



OLYMPIA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
June 13, 2021 • 3rd Sunday after Pentacost

GATHER

Welcome, Virtual Check-In & Announcements

Prelude

Dr. Jonathan Spatola-Knoll

Gathering Video

*There I Am*

The Work of the People

Call-to-Worship

Servant: The Holy Spirit has given us life and pours on us the power to become new people!

**People: The winds of the spirit have given us breath and the fire of the spirit has ignited in us a love for God and each other.**

Servant: Come here in faithfulness and be ready for the surprises that God's Spirit brings.

**People: We open our lives to the presence of God and trust God's promise to us that we can live new lives of freedom and grace. May God help us to be true people of spirit, letting holy surprises fill our days!**

Hymn

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

#64, v. 1-4

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies;  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree, and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony, linking sense to sound and sight,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise

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**Invocation**

God of wondrous love, you have touched us and never left us. You have held us in our grief and chaos. You have never deserted us. In life and in death – you raise us anew! God of wondrous love, touch us again – stay with us – continue to heal us, walk with us, sit with us.  
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

**The Written Word**

Psalm 20  
To the leader. A Psalm of David.

NSRV

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob, protect you!  
May God send you help from the sanctuary, and give you support from Zion.  
May God remember all your offerings, and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices. *Selah*  
May God grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your plans.  
May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God, set up our banners.  
May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.  
Now I know that the Lord will help God's anointed;  
God will answer the king, from the holy heaven, with mighty victories by God's right hand.  
Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.  
They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright.  
Give victory to the king, O Lord; answer us when we call.

**Mission Video**

Let Love Flow

One Great Hour of Sharing

**Tithes & Offerings**

**Mission Moment**

Here I am... Send Me!

**Responding to God**

*Offertory*

Refreshed by living waters, renewed by living bread,  
May we your sons and daughters, by your own hand be led.  
Accept the gifts we offer; receive the lives we owe.  
Unite us in your service; may seeds of justice grow.

**Song**

*His Eye is on the Sparrow*

Choir

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ENTERING GOD'S STORY

**The Written Word**

Ezekiel 17:22-24 & Mark 4:26-34

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, they do not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once they go in with their sickle, because the harvest has come."

Jesus also said, "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, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

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

**The Spoken Word**

*Our Silent Friends*

Rev. Mylinda Baits

RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

**Prayers of the People**

Love Divine, whose mercies are fresh with the morning and whose grace amazes us into joy: Grant, that, in our worship and in our daily living, we may be deeply aware of the strength of your mercy. Move us to share that strength with others in the world. Amazing Love, you are the author and source of our lives. You spread before us many pathways in this world of wilderness, and we are free to choose our own path. In our process of choosing, Holy Spirit, lend us guidance. In our moments of despair, encourage us and broaden our perspective. In our moments of failure, empower us with strength to try again. In our moments of victory, teach us humility. Send us your loving spirit, that we may be agents of care and concern. Open our ears that we may hear you and one another. Warm our hearts that we may care for one another as well as those around us. Enlighten our minds that we may be about the challenges and tasks you set before us. Amen.

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**Hymn**

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

#358, v. 1, 3, 4

Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;  
Just to rest upon the promise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking Life and rest, and joy and peace.  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And I know that Thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end.  
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

**Postlude**

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**Benediction**

Walk Humbly • Love Completely • Live Differently