May 31, 2020 Pentecost/"Singspiration"

Prelude – Prepare your heart for worship

Introit #176 "Majesty, Worship His Majesty," #89 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" vs. 1 & 3

Welcome God is good All the time. All the Time God is Good—Rev. Mary Arnold

Opening Prayer (Unison): Come Holy Spirit, come. Come to us and among us. Come as the wind and cleanse us. Come as the fire and burn. Come as the dew and refresh. Convict, convert, and consecrate our hearts and lives to our greater good and to You, our God, Three in One's great glory. Amen.

Praise #3003 "How Great is Our God," #334 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Invitation to Share our Gifts w/ Prayer of Dedication: As we prepare to give our tithes and offerings let us remember whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of us should give what we have decided in our hearts to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Remember all that we have comes from our great God. Let us pray: Our loving and gracious Heavenly Father, You are our Creator, and everything belongs to You. As we give our tithes and offerings this day may we do so with glad hearts. We praise You in the name of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offertory Doxology

A Time of Prayer w/ Joys & Concerns Blessings of Prayer Shawls The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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. Amen

Scripture Lesson: Acts 1:6-8, 2:1-8

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church when God poured out His Spirit upon His people in new and powerful ways. It is fitting that we are singing today, as song has always been an important expression of faith and a wonderful way to worship our great God. Let us hear the story of Pentecost from the Acts of the Apostles beginning with part of the Ascension story in chapter 1 verses 6 through 8 and then moving into chapter 2 verses 1 through 8:

"So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, is this the time when You will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by His own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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?"

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to our God!

SINGSPERATION:

W & S #3177 "Here I Am to Worship" #77 "How Great Thou Art" vs. 1 & 3 W & S #3040 "You are My All in All" #467 "Trust and Obey" vs. 1 & 3 W & S #3101 "Love Lifted Me" W & S #3104 "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

Closing Praise #400 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Benediction
Benediction Response #431 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"
Postlude

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