



**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**Pentecost**  
**May 23, 2021**

**GREETING**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

**MUSIC OF PREPARATION**

*Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral*  
Mr. Justin Maxey

Richard Wagner

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence  
Associate Minister

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 104:31-35*

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works--  
**who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.**  
I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
**May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.**  
**Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

*O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

WAREHAM

**\*HYMN**

*O Church of God, United*

ELLACOMBE

*O church of God, united to serve one common Lord,  
proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord,  
Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day  
with strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.*

*From every land and nation the ordered ranks appear;  
to serve one valiant leader they come from far and near.  
They chant their one confession, they praise one living Lord,  
and place their sure dependence upon his saving word.*



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*Though creeds and tongues may differ, they speak, O Christ, of thee;  
and in thy loving spirit we shall one people be.  
Lord, may our faithful service and singleness of aim  
proclaim to all the power of thy redeeming name.*

*May thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one;  
close bound, by love united in thee, God's blessed Son:  
to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright,  
that souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy \*catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.** *\*universal UMH 881*

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

MEINEKE

**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.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:  
"The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."*

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Lawrence

**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.**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*One Faith, One Hope, One Lord*

Craig Courtney

*One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died.  
One voice, one song we lift in praise to Him Who was and is and shall be evermore.*

*There is one body, one Spirit, as you were called to one hope.  
One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all,  
above all and through all. Who is in you all.*

*One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died.  
One voice, one song we lift in praise to Him Who was and is and shall be evermore.*

*Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts,  
we are given to each other for the unity of faith,  
to grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.*

*One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died.  
One voice, one song we lift in praise to Him Who was and is and shall be evermore.  
One faith, one hope, one Lord, one God!*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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**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 ILLUMINATION**

Rev. Lawrence and **People**

**Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

**\*SCRIPTURE LESSON**

*Acts 2:1-21*

Rev. Lawrence

*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.*

*<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."*

*<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'*

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Becoming Like Christ: Together*

Dr. Martin

**\*HYMN**

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

ST. THOMAS

*I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,  
the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.*

*I love thy church, O God! Her walls before thee stand  
dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.*

*For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend,  
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.*

*Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,  
her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.*

*Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given  
the brightest glories earth can yeild, and brighter bliss of heaven.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Dr. Martin

*May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you.  
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.  
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.  
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our arms.*

**POSTLUDE**

*Toccata Brillante on "We Will Glorify"*

Twila Paris, arr. Fred Bock

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

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Joe Byers  
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Martha Hale  
Tangie Hubbard  
Cindy Jennings

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David McDuffie  
Lurlene Perry  
Claudia Rhodes  
Nancy Riccardi

Sue Sheddan  
Mabel Wilbanks  
Brad Wilkinson

**The flowers today are presented to the glory of God**  
and in celebration of the birthday of Leslie Martin by Thomas Martin.



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