

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please use the welcome pad in the blue folder at the end of the pew. Record your presence. Pass it back, noticing who is worshiping with you. When the pad has been returned, please tear off the sheet and place it in the offering plate.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amazing God, you have sent the Spirit to form and embolden your church to be your witnesses in the world and instruments of your love; forgive us all the times we put conditions or boundaries on our love. You have sent the Spirit of peace, yet at times our words and actions contribute towards conflict and division. You have sent the Spirit of kindness, yet too often we have neglected people's needs. You have sent the Spirit of goodness, but we need your forgiveness for the times we have willfully or thoughtlessly caused pain by our words or actions. You have sent the Spirit of faithfulness but our discipleship has lacked credibility. Gracious and merciful God, grant us your forgiveness and your love that we may truly care for one another. Refresh and renew us with your Spirit so that we can be fruitful and vital disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.

PRAYERS OF SILENT AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Friends, believe and proclaim the Good News: in Jesus Christ, love breaks through hatred, hope breaks through despair, life breaks through death.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and set free.
Thanks be to God!

* RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 314, STANZA 2 BRIDEGROOM

*To the members of Christ's body,
To the branches of the Vine,
To the church in faith assembled,
To her midst as gift and sign:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

* EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Leader: Let us open our hearts to one another as Christ has opened his heart to us, and God will be glorified.

People: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

(Exchange Signs of Reconciliation and the Peace of Christ with your neighbor - e.g., *“The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.”*

Response - *“And also with you.”*)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

* HYMN 321

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Song 13

+ Children and Youth leave for their classes. +

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

ANTHEM

Many Gifts, One Spirit

Alan Pote

Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice

Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice.

O, God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above.

In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.

O, God, remind us we are not alone.

Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.

Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand.

We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands.

*Take our many ways of working, blend the colors of each soul
into the beauty of a rainbow. Give us life, Lord, make us whole.*

SECOND LESSON

John 15:26-16:15

SERMON

“On Your Own Together”

Rev. Richard S. Hong

OFFERTORY

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

Craig Courtney

*Thou O Christ who came to kindle, Now ignite us with Thy fire;
While the earth resists Thy burning, With Thy passion us inspire.
Overcome our sinful calmness, Make us know our share of blame
Baptize with Thy fiery Spirit, Crown our lives with tongues of flame!*

*Thou who in thy holy purpose Wills that we should truly live,
Grant us grace to be thy servants, Our tranquility forgive.
Teach us courage as we struggle in all liberating strife.
Shame the smallness of our vision by thine own abundant life.*

*Thou who does a sword deliver Rather than a placid peace
By thy sharpened word disturb us from complacency release!
Save us from our satisfaction when we personally are free
Yet are undisturbed in spirit by our neighbor's misery. Amen.*

* THE DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS

Lasst uns erfreuen

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

THE SENDING OUT

* HYMN 131 Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow Aberystwyth

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Invocation for a Holy Day

Jean Langlais

(Our worship ends with the conclusion of the Postlude. It is the custom of our church to remain seated. Those who wish to leave may do so.)

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2:1-21 (NRSV)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

John 15:26-16:15 (NRSV)

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

16”I have said these things to you to keep you from stumbling. ²They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God. ³And they will do this because they have not known the Father or me. ⁴But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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