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Jesus’ Solidarity with Us | George Robertson

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