

Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday

May 15, 2016

Call to Offering

L: In all of Creation, we see God's vision for the future.
The gifts from Creation lead us to build the dreams of God.
With a heart of hope and a soul of gratitude, let us share our offerings
to create the Church of today and tomorrow.

Offertory *Shepherd Me, O God* Jeffrey Honore

* Offertory Response # 785

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

We delight in Your Creation, Loving God.

We rejoice in Your hopes, visions and dreams.

**In a spirit of thanksgiving, we ask that You give us the courage
to take these talents to build and not bury. Amen.**

* Hymn of Affirmation (Choir) *God Claims You*

We Affirm Our Faith (See Insert)

We Celebrate Holy Communion

Communion Hymn # 293 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

Invitation

L: The ancient prophet reminds us...
Jesus Christ, manna of heaven, is the host of this table.

**All: Christ taught us that this is the table
where abundant provision
overwhelms our fears of scarcity.
This is the table where divine hospitality
embraces the whole body and each of its members.**

Communion Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go Forth to Serve

* Hymn of Sending #353 *Great Work Has God Begun in You*

* Commission & Benediction

Postlude *Alleluia, Amen!* Chester Nordman

We Gather To Worship

Pealing of the bells & lighting of the candles

Gathering *I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light* John Benke

Introit

***In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.***

* Call to Worship

L: We are given water

All: To renew our arid paths.

L: We are given fire

All: To ignite our dreams.

L: We are given winds

All: To move us towards our visions.

L: We are given the earth

All: In which we plant seeds of hope.

**Through the pieces of Creation,
we see the steadfast presence of God;
Through the stirring of the Spirit,
we no longer stand still.**

Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

Creator God, Divine Artist,

**You have placed climate, plants, seas and mountains
to be great encouragers in our lives.**

Your Spirit moves seeds to trees,

bulbs to lilies, and clouds to rainbows.

The air we breathe enlivens us.

The streams we touch awaken us.

May we see Creation as a friend on our journey—

one who will teach us of your steadfast love. Amen.

* Hymn of Praise (Insert)

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

* Please stand as you are able

We Share Our Life Together

Passing of the Peace (Greeting)

Thinking About ...

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Call to Reconciliation

Reverend John Shillingburg

Prayer of Reconciliation

(Based on Psalm 104)

L: Loving God, You make the winds Your messengers,
fire and flame Your ministers,

**All: And yet we turn our faces from the significance
of Creation's call.**

L: You make the springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills,
giving drink to every wild animal,

**All: And yet we forget that clean water
has become a privilege and not a right.**

L: By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;
they sing among the branches,

All: And yet we have destroyed the homes of Your wildlife.

L: You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to use, to bring forth from the earth,

All: And yet those who reap our crops are often forgotten.

L: When You give to them, they gather it up;
when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.

All: And yet we are ungrateful, and close our mouths to praise.

**In order to us to live into our dreams,
we are called to remember that caring for Creation
is part of Your vision.**

**Spirit of wisdom and forgiveness,
open our hearts to a new way of caring,
one that remembers Creation as part of God's family.**

Words of Assurance

L: Like the warm rain that falls in the summertime
or the light snow of winter,
God's grace is showered upon us,
reminding us that this is the moment to begin again.

All: Amen.

We Hear the Word

* Hymn of Inspiration #282

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Greek Scripture

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Epistle

Romans 8:14-17

Sermon

Rev. Rebecca Shillingburg

Our Foundation Shapes Our Vision

Blessing of the Visions

Reverend Rebecca Shillingburg

L: God of time, Spirit of space, bless these visions.
Use these dreams to carry us to tomorrow,
Bringing love, grace and joy in your name.

All: Amen.

We Respond to the Word

Pastoral Prayer

Reverend John Shillingburg

Prayer of Our Savior

**All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

Anthem

Two Fishermen

Suzanne Toolan