

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 2, 2024

Virtual Bulletin with Holy Communion, Pentecost Peace

Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church

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Order of the Liturgy

Prelude

"The Power of Your Love"

arr. Carol Tornquist

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit: **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



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OPENING HYMN

Gather Us In

ELW 532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



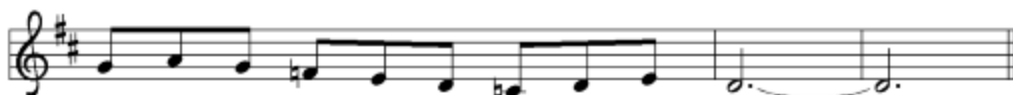
brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

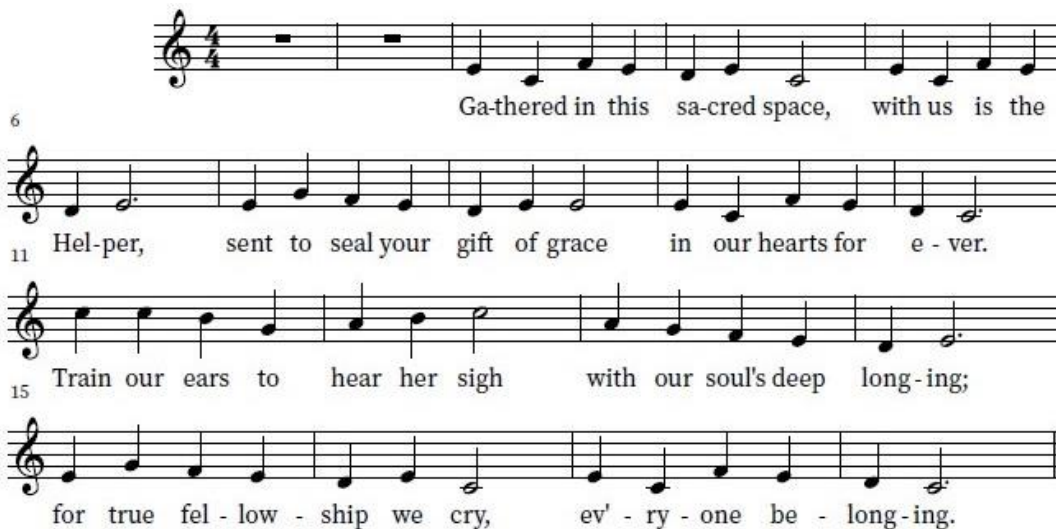
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ; the love of God; and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

GATHERING SONG—SACRED SPACE


6 Ga-thered in this sa-cred space, with us is the
 11 Hel-per, sent to seal your gift of grace in our hearts for e-ver.
 15 Train our ears to hear her sigh with our soul's deep long-ing;
 for true fel-low-ship we cry, ev'-ry-one be-long-ing.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE – TAPESTRY OF PEACE


8 Let us join our di-verse voi-ces in your praise;
 13 may our sto-ries sing your glo-ry all our days. Weave a
 18 ta-pes-try of peace in our mul-ti-co-lored strands; let all fear and hat-red
 22 cease as we lift our hearts and hands. Your trans-cen-dent name con-
 26 fes-sing, may our hi-er-ar-chies fall; let us share cre-a-tion's
 bles-sings so your love is known and shown to all.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God;

you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 81:1-10 *The congregation responds with the bold verses.*

¹Sing with joy to ¹ God our strength and raise a loud shout to the ¹ God of Jacob.

²**Raise a song and ¹ sound the timbrel, the merry harp, ¹ and the lyre.**

³Blow the ram's horn at ¹ the new moon, and at the full moon, the day ¹ of our feast;

⁴**for this is a stat- ¹ ute for Israel, a law of the ¹ God of Jacob.**

⁵God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the ¹ land of Egypt, where I heard a voice I ¹ did not know:

⁶**"I eased your shoulder ¹ from the burden; your hands were set free from the grave- ¹ digger's basket.**

⁷You called on me in trouble, and I de- ¹ livered you; I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the wa- ¹ ters of Meribah.

⁸**Hear, O my people, and I will ad- ¹ monish you: O Israel, if you would but lis- ¹ ten to me!**

⁹There shall be no strange ¹ god among you; you shall not worship a ¹ foreign god.

¹⁰**I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the ¹ land of Egypt.**

Open your mouth wide, and ¹ I will fill it.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

⁵We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL: Mark 2:23—3:6

²³One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” ²⁵And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.” ²⁷Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

^{3:1}Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” ⁴Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Garry Mohr

HYMN OF THE DAY

God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo-rious flow'r. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
 be our glo-ry ev-er-more. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,

for the fac-ing of this hour, for the fac-ing of this hour.
 for the liv-ing of these days, for the liv-ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king-dom's goal, lest we miss your king-dom's goal.
 serv-ing you whom we a-dore, serv-ing you whom we a-dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**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.**

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy." The assembly responds with "hear our prayer."

SHARING OF THE PEACE - *The presiding and the assembly share a virtual sign of peace.*
 The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"* - Ed Donohue, Clarinet

OFFERING PRAYER - *All speak the prayer together.*

Lord Jesus, thank you for being our strength and our song. We gladly lay before you everything we have received from you: our lives, our time, our treasures, and our talents. Use all we have and all we are to glorify you and show your love to those who need it most. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

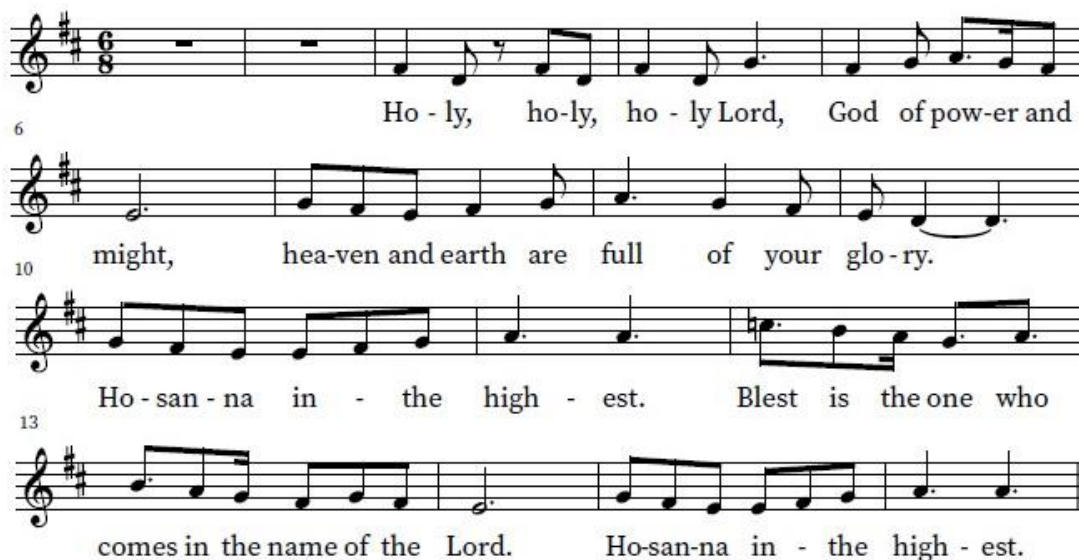
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



6 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

10 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

13 Ho - san - na in - the high - est. Blest is the one who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in - the high - est.

HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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 temptations but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD



6 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

10 mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

14 mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
give us your peace, give us your peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All are invited into a time of reflection before they receive communion. During this time, you may prepare your hearts to receive the sacrament. Once ready, you may commune yourself and those around you with the bread and wine/grape juice. A representative from each household may say the following—bread: **“The body of Christ given for you.”** Wine/grape juice: **“The blood of Christ shed for you.”**

COMMUNION HYMN

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep in his grace, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG - BE THE GOOD NEWS

6 In our lea-ving, peace re-cei-ving, keep us in joy di-
10 vine; in our pray-ing, work-ing, play-ing let hea-ven's good-ness
14 shine. Now send us out in your Spi-rit to be the good news where we
18 are. Let's not weigh what we have to off-er; each kind act we do can go
22 far. We yearn for a world with-out vio-lence, we long for a life free from
25 pain. O Christ be the light in our dark-ness and we'll see that
faith, hope, love still re - main.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - *All speak the prayer together.*

We thank you for your great gift of love, your Son Jesus Christ. May we who have received his body and blood bear the light of his love into the world, to your glory and for the healing of our world. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**BLESSING**

May the Lord bless you, may the Lord keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you his peace. In the name of the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN**ELW 537****On Our Way Rejoicing**

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
 2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
 un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
 un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
 on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,
 hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
 Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“All God Beyond All Praising”

arr. Lloyd Larson

Altar flowers are given by Pat Fortmeier in honor of Dave’s 90th birthday last Tuesday, May 28th, and for our many blessings.

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| Calendar This Week | | |
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| Every Sunday | 10:00 AM | Virtual & In-Person Worship Service |
| Wed 6/5/24 | 10:00 AM | Bible Study in the Chapel |
| Thurs 6/6/24 | 7:00 PM | Choir Practice |
| Sat 6/8/24 | 9:30 AM | Food Shelf Open |

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday June 30th is an important day for the future of our congregation! A **Special Congregational Meeting will be held right after worship service to nominate the Call Committee.** Lunch and refreshments will be provided!! After the very short Congregational meeting everyone is invited to stay and work with the synod staff who will be here to help us put down our goals for our congregation and a new pastor, to help the Call Committee. Please plan to attend the Congregational and synod meetings, and let anyone on council know if you’d like to be part of the Call Committee!

Thank you to everyone who helped organize and participate in the memorial service for Karen Smallfoot!!

THANKOFFERING CHURCHES 🏛️

In June you will notice a decorated shoebox in the narthex. Please write your name and your suggestions for donations to a charitable organization(s) and place them in the box. You may also text or email me. 626-215-3964, marshag06@gmail.com.

Thank you Women of Grace for participating, Marsha Green

Join us this Sunday at 10 AM for our Virtual Worship via Zoom!

Check in a few minutes early and hear the prelude! You may also join us on Facebook Live. We look forward to seeing your faces and worshipping together!

Join Zoom Meeting

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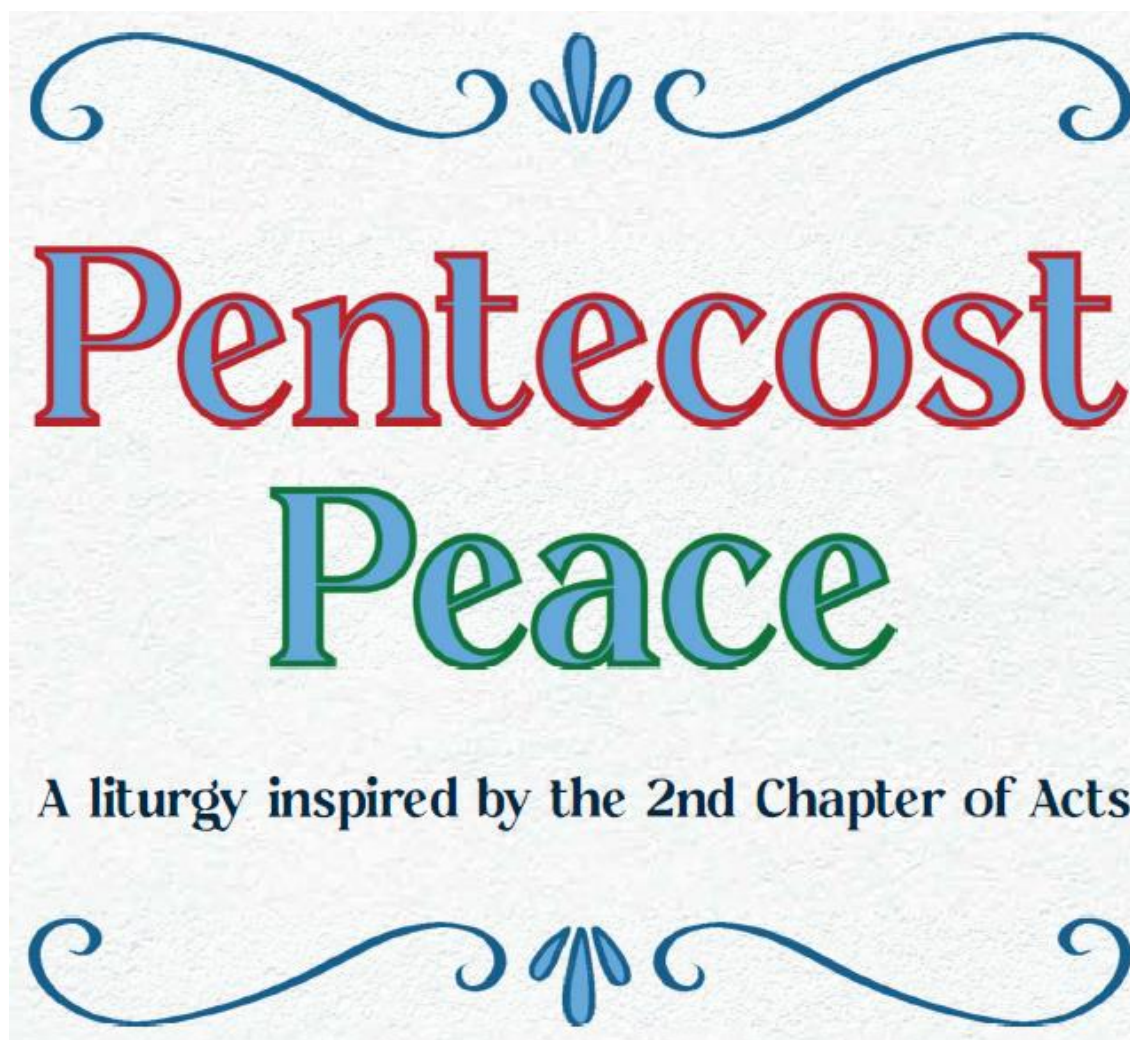
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We are back to joining at the altar for communion. We will be going up the center aisle and returning down the side aisles. If you are not comfortable with that, pick up a communion set at the table in the narthex and then proceed into the sanctuary. There will be 3 options for communion: bread and wine, bread and juice, and gluten-free bread and wine. Only take one set for yourself. Wait for communion instructions before opening the packet.

The service will still be available on Zoom and Facebook Live for those who prefer to remain at home. If you have questions, please let our church office know. We look forward to actually seeing you at church this Sunday!



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Composer-in-residence, Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church, Pasadena, CA

Written in consultation with Bishop Brenda Bos
and in fond remembrance of Pastor Zachary Johnson

— *Composer's Note* —

ONE SUNDAY in the summer of 2023 Pastor Zach Johnson suggested that I compose a liturgy. I had not thought about this before but the idea soon took root and I felt I might be able to bring something new to our liturgical worship, both musically and lyrically—I especially wished to focus on our life together as the body of Christ and our calling to work for peace and justice in the world. I emailed Bishop Brenda Bos to ask if she had any ideas about this, and she certainly did: in a virtual meeting at the end of August she and I agreed that I would compose a liturgy for the Pentecost season inspired by the 2nd chapter of Acts. I immediately phoned Pastor Zach to share the news and was expecting to collaborate with him to flesh out the themes and text of the liturgy. That turned out to be the last conversation I had with Zachary Johnson who was called to his eternal home the very next day.

Zach was our pandemic pastor, coming to us from Iowa with his wife Kristin and their two young daughters in February 2020, just a few weeks before the lockdown that would physically separate him from his new flock. In addition to the problems of preaching and pastoring at a distance, he also faced serious health challenges in the last few years. Even with all these difficulties our congregation was uniquely blessed by Pastor Zach's ministry to us, and with his love of music he was particularly encouraging to me as a songwriter. He helped to facilitate my participation in an artist residency program with Fuller Seminary, culminating in a hymn festival featuring several of my scripture songs which our church held in 2022.

In our shared grief at the loss of a beloved pastor and friend, Bishop Brenda and I were determined that the creative seed he planted would be brought to fruition in his honor, and she made time in her busy schedule to help me explore the aspects of the Pentecost story that we wanted to highlight in this liturgy. I was struck by how the Spirit enabled the disciples to both transcend their differences and celebrate their diversity: we see this in the way that the gospel of Christ is proclaimed in many languages, and also in the shared life of sacrificial love exhibited by the early church. Inspired by these reflections I wrote a six-piece liturgy called *Pentecost Peace* featuring three pieces with original lyrics: *Sacred Spate*, *Tapestry of Peace*, and the sending song *Be the Good News*.

Some of my favorite verses of scripture come from the end of Acts Chapter 2, so I pray that my words and music might evoke a vision of true community, nourished by God's unrelenting love, to sustain our hope in Christ and our faith in each other, even in our unjust and unpeaceful world.

Paul Heatley, Hut Avenue Grace Lutheran Church - February 2024

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