

GSBC Worship

May 31, 2020

HYMN #HS 77 We Are The Church" (v. 1-2, 5-6)

- ▶ (Chorus) I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, All around the world! Yes, we're the church together!
- ▶ The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is a people! (Chorus)
- ▶ We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces, all colors and all ages, too from all times and places (Chorus)
- ▶ At Pentecost some people, received the Holy Spirit, and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it. (Chorus)
- ▶ I count if I am 90, or 9 or just a baby; There's one think I am sure about, and I don't mean maybe (Chorus)

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CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 104

- ▶ LEADER: How vast are your works, God, all of them created with wisdom. Your craftsmanship overflows the world.
- ▶ PEOPLE: Behold! The sea – its distance is huge and wide. In it, creatures crawl beyond number, small fish along with the large.
- ▶ LEADER: All of them look toward you to give them food in its time.
- ▶ PEOPLE: You provide it to them – they harvest it. You open your hand and they eat their share of good.
- ▶ LEADER: You hide your face and they are confounded, confused. You take back their breath and they grow weak, returning to the dust from which they were made.
- ▶ PEOPLE: You send forth your breath and they are created. You renew the face of the earth.
- ▶ LEADER: Your glory continues forever; may you always rejoice in your works!
- ▶ PEOPLE: The one who gazes toward earth and it trembles, you touch the mountains and they smoke.
- ▶ LEADER: I will sing out to God with my life, make melodies to the Creator with all my strength
- ▶ ALL: Stand in wonder, O my soul, before the Eternal. Let my soul shine praises on God.

HYMN #CH 17 “O Worship the King” (v.1, 4-5)

- ▶ O worship the King all glorious above,
and gratefully sing God's wonderful love,
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

- ▶ Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

- ▶ Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

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Receiving Of Our Offerings

► *Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Whose constant love and grace we know.
Bless now, O God, these gifts we give
That others may in your peace live. Amen.*

HYMN #CH 237 “On Pentecost They Gathered” (v. 1-4)

- ▶ On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day, a band of Christ’s disciples, to worship, sing, and pray. A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air, and tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.
- ▶ The people all around them were startled and amazed to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised. What universal message, what great good news was here? That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.
- ▶ God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe, on women, men, and children who would God’s grace receive. That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power. The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.
- ▶ O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago, rekindle faith among us in all life’s ebb and flow. O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise, so people of all nations, glad songs of joy shall raise.

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Scriptures & Sermon “You Think You’ve Got It Bad!”

- ▶ **Acts 2:1-21**
- ▶ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
- ▶ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”
- ▶ 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

HYMN #CH 485 “Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race”

- ▶ Diverse in culture, nation, race, we come together by your grace.
God, let us be a meeting ground where hope and healing love
are found.
- ▶ God, let us be a bridge of care connecting people ev'rywhere.
Help us confront al fear and hate and lust for pow'r that
separate.
- ▶ When chasms wide, storms arise, O Holy Spirit, make us wise. Let
our resolve, like steel, be strong to stand with those who suffer
wrong.
- ▶ God, let us be a table spread with gifts of love and broken bread,
where all find welcome, grace attends, and enemies arise as
friends.

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Shalom Circle

► Shalom, my friend; Shalom, my friend; Shalom, Shalom. We'll see you again; We'll see you again; Shalom, Shalom.

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