

November 3, 2024
“A Time to Remember”

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Worship: 10:00 AM

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SEASON OF PENTECOST

“Tongues of fire came and rested upon each one of them and they were filled with the Holy Spirit!”

1. GATHERING

Musical Prelude (John)

Meditation Bell and Time of Quiet

Call to Worship: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

L: O taste and see that the LORD is good;

P: happy are those who take refuge in the LORD.

L: I will bless the LORD at all times; God’s praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

L: O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt the Lord’s name together.

P: I sought the LORD, and the LORD answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

L: Look to the LORD, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

Opening Prayer

Congregational Singing (Rachel and John)

John’s prelude is “Seven Spanish Angels” by Ray Charles and Willie Nelson. In the chorus, the mention of “seven Spanish angels” evokes a sense of ethereal intervention, as if celestial beings are observing the unfolding tragedy. These angels serve as a symbol of hope amidst the chaos — a collective yearning for salvation and solace.

P: This poor soul cried and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble.

L: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD, and delivers them.

P: O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in the LORD.

L: The LORD redeems the life of all who truly serve the LORD

ALL: O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in the LORD

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

All: Let us offer one another signs of peace, reconciliation, and love.

"But groundless hope, like unconditional love, is the only kind worth having." — John Perry Barlow

2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scriptures: Revelation 21:1-6a

Revelation 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. God will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God will be with them; God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."



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L: We do not come empty, Lord.

P: We come with joyful memories and hope for the future.

L: We come with tears of pain and heavy hearts.

P: For all the saints and martyrs who have been made perfect.

ALL: We worship you and praise your Holy Name!

Open Sharing

Lord, we know you have prepared a heavenly banquet and invited both saints and sinners. Here, on earth, we mourn and weep the loss of these saints; while in heaven they laugh and feast with you. We thank you for their lives on earth and rejoice in the promise of your kingdom coming when a new heaven and a new earth will feast as one. Amen

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

...Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship God day and night, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat: for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Congregational Singing (Rachel and John)

Joys and Concerns

Offering & Music (John)

Sending

We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.

Death has no dominion over them.

Blessed are those who die in the Lord,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"As we enter the path of transformation, the most valuable thing we have working in our favor is our yearning."
— Cynthia Bourgeault