

May 31, 2020 Pentecost Sunday

Prelude

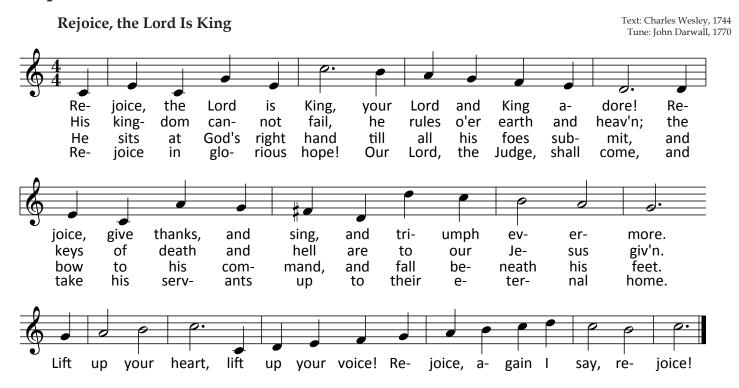
For the Beauty of the Earth

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## God calls us to worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who gives us life and love in Christ by his Spirit. Let us worship God through the Spirit of our risen Lord. Amen!

#### We praise God



# We pray for God to help us worship

Christ is risen! *He is risen indeed! He died for us that we might live for him.* 

#### God calls us to confess our sin

from Galatians 5:13, 16; James 4:10

For freedom Christ has set us free. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity to indulge the sinful nature. Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

### We confess our sin

Father of love, you have poured out your Holy Spirit upon us to make your church a worldwide family united in love by your saving power in Christ. But we confess that we resist and grieve your Spirit for we have not loved as you have loved us. We have broken the bond of unity and peace in your Spirit, dividing your church with factions and loyalties that focus on difference more than our unity in Christ. Our wounds fester unforgiven, and we bear grudges that devour us with bitterness. And so the ugly darkness of our sin hides the light and glory of your truth and healing power. Lord, have mercy on us.

(silent prayers of confession)

Father, help us find true unity and peace in Jesus. By your Spirit, help us do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, so that our unity in love and truth may show the world that you are real and that your strong, steadfast love and mercy break down every wall of division that hinders your mission to reconcile us to you and to each another in Christ.

# God declares our forgiveness

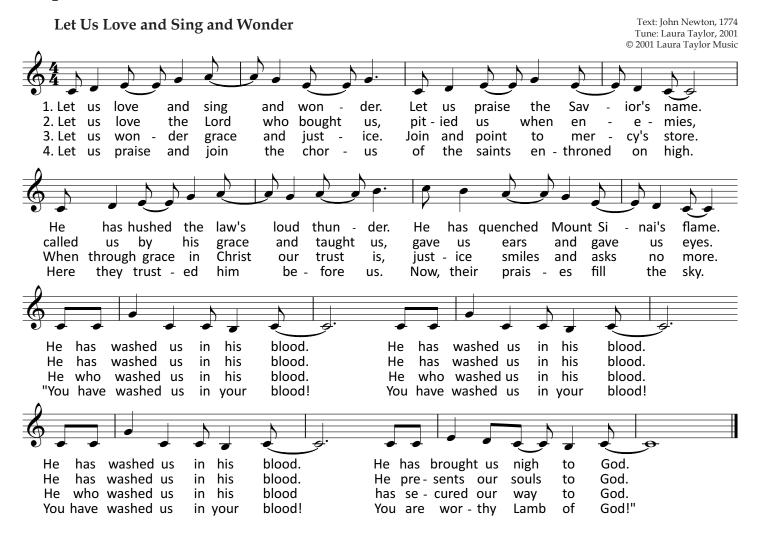
from Ephesians 2:13-14, 16; Romans 8:1-2

In Christ Jesus, you who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace and has reconciled us to God in one body through the cross. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

Hallelujah! Amen!

### We praise God



#### God instructs us in scripture reading

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup> Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup> And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup> both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." <sup>12</sup> And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

#### God instructs us in preaching

"Jesus Joins the Separated" Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

Sermon Notes:

#### We offer ourselves in gifts and song

#### Spirit, Working in Creation

1. Spi - rit, work ing in cre tion, bring - ing or der out of strife, а -2. Spi - rit, up - on \_ ing from Fa ther dove Lord, com the as а our 3. Spi - rit, dis - ci peace where there was breathed on the ples, giv - ing fear, mak - ing 4. Spi - rit, ing, break - ing, bread and wine heaven - ly food. tak our 0 0 ø 0. a - mong ga - thered giv ing God's peo and life. come ple, \_ har mo - ny your peo come up - on your cho sen ple, may bless - ings be out - poured. a - mong touch send us, mak Je come us, us, ing sus' pre sence near. come, and take us, break us, make us, live Christ's life in us re - newed. 6 0. of Spi rit, speak - ing through the pro phets, SO the voice God was heard, -Α-ving Spi rit, dri de \_ sert God's noin One, to the е ven ted bring - ing glo - ry Spi free rit, dom, bless help health lame, -ing, to poor, and to Praise and glo Но ly Spi riť, for your love on us out - poured, ry 0 in - spire, lert ple to - day's pro - phe come, a your peo to tic word. -God's will tri - al done. come to us in and test \_ ing, that in us be Je a - noint won ders done name. come, that such may be in sus' us, Je - sus giv ing ho nor to the Fa \_ ther, and pro - claim ing Lord. -

We offer our service to God's church

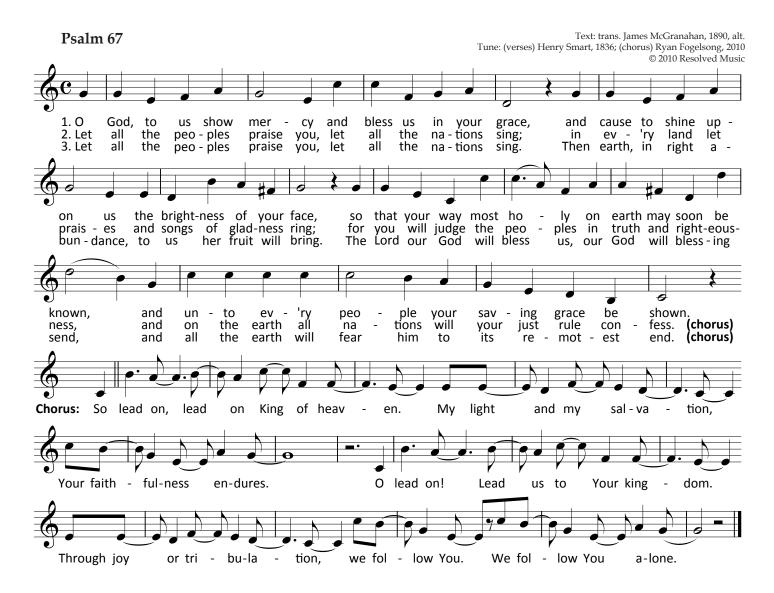
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#### Text: John Richards, 1978 Tune: Roland H. Prichard, 1830

#### We pray for the church and the world

(prayers for the church and the world)

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.



#### God blesses us and sends us out

And all God's people said... Hallelujah! Amen. Text: Thomas Ken, 1709 Doxology Tune: Louis Bourgeois, Genevan Psalter, 1551  $\widehat{}$ bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low; Praise God from whom all  $\widehat{\phantom{a}}$ hosts; Praise - ther, Fa Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. А А А men, men. men, \_ \_

Postlude

Toccata

A. Mailly

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