

Morning Worship
May 20, 2018
Graduation Sunday

We Gather in God's Name

Greeting Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *Every Time I Feel The Spirit*

Hailstork

Choral Introit *God Is Here Today*

*Call to Worship

Jacob Goddard

The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing peace to unite the world in a just and caring community.

The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.

The Spirit spreads like fire, bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

Spirit of the living God, come to us and transform our lives by your power.

Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day

Holy One, when Christ ascended into heaven to reign with you in power and glory, you sent the Spirit of truth to guide us into the way, the truth, and the life of Christ. Let your Spirit, our Advocate, guide us still—preserving us from judgment, protecting us from sin, and leading us into righteousness, so that we may testify to the good news: fullness of life and joy for all; through Jesus Christ our Savior and in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

*Hymn #289 *On Pentecost They Gathered*

Call to Confession

We do not stop enough to listen to God. And like the people of Jerusalem long ago, we often misunderstand the Spirit's movement among us. In the silence and stillness of this moment, let us draw near to God and listen.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

We confess to you, Renewing Spirit, that we confuse unity with uniformity, and diversity with divisiveness. We speak and behave as if being a part of your family means assimilating others to our way of living. We deny and destroy the beauty you created in each person. We long to change these patterns, O Creator, but we do not know how. Teach us to value challenge. Help us to see strength in difference. And empower us to build your kingdom in creativity and love. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God's Spirit did not leave us after that first Pentecost. The Spirit is still with us, empowering us to know mercy and grace, forgiveness and service. In this Spirit, and through Christ let us know that we are forgiven as we continue to proclaim the Good News.

Thanks be to God.

We Receive God's Word

Children's Sermon

Preschool-Kindergarten age children are dismissed to the Pray n' Play program held in the room beside the church nursery in the main Church building. Children who are in the 1st grade and higher should return to their seats in the congregation.

Anthem

Fly Away Home

Pinkzebra

I'll ride with the horses. I'll swim through the sea.

I'll climb to the mountain tops. Won't you come follow me?

I'll take time to notice all that I see.

And after I've come so far, you know where I'll be.

I'll fly away, fly away, fly away home.

I'll fly away, fly away, fly away home.

Well life is a vision. That's how it should be.

The world is a canvas. And the choices are free.

At the end of the journey, when all is complete,

They'll all wonder where I've gone.

But you know where I'll be.

I'll fly away, fly away, fly away home.

I'll fly away, fly away, fly away home.

Our dreams last forever, for all that we know.

The roads come together. And that's where we'll go.

We'll fly away, fly away home.

We'll fly away, fly away home.

Oo.... We'll fly away, fly away, fly away home. Fly away home.

We'll fly away, fly away, fly away.

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson Romans 12:1-2

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Mac McCall

"It's Your Turn"

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn #292 *As the Wind Song*

* Declaration of Faith (Adapted from Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in

the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women, men, and people to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

**Gloria Patri* (hymn 581)

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.

Recognition of Graduates

High School

Harvey Anderson: attending Tulsa Welding School – Jacksonville, Florida

Michael Hammer: attending University of South Carolina

Sara Marie Jewart: attending Northeastern Technical College

Jack McLeod: attending Clemson University

Master's Degree

Laura Brabham: Masters of Education in Higher Education/Student Affairs – University of South Carolina – December, 2017

Robert Blake Tillman: Masters of Business Administration – St. Andrews University – December, 2017

Lee Tillman: Masters of Science in Supply Chain, Logistics, and Data Analysis – Charleston Southern University – June, 2018

Jessica Chewning: Bachelor of Science in Nursing – Francis Marion University – May, 2018

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Holy Interruption *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

Prayers of The People (concluding with the 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 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.

Offering Invitation

Offertory *Jesus Shall Reign*

Cherwien

* Praise of God *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee

Prayer of Dedication

