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PENTECOST SEASON

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"Love God, Serve Neighbor"

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Pastoral Welcome

Call to Worship

(adapted from Sanctified Art)

- L: Lord, you are a God of initiative and invitation.
- C: You invited Abraham and Sarah to set out for a new land, to be a blessing to the world.
- L: You invited the disciples to drop their nets, and the children to draw near.
- C: You invited Peter to walk on water, and the broken and hurting into eternal life.
- L: Just the same, you invite us to embrace lives of faith, following your lead.
- C: Therefore, give us the strength to say yes, and the courage to set sail.

Prelude "Joyful, Joyful" Annette Nolan

Confession and Forgiveness

- L: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- L: God of the wind and the sea, you invite us to be courageous,
- C: but we are more familiar with fear.
- L: You invite us to trust you,
- C: but our confidence fades as the storm rages on.
- L: You invite us to move—to change and take risks—
- C: but we stay planted where we are, afraid of the ways growth might hurt us. Forgive us for our self doubt and fear.
- L: Lord, we believe;
- C: help our unbelief. In Jesus' name. Amen.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

- L: Brothers and sisters, this is the Good News:
 In Jesus Christ, we are completely forgiven!
 As you live out of and into this gift of forgiveness,
 let us greet with world as people made new in Christ.
- C: Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD





For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; For this holy house, for all who worship and praise, Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
That we may live out . . . truth and justice and grace,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

Greeting

- L: 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 Illumination

Let us pray. Mighty God, who speaks a word of peace to calm our troubled L: sea; Caring God, who nudges us from fear and toward faith; Ever-present God, who fills us with awe, but also raises many questions without easy answers:

Open our eyes to see you in our boat, strengthen our hearts for the challenges that lie ahead, and open our ears to hear the word you speak to us.

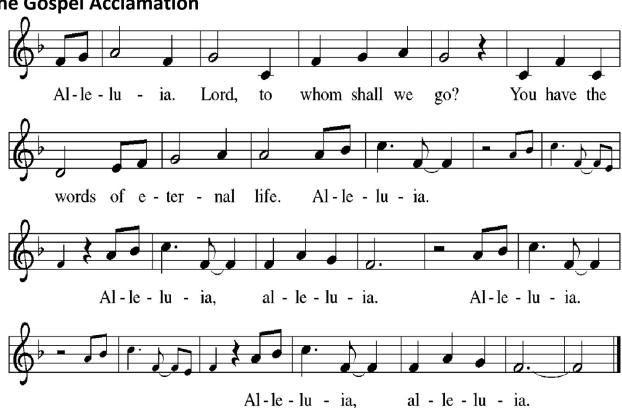
In name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray.

C: Amen.

The First Reading

Acts 2:1-12

The Gospel Acclamation



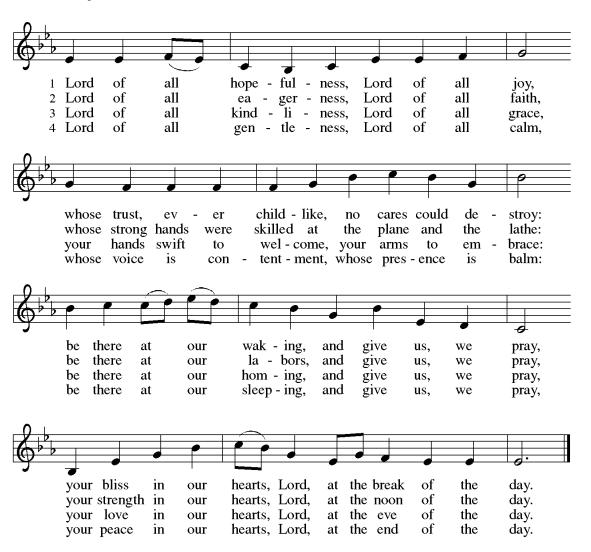
The Holy Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

The Message

Song of the Day

"Lord of All Hopefulness"



Affirmation of Faith

We believe that God is present, In the darkness before dawn, In the waiting and uncertainity, Where conflict and caring link arms, Where fear and courage join hands.

We believe in a God who is with us, Who sits down in our midst To share our humanity. We affirm a faith
That takes us beyond a safe place:
Into action, into vulnerability,
And into the places of deepest need.

We commit ourselves to work for change And to put ourselves on the line. To bear responsibility, to take risks, And to face humiliation. To stand with those on the edge, to choose life and to be a community of hope for all people. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

L: Let us pray. Gracious God, you know the hardness and gentleness of human hearts. You call your people to faithful living. Through the storms of life that bring suffering and fear, joy and laughter, teach us to turn to you for all we need, so that we may come to know your presence even in the midst of the trials that surround us.

(Time of silence.)

- L: Gracious God, we pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world. We pray that everywhere upon this earth there may be justice and peace. We pray for the country and the people of of Japan after the assassination of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. We continue to pray for the country and the people of Ukraine as the war now enters its fifth month, as well as other countries that are dealing with poliitical unrest and conflict.
- L: In your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Gracious God, we pray for all people in their daily life and work — for our families, friends, neighbors, and for those who are sick in the hospital or ill at home. Give them hope, that they may feel through your presence, and the presence of others, comfort and support. Hear us now as we lift up those people and those situations you have placed upon our hearts.

We especially pray for:

- Denise Bowman
- Jim Carney
- Helen & Jim Cheyney
- Terence Connelly
- Charliese Eichler

- Linda Holden
- Donnell Horton
- John Kivett
- Waylon Kuklentz
- Kevin Middleton

- Andrew Milholland
- Leo Peeler
- Joyce Quigley
- Chris Rasmussen
- Joyce Reed
- Denny Refsnider
- Stephanie Rizzo
- L. D. Shockley

- Reponda Smith
- Kelly Taylor
- David Townsend
- Laura Tucker
- Herbert Watson
- Lisa Williams
- Renate Wilson

L: We now pray aloud or in the silence of our hearts for those we wish to name.

(Time for the community to pray.)

- L: In thanksgiving at the birth of Advika Rose Watson, born June 24, new granddaughter of Velia Watson.
- L: In your mercy,
- C: Hear our prayer.
- L: Gracious God, we offer these prayers to you, those spoken and those still unknown to us. Give us peace to trust you with the timing and the answers you provide. We ask all these things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C: Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

Offering

(Please sign and pass the pew pads)

Offertory Song

"We Are An Offering"

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives they are Yours
We are an offering

All that we have
All that we are
All that we hope to be
We give to You
We give to You

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
We are an offering

Table Prayer

L: The table of bread and wine is now made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Jesus became fully human. So come to the table, all who have much faith and all who would like to have more; all who have been here often and all who have not been in a long time; all who have tried to follow Jesus, and all who have fallen short. Come. It is Christ who invites us all to meet him here.

C: Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

C: 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.

The Blessing

- L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

Benediction

L: May you never feel alone in the struggle for justice and peace.

May you know the support of family, friends, and people who feel as passionately about the world as you do.

May you feel a part of the great cloud of witnesses, who through the ages, did God's work and prayed for the coming of the Kingdom.

May you never feel alone.

And if you do, may you carry in your heart the words of Jesus, who told his friends: "I am with you always."

C: Amen.

Sending Song

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"



Dismissal

- L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.