

PENTECOST 13 SUNDAY

August 22, 2021

Guitar Prelude: Pavana in A major

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Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

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. But the apostle Paul also says “We have this treasure in clay jars”

**We cannot ever completely understand the mystery of our faith.
Yet we come to worship, Sunday by Sunday, trusting in God’s love and grace,
seeking to grow more intentionally as followers of Jesus Christ.**

ALL: As we gather together in spirit, let us worship God.

Hymn: I sing the almighty power of God

No. 333

1. I sing the almighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at Gods command,
and all the stars obey.

2. I sing the goodness of the Lord,
that filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word,
and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eyes,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the skies!

3. There's not a plant or flower below
but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow
by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere I could be,
thou, God, art present there.

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.

Special Music: "Thy perfect love"

John Rutter

Scripture Readings: John 6:51-60, 66-69, 2 Corinthians 4:1-7

John 6:51-60, 66-69

⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' ⁵³So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?'

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

2 Corinthians 4:1-7

⁴Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend

ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we 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.

⁷ But 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.

We are listening, O God;
Speak to us!

Sermon: SURROUNDED BY MYSTERY Rev. Dr. Carol Loudon

Special Music: "And I saw a new heaven" Malcolm Archer

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn: Colourful Creator, God of mystery

No. 317

1. Colourful Creator,
God of mystery,
thank you for the artist
teaching us to see
glimpses of the meaning
of the commonplace,
visions of the holy
in each human face.

3. Author of our journey,
God of near and far,
praise for tale and drama
telling who we are,
stripping to the essence
struggles of our day,
time of change and conflict
when we choose our way.

2. Harmony of ages,
God of listening ear,
thank you for composers
tuning us to hear
echoes of Gospel
in the songs we sing,
sounds of love and longing
from the deepest spring.

4. God of truth and beauty,
Poet of the Word,
may we be creators
by the Spirit stirred,
open to your presence
in our joy and strife,
vessels of the holy
coursing through our life.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Guitar Postlude: Pavana in D major

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