



May 19, 2024—8:30 and 9:45 am
Sanctuary

*To take up a cross is to declare your life (as you have known it) forfeit.
It is laying down your life for the very reason that your life, it turns out, is not yours at all.
It belongs to Jesus. He made it. And through his death he has bought it. -Sam Allberry*

Prelude

Community Life Update

*Call to Worship

Acts 2:1-4, 12-14, 22, 32-33, 36

Leader: When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.

**All: And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind,
and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.**

Leader: And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

**All: And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues
as the Spirit gave them utterance...**

Leader: And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice...

All: "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God...

This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

Leader: Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

**All: Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and
Christ..."**

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymns of Praise

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise:

Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.

Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour:

Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore.

His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

"Come, Thou Almighty King" Words: Anon., circa 1757; Music: Felice De Giardini, Public Domain, 1769

* Please stand if you are able.

Do you feel the world is broken? **We do.** Do you feel the shadows deepen? **We do.**
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? **We do.**
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? **We do.**

Is all creation groaning? **It is.** Is a new creation coming? **It is.**
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? **It is.**
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **It is.**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave; He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? **He does.** Does the Spirit move among us? **He does.**
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? **He does.**
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? **He does.**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave; He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
From ev'ry people and tribe, every nation and tongue;
He has made us a kingdom and priests
To God to reign with the Son. Is He worthy?
Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is!
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is! He is!

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Affirmation of Faith

from the Heidelberg Catechism, Question 20

Q. What do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?

**A. I believe that the Holy Spirit is, together with the Father and the Son, true and eternal God.
And I believe that He is also given to me, to make me—by true faith—
share in Christ and all his benefits, to comfort me, and to remain with me forever.**

Choral Meditation

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

Spirit of God, Spirit of God, descend upon my heart.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no op'ning skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh, teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heav'n-descended Dove; my heart an altar and thy love the flame.

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Confession of Sin

Matthew 5:38-42

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you."

Moment of Silent Confession

Words of Grace and Peace

Luke 18:10-14

"Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

*Hymn of Worship

K4-K5 may leave for Kids Ministry.

8:30 am—One parent will need to escort the child to volunteers in the Commons Area for Kids Church.

9:45 am—One parent will need to escort the child downstairs to join Kids Sunday School.

Jesus I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee and Thy beauty fills my soul,
For by Thy transforming power Thou hast made me whole.

*Jesus I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art.
I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.*

Oh, how great Thy loving kindness, vaster broader than the sea.
Oh, how marvelous Thy goodness lavished all on me.
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is Thine,
Know Thy certainty of promise and have made it mine.

Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee,
Resting 'neath Thy smile Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting resting, fill me with Thy grace.

*"Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting" Words and Music: David Hampton and Jean Pigot
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Call to Sacrificial Living

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Romans 2

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Andy Lewis

*Hymn of Response

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship his holy name,
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning. It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come,
Still my soul will sing your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore.

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*Benediction

*Postlude

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Assisting in Worship Today:

Preacher: Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

Liturgist: Mark Reed, Executive Pastor

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May Elective — *Encounters with Jesus* taught by Neel Skelton (9:45 in Learning Commons)

You cannot come into the presence of God and stay the same. In May, we will be looking at different people's encounters with Jesus in the gospels and the transformative power of those interactions.

June Elective— *Partners in Ministry* taught by Sarah Warren (9:45 in Learning Commons)

What is the role of women in the church? How does MRPC as well as the PCA view the biblical role of women? How has feminism impacted our culture as well as the Church? How was Jesus the greatest liberator of women in history? Sarah Warren will walk us through the answers to these important questions.

Courageous Steps to Missional Living—May Emphasis: Local Reach

Each month we are exploring different avenues through which we can live missionally. This month we are considering how we take those steps in our local context. If you did not get our May handout with ideas and suggestions, stop by the Welcome Desk to pick one up. It is also available on the front page of our website!