



GRACE
PRESBYTERIAN
C O N W A Y

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TO ALL WHO ARE SPIRITUALLY WEAK & SEEK REST, WHO MOURN & LONG FOR COMFORT
WHO STRUGGLE & DESIRE VICTORY, WHO SIN & NEED A SAVIOR,
WHO ARE STRANGERS & WANT FELLOWSHIP,
WHO HUNGER & THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND TO WHOSEVER WILL COME,
THIS CHURCH OPENS WIDE HER DOORS & OFFERS WELCOME
IN THE NAME OF THE **LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

Our Worship and Celebration
(Pentecost)

God Welcomes Us

GATHERING HYMN

Hymn #234

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Leader: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Rusty Mosley

PRELUDE

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

- Akers

(“☩” please stand if you are able.)

☩ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.

People: And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.

Leader: And they were amazed and astonished, saying,

People: “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?”

☩ **HYMN**

“A Rushing, Mighty Wind”

Hymn #228

☩ **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

God Cleanses Us

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we want to enter Your presence, worshipping You face to face, awed by Your majesty, greatness, and glory; but encouraged and ravished by Your love. Yet there is a coldness in our hearts, a hardness toward You, an unwillingness to admit our sin and need for You. Forgive us, for Jesus' sake. Come near and strengthen us until Christ reigns supreme within us, in every thought, word, and deed; in a faith that purifies the heart, overcomes the world, works by love, fastens us to You, and always clings to the cross. Hear us now as we lift our personal confessions to you . . .

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠ HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed”

Hymn # 182

God Strengthens Us through His Word and Sacrament

FIRST READING

Acts 15: 5, 7-10; 13-19 (p.923)

⁵ But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses.”

... ⁷ And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. ⁸ And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, ⁹ and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. ¹⁰ Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear?”

... ¹³ After they finished speaking, James replied, “Brothers, listen to me. ¹⁴ Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name.

¹⁵ And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written,

¹⁶ ‘After this I will return, and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it,

¹⁷ that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord,

and all the Gentiles who are called by my name,

says the Lord, who makes these things ¹⁸ known from of old.’

¹⁹ Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SECOND READING

Hebrews 8: 1-2; 4-7; 13; 9: 11-12; 10:1a (p.1005)

¹ Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, ² a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man.

... ⁴ Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. ⁵ They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, “See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.” ⁶ But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. ⁷ For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second.

... ¹³ In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

... ^{9:11} But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation). ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

... ^{10:1} the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“The Cultural Transition of Pentecost.”

Rev. Rusty Mosley

Notes:

1. Pentecost was the day of *transition* from the Old Covenant way of worshiping and living to the New Covenant way which is much more simplistic:

2. God had his people practice all these cultural norms to teach them a.) the difference between what is 'evil' and what is 'holy', b.) their need for forgiveness, and c.) who Jesus would be and what he would do:

3. All that had to change at Christ's coming:

4. Peter & James explained in Acts 15 that we (as God's continuing Covenant people, the true remnant of Israel continuing) no longer have to do the Moses, cultural practices anymore, and instead can adapt into any Gentile culture.

5. Four huge and amazing implications and results from this transition of Pentecost:
 1. Flexibility in worship:

 2. Use the Old Testament to learn the New Testament:

 3. NOT return to the spiritual immaturity and danger of using religious cultural practices to keep our faith safe.

 4. Take advantage of the huge cultural latitude and freedom to adapt into any culture as our missionary strategy, power, and effectiveness.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Nicene Creed, A.D. 325

We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy universal and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

God Sends Us

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

MINISTRY OF MERCY—TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

- Manley

✦ 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. Amen.

✦ HYMN

“Spirit of God”

Hymn #243

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn #234

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POSTLUDE

“The Quest of the Holy Spirit”

- Paxton

(Please be seated during the postlude to reflect on the worship service, consider God’s Word, and prepare your response as you follow Christ’s light into the world.)

Announcements:

- ◇ The **Congregational Care Committee** will meet at 11:30 today, June 9th. Please join us if you are able.
- ◇ Please join us for a **Potluck meal** immediately following worship on June 30th.
- ◇ If you would like to purchase a **Grace Presbyterian t-shirt** please sign up on the order form in the hallway. The order deadline is June 12th.
- ◇ If you are visiting with us today, please fill out the visitor card found on the pew Bible and drop it in the offering plate. Check the boxes and let us know if you would like more information about our church or if you would like us to pray for you.

Prayer Concerns:

Bette Callaway, friend of Herman and Betty Ellis; Bill Conner; Charlie Cullum, friend of Annette Sackhoff; Dorothy Dornblaser, sister of Ken Hunter due to the loss of her husband Stuart; Jeannene Ellis, sister-in-law of Herman and Betty Ellis; Paul Ellis, son of Herman and Betty Ellis; Jim Hawks, nephew of Henry and Jane Hawk; Jason Hays, friend of Kevin Tucker; Jimmy and Nancy Higgins; Steve Hoffman, friend of Nancy Davis with cancer and transplant need; Dub Holt; Charles Jordan; Ann Moss, mother of Debbie McConkie; Gene Murphy, father of Annette Sackhoff; Jenetta Murphy, mom of Annette Sackhoff.

PRAYERS OF MEDITATION:

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying our debt, bearing our punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all our need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism, and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.



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