

Order of worship

May 23, 2021

Pentecost



Prelude

“Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit” arr. by John Carter

Welcome & Announcements

Call to worship

Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

come, Holy Spirit.

Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

come, Holy Spirit.

With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

come, Holy Spirit.

With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

come, Holy Spirit.

With power from above to make our weakness strong,

come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Hymn #131

“Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow”

Unison Prayer of Confession

Our God, we come in humility, confessing who and what we are. We are often unresponsive, for we are afraid. When your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears, for we fear what you might call us to do. When your Spirit touches our lips, we close our mouths, embarrassed to speak your Word. When the wind of your Spirit blows, we close the windows of our hearts, afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives. When the fire of your Spirit touches us, we quench the flame, afraid of the new life it might bring. Forgive us, O Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

All the promises of God find their “Yes” in Christ. That is why we utter the “Amen” through him, to the glory of God. It is God who has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. **In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are redeemed. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!**

Moment for All Ages

Unison Prayer for Illumination

O God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear what you are saying to us today. Amen.

Scripture

Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7

Statement of Ordination

Profession of Faith

L: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

L: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

A: 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.

L: Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

A: 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.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Constitutional Questions

(at the appropriate time the congregation responds with: “We do/will.”)

Prayers of Ordination and Installation

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Welcome

Offering our Gifts

Gracious God, we give our best, lest in gaining the world we lose life itself. As a covenant people, we seek to witness to your will and way. Help us to know more clearly what you would have us do with the wealth entrusted to our care. As we contribute to the needs of your people, we present ourselves as living sacrifices. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Lord, that you have fed us with your Word. Grateful for your gifts and mindful of the communion of your saints, we offer to you our prayers for all people. God of compassion, we remember before you the poor and the afflicted, the sick and the dying, prisoners and all who are lonely, the victims of war, injustice, and inhumanity, and all others who suffer from whatever their sufferings may be called.

[Silence]

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Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (cont.)

O Lord of providence holding the destiny of the nations in your hand, we pray for our country. Inspire the hearts and minds of our leaders that they, together with all our nation, may first seek your kingdom and righteousness so that order, liberty, and peace may dwell with your people.

[Silence]

O God the Creator, we pray for all nations and peoples. Take away the mistrust and lack of understanding that divide your creatures; increase in us the recognition that we are all your children.

[Silence]

O Savior God, look upon your church in its struggle upon the earth. Have mercy on its weakness, bring to an end its unhappy divisions, and scatter its fears. Look also upon the ministry of your church. Increase its courage, strengthen its faith, and inspire its witness to all people, even to the ends of the earth.

[Silence]

Author of grace and God of love, send your Holy Spirit's blessing to your children here present. Gather all these together and hear our prayer as we join now in praying how Jesus taught us to pray:

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.

Closing Hymn #442

"The Church's One Foundation"

Benediction

May the grace of Christ, which daily renews us, and the love of God, which enables us to love all, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, which unites us in one body, make us eager to obey the will of God until we meet again, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!

Postlude

"Speak, O Lord" arr. by Lloyd Larson

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WHOEVER YOU ARE.
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.



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*Thank you to these members who
are helping with worship today-*

**Hymn Leader: Dean Cornwell
Deacon Greeters: Alison Simpson & Cathy Agnello**



*The "Quiet Room" is available for anyone feeling the need to go to someplace quiet with their child(ren) but don't want to miss out on the service to do so. The audio of the worship is on a speaker in the room and the window overlooks the sanctuary.

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Thomas H. Troeger, 1983

Joseph Parry, 1879

1. Wind who makes all winds that blow— Gusts that bend the sap-lings low,
 2. Fire who fuels all fires that burn— Suns a-round which plan-ets turn,
 3. Ho - ly Spir - it, Wind and Flame, Move with-in our mor-tal frame.

Gales that heave the sea in waves, Stir-rings in the mind's deep caves—
 Bea-cons mark-ing reefs and shoals, Shin-ing truth to guide our souls—
 Make our hearts an al-tar pyre, Kin-dle them with Your own fire.

Aim Your breath with stead-y power On Your church this day, this hour.
 Come to us as once You came: Burst in tongues of sa-cred flame!
 Breathe and blow up-on that blaze Till our lives, our deeds and ways,

Raise, re-new the life we've lost, Spir-it God of Pen-te-cost.
 Light and Pow-er, Might and Strength, Fill Your church, its breadth and length.
 Speak that tongue which ev-ery land By Your grace shall un-der-stand.

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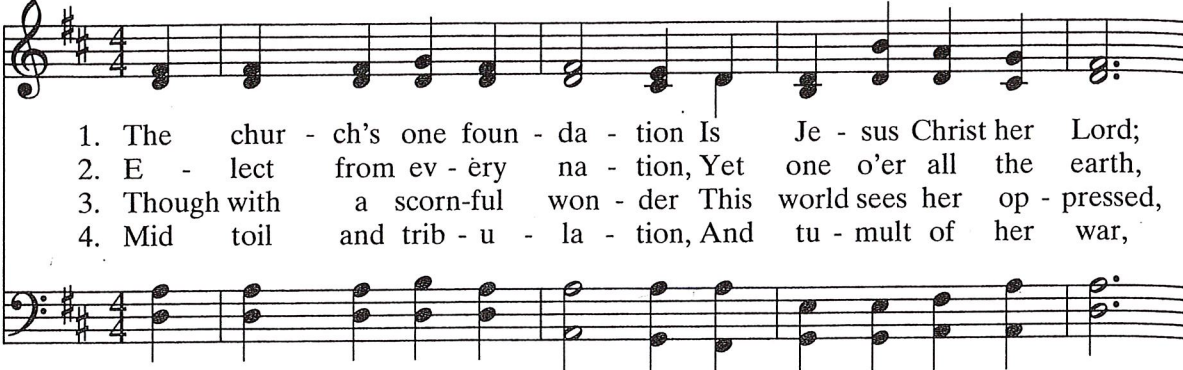
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The Church's One Foundation

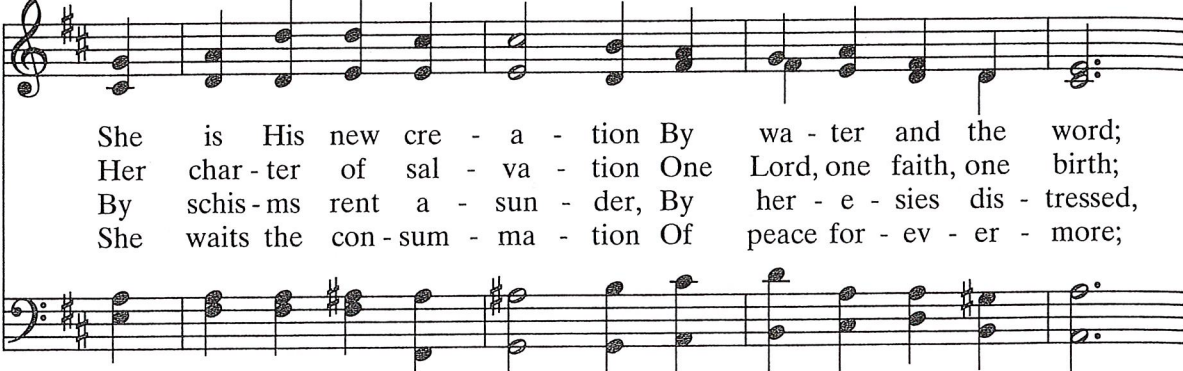
Samuel John Stone, 1866; alt.

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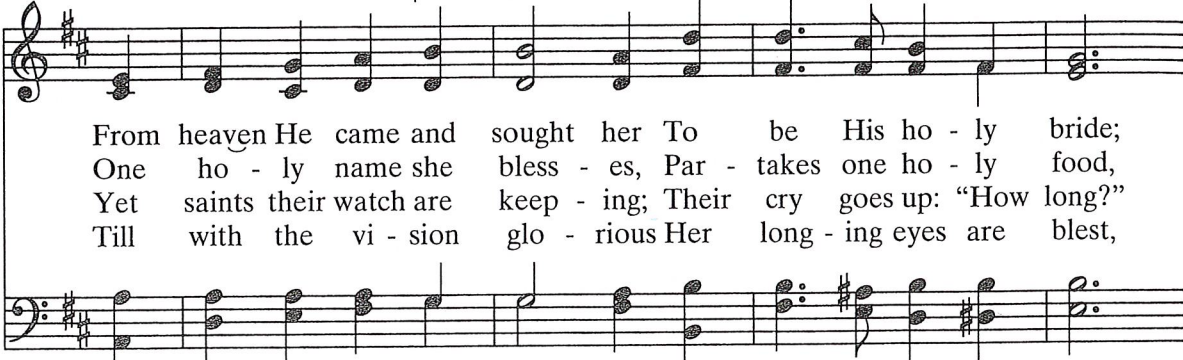
Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864



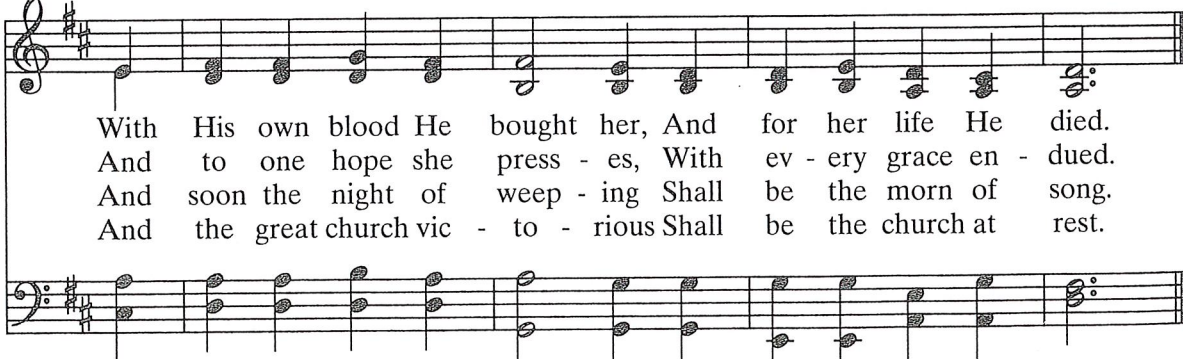
1. The church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
 2. Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. Though with a scornful wonder This world sees her oppressed,
 4. Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,



She is His new creation By water and the word;
 Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;
 By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
 She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;



From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
 One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
 Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up: "How long?"
 Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she presses, With every grace endowed.
 And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth has union
 With God the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won:

O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we,
 Like them, the meek and lowly,
 May live eternally.