

of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” Amen

Prayer of Pentecost 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.

SENDING

*Hymn (see insert)

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

*Charge and Blessing

Worship Notes

Worship Leaders: Jonathan Barker, Elizabeth Davis, Robert Owens, Anna Raab

This week’s virtual art gallery contributor: Charlotte Cassel
“Intricately designed and detailed wooden Christmas ornaments made by Charlotte Cassel”



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We live to share God’s love for ALL.

Service for the Lord's Day

Day of Pentecost



Prelude *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* arr. Rebecca Bonam

Welcome

Scripture *Joel 1:1a; 2:28-29*

Call to Worship **(Bold – unison)** Psalm 104

Lord, how wonderful are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**May my meditation be pleasing to the Creator, for I rejoice in the Lord.
Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!**

Prayer of the Day

Hymn of Praise *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
Kenlee Fischer, handbells

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Kyrie *Kum Bah Yah* African American Spiritual

(Come by here)

**Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!**

Assurance of Pardon

The wilderness will rejoice; the dry land will blossom. The people of God will return with joy and singing. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

Gloria (see insert)

Special Music *Holy Spirit* Keith Getty/Stuart Townsend



Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Acts 2:1-17, 21
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The Word Proclaimed *Mission Equipped* Rev. Dr. Jonathan C. Barker



Affirmation of Faith A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup

GLORIA

We Are Forgiven

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

G Am7 Dsus D G Am
D7 Gsus G C G Am7 D G

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HYMN

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

right - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.