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May 20, 2018
Pentecost Sunday
Preparation for Worship

As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

In the history of redemption, Pentecost occurred 50 days after Christ’s resurrection and 10 days after His ascension. 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 gratitude to Christ for His faithfulness in keeping His promise. Let us also celebrate the Spirit’s work in renewing all of creation and profess 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!

Come, Spirit of Power

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Overture” ............................... G.F. Handel

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE:
“Concerto in C Major” by J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP ............................... D. Todd Erickson

HYMN OF PRAISE: “For Your Gift of God the Spirit” .......................... AUSTRID HYMN

1. For your gift of God the, pow’r to make our lives a new,
2. He who in cre-a-tion’s dawn-ing, brood-ed on the life-less deep,
3. He, him-self the liv-ing Au-thor, wakes to life the sa-cred Word,
4. He, the might-y God, in-dwells us; his to strength-en, help, em-pow’r,
5. Fa-ther, grant your Ho-ly Spir-it in our hearts may rule to-day,

pledge of life and hope of glory, Sav-iour, we would wor-ship you.
still a cross our na-ture’s dark-ness moves to wake our souls from sleep,
reads with us its ho-ly pa-ges and re-veals our ris-en Lord.
his to o-ver-come the tempt-er, ours to call in dan-ger’s hour.
grieved not, quenched not, but un-hin-dered, work in us his sov-reign way.

INVOCATION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS:

Thee Almighty God,
Inflame us with a desire to do Your will and be Your faithful people and reluctant to spread the good news of Your love.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

In Ephesians 1:13-14, we read:

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AUSTRIAN HYMN

CALL TO WORSHIP

D. Todd Erickson

"Without the Holy Spirit, Christian discipleship would be effective witness without His power. As a body without breath is a corpse, so inconceivable, even impossible. There can be no life without the Life-giver, no strength of its own."

John Stott says, "The Holy Spirit was not just available for use, He was the essential ingredient without whom the work of the cross could not be accomplished."

Let us also read Ephesians 1:13-14

Romans 8:15

IV. Discipleship

B. Every person needs to hear

Brandon Morrison (11:00)

The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)

VITAL SIGNS, PART 4

COME, SPIRIT OF GRACE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,

who sent the promised power of the Holy Spirit
to fill disciples with willing faith:

We confess that we resist the force of Your Spirit among us,
that we 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.

And 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.
WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Pleni sunt caeli” .......................... Ola Gjeilo

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Osanna, Osanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Benedictus qui venit. Osanna, Osanna in excelsis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,
Dona nobis pacem.

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is He who comes. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Lamb of God, grant us peace.

The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Calvin Ellis, director

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING. .......................... T. Barton Kimbro

†GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) .......................... W. Brian Lewis

COME, SPIRIT OF TRUTH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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: No. 335 “Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me” .......................... REDHEAD 76

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON .............................. Acts 11:19-30
(page 920 in the pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;
The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen. (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON
Vital Signs, Part 4
George W. Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT


**HYMN OF COMMITMENT:**

“O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us” .......................... SPIRITUS VITAE

1. O Breath of life, come sweep-ing through us, re-vive your
church with life and pow’r; O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, re-
fields are vast and white? Re-vive us, Lord, the world is
new us, and fit your church to meet this hour.

2. Re-vive us, Lord! Is zeal a-bat-ing while har-vest
wait-ing, e-quip your church to spread the light.

**BENEDICTION**

**CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN**

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Ceremonial March” ............................... Herbert Sumson

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I. Evangelism (Acts 11:19-21)

A. Every situation is an opportunity

B. Every person needs to hear

C. Every effort to make clear

II. Apologetics (Acts 11:22-24)

A. What is apologetics?

B. Who are apologetes?

III. Discipleship (Acts 11:25-26)

A. Requires effort

B. Results in courage


A. Kingdom focused

B. Earthly results