

MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION

The Lord's Day

July 31, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Jeff Birch

Prelude: Mrs. Amy Reber

Interlude

By Mark Hayes

Call to Worship: Psalm 117:1-2

The Invocation

Hymn of Praise 53

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,

The King of creation!

O my soul, praise him,

For he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear,

Now to his temple draw near,

Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things

So wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under his wings,

Yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen

How thy desires e'er have been

Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper

Thy work and defend thee!

Surely his goodness and mercy here

Daily attend thee;

Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,

If with his love he befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord,

Who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,

Decked thee with health, and with loving hand

Guided and stayed thee.

How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,

Spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before him.
Let the amen sound from his people again;
Gladly fore'er we adore him.

Confession of Sin

Need of Confession: Psalm 69:5

O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.

Personal Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison)

O Lord, You who are all merciful, take away my sins from me and enkindle within me the fire of Your Holy Spirit. Take away this heart of stone from me and give me a heart of flesh and blood, a heart to love and adore You, a heart which may delight in You, love You, and please You, for Christ's sake. Amen. (Ambrose of Milan, a 4th century Bishop)

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 43:25

"I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins."

Song of Praise

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us;
Shine on me, shine on me.

(Chorus)

Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with
The Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze;
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with
Grace and mercy.
Send forth your Word,
Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;
Shine on me, shine on me. *(Chorus)*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory;
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. (*Chorus*)

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer (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 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.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: Chancel Choir

The God of Abraham Praise
Hebrew melody arranged by Joel Raney

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Sermon Series: Why the Church?

Sermon Text: Acts 2:1-13 (ESV)

Sermon Title: Here Comes the Power

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested^[a] on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

We have been exploring the theme of Jesus preparing us, both as individuals and as a church for mission. Part of that preparation was being told to wait in Jerusalem for the gift of the Holy Spirit

who would empower them in their vocation of being instruments in a kingdom movement of spreading the gospel throughout the Mediterranean world.

Today, we see God sending the fire. The power arrives. Acts 2 describes the Day of Pentecost. Here in this chapter, we see the event of Pentecost, followed by the explanation of Pentecost in Peter's sermon. We also see the effect of Pentecost in the life of the early church.

What do we learn about the Day of Pentecost and the significance of the gift of the Spirit?

- I. Its Pattern
- II. Its Power
- III. Its Purpose

Reflection

"Without the Holy Spirit, Christian discipleship would be inconceivable, even impossible. There can be no life without the life-giver, no understanding without the Spirit of truth, no fellowship without the unity of the Spirit, no Christlikeness of character apart from his fruit, and no effective witness without his power. As a body without breath is a corpse, so the church without the Spirit is dead." (John Stott)

Hymn 726

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

The Benediction

Postlude