

**Day of Pentecost  
May 23, 2021**

**Gathering  
God invites us to enter His presence**

**Prelude**

*Jesus Is My Hope  
Meditation on "Trust in Jesus"*

*Sawyer  
Keeney*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Preparation for Worship** (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

**🕯️ Call to Worship**

*Barb Finch*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;  
**we dwell in him and he in us.**  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;  
**make known his deeds among the peoples.**  
Sing to him, sing praises to him,  
**and speak of all his marvelous works.**  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
**who was and is and is to come!**  
Let us worship the Triune God.

**🕯️ Invocation**

*Barb Finch*

Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**  
Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,  
**come, Holy Spirit.**  
Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,  
**come, Holy Spirit.**  
With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,  
**come, Holy Spirit.**  
With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,  
**come, Holy Spirit.**  
With power from above to make our weakness strong,  
**come, Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**🕯️ Hymn 97**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

*All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.*

*Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;*

*Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!*

*Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;  
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!*

*O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!*

**Confessing**  
**God invites us to be honest with Him**

**Prayer of Confession**  
*(Responsively)*

*Barb Finch*

Sovereign Lord, you have anointed us with your Spirit, yet we have not shared your great gift.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God. Restore to us the joy of your salvation.**

We have not proclaimed your good news to the poor. We have not bound up the brokenhearted.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God. Restore to us the joy of your salvation.**

We have not proclaimed your freedom to the captives. We have not comforted those who mourn.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God. Restore to us the joy of your salvation.**

Forgive us for closing our eyes to the needs of others. Forgive us for limiting your abundance.

**Create in us a clean heart, O God. Restore to us the joy of your salvation.**

Open our minds, Lord. Open our hearts, Lord. Open our hands, Lord. Open our lips, Lord.

**Give us a willing spirit to show your love to your world. Amen.**

**Time for Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Barb Finch*

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life sets us free from the law of sin and death.

And if the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us, God who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through the Spirit, who lives in us.

*Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

 **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.  
A-men, A-men.*

**Offering**

***Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him***

**Invitation**      *Each of you must give as you have made up your  
mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God  
loves a cheerful giver.*

**Offering**                      *\*Please place your offerings in the plate in the  
back of the church on your way out*

**Offertory**                      *Spirit of the Living God*                      *Iverson*  
*The Church's One Foundation*                      *Wesley*  
*Fairview Bell Choir*

 **Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

 **Prayer of Dedication**

Praise be to you, LORD, the God of our father Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, LORD, is the  
greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and  
the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.  
Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over  
all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all  
things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and  
give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks,  
and praise your glorious name. **Amen.**

 **Hymn 20**

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

*All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell,  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.*

*The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
Without our aid He did us make;  
We are His flock, He doth us feed,  
And for His sheep He doth us take.*

*O enter then His gates with praise,  
Approach with joy His courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.*

*For why? The Lord our God is good,  
His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.*

*To Father, Son, and Holy Ghose,  
The God whom heaven and earth adore,  
From earth and from the angel host  
Be praise and glory evermore.  
A-men.*

**Proclaiming**  
**God speaks to us through His Word**

**Scripture Reading**

*Matthew 6:5-15; 18:21-35*

<sup>5</sup> “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>7</sup> “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. <sup>9</sup> Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
<sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread,  
<sup>12</sup> and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

<sup>14</sup> For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, <sup>15</sup> but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup> “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup> And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup> So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup> He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup> And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup> So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

**Sermon**

*“Forgive Us Our Debts”  
Rev. Tim Latham*

**Responding**  
***We respond to God’s Word***

 **Hymn**

*Before the Throne of God Above*

*Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart*

*Chorus*

*Hallelujah  
My life is found in Jesus Christ  
Hallelujah  
For I am His and He is mine*

*When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Saviour died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me  
Behold Him there the risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am*

*The King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased with His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Saviour and my God  
With Christ my Saviour and my God  
I bow before the cross of Christ  
And marvel at this love divine  
God's perfect Son was sacrificed  
To make me righteous in God's eyes  
This river's depths I cannot know  
But I can glory in its flood  
The Lord Most High has bowed down low  
And poured on me His glorious love  
And poured on me His glorious love*

## Profession of Faith

Leader: Let us now profess our faith along with the saints through the ages.

**People: We believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
begotten from the Father before all ages,  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made;  
of the same essence as the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin  
Mary, and was made human.  
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried.  
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again with glory  
to judge the living and the dead.  
His kingdom will never end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life.  
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified.  
He spoke through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

**Commissioning**  
***God sends us out into the world as His witnesses***

### Hymn 2

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise His name—I'm fixed upon it—Name of God's redeeming love.*

*Hither to Thy love has blest me; Thou hast bro't me to this place;  
And I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, Bought me with His precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above.  
A-men.*

### Benediction & Blessing

### Postlude

*Joy Unceasing and Infinite Praise*

*Birchwood*