

The Celebration of Worship
May 19, 2024

—CHIMING OF THE HOUR—

PRELUDE *Prelude on “St. Catherine”* G. Young

CENTERING Rev. Rhonda Blevins

One: Welcome to worship and know God’s love!

Many: **We gather to encourage one another toward a vibrant life with Christ!**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Jody DeBold

CHORAL INTROIT *Spirit of Gentleness* SPIRIT

CALL TO WORSHIP Jody DeBold

One: O God! How great You are! On the first day of the week we commemorate Your creation of the world and all that is in it.

Many: **Thank you for the light which wakes us morning by morning, and for that greater light which shines in Jesus Christ.**

One: O God! How great You are! On the first day of the week You raised Jesus from the dead.

Many: **Raise us with Him to a new quality of faith and life.**

One: O God! How great You are! Again on the first day of the week You sent Your Spirit on Your disciples.

Many: **Do not deprive us of Your Spirit, but renew Your Spirit in us day by day.**

*HYMN 576 *Thou Whose Purpose Is To Kindle* HYFRYDOL

*Thou, whose purpose is to kindle: now ignite us with Thy fire;
While the earth a waits Thy burning with Thy passion us inspire.
Overcome our sinful calmness, rouse us with redemptive shame;
Baptize with Thy fiery Spirit, crown our lives with tongues of flame.*

*Thou, who in Thy holy gospel will that man should truly live:
Make us sense our share of failure, our tranquility forgive.
Teach us courage as we struggle in all liberating strife;
Lift the smallness of our vision by Thine own abundant life.*

*Thou, who still a sword delivers rather than a placid peace:
With Thy sharpened word disturb us, from complacency release!
Save us now from satisfaction when we privately are free,
Yet are undisturbed in spirit by our brother’s misery.*

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Jody DeBold

Holy Spirit, sweep through our beings like a mighty wind. Fill and inspire us with the crackling fire of Your presence. Heal and refresh us within the fold of Your tender wings. Comfort and counsel us with wisdom and understanding. Breathe into us the breath and blessing of new and abundant life. Amen.

*HYMN 142 *Gloria Patri* GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.*

Youth and children may exit for Sunday school. All kids welcome!

FIRST READING *Acts 2:1-13, 37-41* Pew Bible 885

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS Jody DeBold

You may place your offering in the plate as it comes by or text “give” to 727-222-1336.

SOLO *Just As I Am* L. Moore

Irene Gabel, alto

*RESPONSE 382 *Doxology* OLD 100TH

*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.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Jody DeBold

**Even as we have received, so we give.
Bless, O Lord, these gifts, those who give them,
and that for which they are intended. Amen.**

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

PREPARATION 155 *Spirit of the Living God* Living God

Choir & Congregation

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Blevins

SILENT PRAYER

OUR 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,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*HYMN *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* DETROIT

*“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” you taught us, Lord, to pray,
But you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.*

*How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?*

*In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!*

*Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease.
Then, by your mercy reconciled, our live will spread your peace.*

SECOND READING *Matthew 18:15-22* Pew Bible 799

ANTHEM *In This Very Room* R. Harris

MESSAGE *We Forgive* Rev. Blevins

*We forgive and reconcile continually.
—From the Chapel’s “Core Commitments”*

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

*HYMN 559 *Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine* MARYTON

*Come, Holy Spirit, Dove divine, on these baptismal waters shine,
And teach our hearts, in highest strain, to praise the Lamb for sinners slain.*

*We love Thy name, we love Thy laws, and joyfully embrace Thy cause;
We love Thy cross, the shame, the pain, O Lamb of God for sinners slain.*

*We sink beneath the water’s face, and thank Thee for Thy saving grace;
We die to sin and seek a grave with Thee, beneath the yielding wave.*

*And as we rise with Thee to live, O let the Holy Spirit give
The sealing unction from above, the joy of life, the fire of love.*

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

*CHIMES

*BENEDICTION Rev. Blevins

*RESPONSE *This Little Light of Mine* THIS LITTLE LIGHT

*This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

Jesus gave it to me, I’m gonna let it shine . . .

*POSTLUDE *Prelude and Fugue in D minor, BWV 554* J.S. Bach

**Please rise in body and/or spirit!*