

PENTECOST 3

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Guitar Prelude: Spanish Ballad

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guitarist Bruce Nasmith

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs.” (Mark 4:30-32)

We come to worship to gain new perspectives, to see the world and our place within it from new angles, to understand God’s love in surprising new ways.

The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God. (Psalm 92:12-13)

We come to worship to root and ground ourselves in God, to bloom and flourish in ways that affect our journey each day.

We come to worship to use our imaginations: to open our eyes to the ways that small things can grow and transform our hearts, our minds, and our actions. We come to be reminded that small things can lead to big changes.

Trusting in God’s transforming power, let us worship together!

Hymn: Come, let us sing to the Lord our song

No. 412

soloists Erin Stone and Chris Tanaka-Mann with organist Bruce Nasmith

1. Come, let us sing to the Lord our song:
we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.

2. O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;
God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,
strengthened and comforted
by God's hand.

3. You dwell among us
and cause us to pray, and
walk with each other following your way;
our precious brothers and sisters will grow
in the fulfilling love they know.

4. Deserts shall bloom
and mountains shall sing
to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low;
let your praises endlessly flow.

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The 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 temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;
And also with you.

Children's Theme for Church School

Special Music: "The Spark of Creation" from Children of Eden
soloist Erin Stone with pianist Bruce Nasmith

Stephen Schwartz

Scripture Reading: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; Mark 4:26-34

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

1 It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
2 to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
3 to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
4 For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

12 The righteous flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
13 They are planted in the house of the Lord;
they flourish in the courts of our God.
14 In old age they still produce fruit;
they are always green and full of sap,
15 showing that the Lord is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Mark 4:26-34

26 He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, 27 and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. 28 The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. 29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

30 He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; 32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; 34 he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

We are listening, O God;
Speak to us!

Sermon:

A SEEDY HOPE

Rev. Rebecca

Special Music: "You Say"

Lauren Daigle

soloist Anna Bateman with pianist Bruce Nasmith

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn: God whose giving knows no ending

No. 663

soloists Anna Bateman and Chris Tanaka-Mann with organist Bruce Nasmith

1. God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

2. Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labour,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

3. Treasure too you have entrusted,
gain through pow'rs your Grace conferred:
Ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call.
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Guitar Postlude: "The Waterfall"

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