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8:00 Worship

The Church Gathers in God's Name

PRELUDE

Maynard Heins

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Almighty God, pour out the spirit of grace and supplication on all who desire it. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and truth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING CHORUS

Sweet, Sweet Spirit
Doris Akers, 1962

**There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

**Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us,
filling us with your love. And for these blessings
we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know
that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove Isaac Watts
**Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all your quickening powers;
kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.**

**See how we trifle here below, fond of these earthly toys:
our souls, how heavily they go, to reach eternal joys.**

**In vain we tune our formal songs, in vain we strive to rise:
hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all your quickening powers;
come, shed abroad a Savior's love, and that shall kindle ours.**

UNISON PRAYER

Eric Milner-White

O God, the Holy Spirit, come to us and among us;
come as the wind and cleanse us; come as the fire and burn;
come as the dew and refresh; convict, convert, and consecrate
many hearts and lives – starting with ours – to do great things
and give you the greatest glory. Amen.

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

The Church Hears God's Word

Romans 8:14-17, NIV

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

SERMON

When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were thunderstruck. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?"

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites;
Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia,
Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,
Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene;
Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes;
Even Cretans and Arabs!

"They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"

Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?"

Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."

That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk—it's only nine o'clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

"In the Last Days," God says,

"I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people:

Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters;

Your young men will see visions, your old men dream dreams.

When the time comes, I'll pour out my Spirit

On those who serve me, men and women both, and they'll prophesy.

I'll set wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below,

Blood and fire and billowing smoke,

the sun turning black and the moon blood-red,

Before the Day of the Lord arrives,

the Day tremendous and marvelous;

And whoever calls out for help to me, God, will be saved."

The Church Responds to God

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**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.**

PERSONAL PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, 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

Father, We Have Heard You Calling

**Father, we have heard you calling to your church in every age;
for a sign of true devotion for a sacrifice of praise.**

**In this place where you have brought us, may we always seek to be
one in love and one in worship — children of eternity.**

**Jesus Christ, our faith's perfecter, priest and advocate above.
We would reach our broken nation with the truth of your great love.
So transform our feeble witness, may we always live to be
one in love and one in worship — children of eternity.**

Holy Spirit, fire of heaven, fall upon us here today.

Bring release, bring tears, bring passion,

then transform your church, we pray.

**As you pour your grace upon us, may we always thirst to be
one in love and one in worship — children of eternity.**

**Praise we bring to God the Father, praise we bring to God the Son,
praise to God the Holy Spirit, praise to you, the three in one.**

**Trinity of love inspire us, may we always strive to be
one in love and one in worship — children of eternity.**

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DEPART WITH BLESSING



Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." (John 14:6)

Our church exists so that all people might
find the Way, know the Truth, and experience the Life!"

JUNE STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Some say 'Give till it hurts.'
Why not give until other people stop hurting?

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

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