

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Pentecost

Farewell and Godspeed for Reverend Richard Wolf

GATHERING MUSIC

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

arr. Keith Kolander

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are raised with him to new life.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning you created us in your image
and planted us in a well-watered garden.
In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,
and you gave us water from the rock.
When we did not know the way,
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.
At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.
We praise you for your salvation through water,
for the water in this font,
and for all water everywhere.
Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.
Satisfy the thirsty and give us the life only you can give.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

OPENING SONG

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

#400

God of tempest God of whirlwind
As on Pentecost descend
Drive us out from sheltered comfort
Past these walls your people send
Sweep us into costly service
There with Christ to bear the cross
There with Christ to bear the cross

God of blazing God of burning
All that blocks your purpose purge
Through your church Christ's living Body
Let your flaming Spirit surge
Where deceit conceals injustice
Kindle us to speak your truth
Kindle us to speak your truth

God of earthquake God of thunder
Shake us loose from lethargy
Break the chains of sin asunder
For earth's healing set us free
Crumble walls that still divide us
Make us one in Christ our Lord
Make us one in Christ our Lord

God of passion God unsleeping
Stir in us love's restlessness
Where the people cry in anguish
May we share your heart's distress
Rouse us from content with evil
Claim us for your kingdom's work
Claim us for your kingdom's work

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A READING FROM ACTS 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] 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:

¹⁷In 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.' ”

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A READING FROM JOHN 20:19-23

P: The holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive

the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Rich Wolf

SONG

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

#582

Holy Spirit ever dwelling
In the holiest realms of light
Holy Spirit ever brooding
O'er a world of gloom and night
Holy Spirit ever raising
Those of earth to thrones on high
Living life-impacting Spirit
You we praise and magnify

Holy Spirit ever living
As the church's very life
Holy Spirit ever striving
Through us in a ceaseless strife
Holy Spirit ever forming
In the church the mind of Christ
You we praise with endless worship
For your gifts and fruits unpriced

Holy Spirit ever working
Through the church's ministry
Quick'ning strength'ning and absolving
Setting captive sinners free
Holy Spirit ever binding
Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending
You we worship and extol

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874-1939, alt.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

P: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God
in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

P: Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into
your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Offerings can be made online or mailed to the church office. Thank you for your continuous support to our ministry during this time.

THE LORD'S PRAYER - *Spoken in a variety of languages*

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

VIDEO GREETING FROM THE REV. SUSAN CANDEA, BISHOP

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED FOR PASTOR RICH

SPECIAL MUSIC

Well Done, Faithful Servant

Joseph M. Martin

BENEDICTION

P: May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Christ is risen, just as he said.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

CELEBRATION OF PASTOR RICH'S MINISTRY (*Video Presentation*)

It Is Well (*Worship Band*)

Musicians: *Keith Kolander (prelude), Marcus De Geer (hymns)*

Vocal Leaders: *Jamie De Geer and Bob Fingland*

Vocal Group: *Bob Fingland, Sara Gaylor, Meredith Lewellen, Gary Nelson, Rob Peglar, Kim Sherwood, Nancy Stelmachowicz*

Worship Band: *Gail and Josh Brecht, Jason Fulbright, Amy Kallansrud, Jimmie Miller, Christian Saia*

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