Home Worship Liturgy 5/3/2020

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it Psalm 118:24

***Opening Prayer** (*Have one person read this out loud*)

Lord,

You give us this day, this time, to come together to worship you.
We gather to pray, sing, and hear your Word.
We gather knowing that you, Father, are the Lord over all things.
Nothing is outside of your grasp, including time, space, our lives, this entire world. You hold all things in your powerful hands.
As we worship this morning, let us rejoice and be glad in this day that you have given us.
It is in Jesus' name that we pray. Amen.

Songs of Praise and Hope (*The words to the songs have been provided below for singing or reflection. If you would like to sing along with a video or simply listen to the music, please either click on the link provided, look it up on Youtube, or play your own instrument if possible.*)

O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (Wesley, 1739) <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LUjVTdeFvio</u>

> O for a thousand tongues to sing, My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name. Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free; His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.

Have Thine Own Way, Lord (Pollard, 1907) <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D29AE8YVSFU</u>

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me I pray! Power, all power, surely is thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway. Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!

In His Time (Maranatha! Music) Due to copyright, we cannot publish the lyrics for this song. Please follow the link for words. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wo-rGzx20Zk</u>

Bible Text and Sermon (*To access the sermon video/audio and worship liturgy, please visit our website at idealparkchurch.com and click on the "Current Sermon Series" tab. From there, click on "Watch Now" or "Read Now" for May . The direct link to this page is <u>https://idealparkchurch.com/current-sermon-series/</u>). A*

Acts 2:1-13¹

1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs - we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues! 12 Amazed and perplexed they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Sermon Audio and outline

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In His Time

Acts 2:1-13 Sermon for May 3, 2020

The uncertain journey of the disciples

- Changes in their lives
- Jesus' instruction to spread the Good News and go into unknown situations
- Disciples' questions

How do we accomplish what Jesus says?

God gives the disciples:

- Power in the Holy Spirit
- At just the right time
 - Celebration of Pentecost

God gives and assures us of the same things

- Examples of how God using His power and timing for sharing the gospel
- How does God desire to use us in His time and in His power?
- What will the results be?

Prayers for our church, community, nation, and world (*Read each of these as you feel led, either out loud or silently. After each section, take time to pray in whatever way you feel led.*)

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

You fill us, move us, inspire us. You watch us and keep us. You call us to share what you have told us and what you have done with the rest of the world.

When timing is uncertain, help us to trust in your timing. When we feel powerless, help us to trust in your power. When we are uncertain of how to do ministry, share the gospel, or walk faithfully, remind us that you are with us in your time and give us your power. Remind us that it is not in our strength or timing that ministry is done, but in yours. Help us to seek your will and guidance, your power and your timing.

As we consider your calling on our lives, we remember the words, Jesus, that you taught us. These words recenter us, remind us of whose world this is, and who ultimately has the power and the glory. Together, we pray:

Our Father, who are 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 Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

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Day by Day (Sandell, 1865) (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INVCcph6cnI)

> Day by day and with each passing moment, Strength I find to meet my trials here; Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment, I've no cause for worry or for fear. He whose heart is kind beyond all measure Gives unto each day what He deems best--

Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure, Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Ev'ry day the Lord Himself is near me With a special mercy for each hour; All my cares He fain would bear, and cheer me, He whose name is Counselor and Pow'r. The protection of His child and treasure Is a charge that on Himself He laid; "As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure," This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then in eve'ry tribulationSo to trust Thy promises, O Lord,That I lose not faith's sweet consolationOffered me within Thy holy Word.Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,E'er to take, as from a father's hand,One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,Till I reach the promised land.

Time for Discussion

- Is God calling me to share the good news about what Jesus has done with someone I know?
 - Consider reading John 15:26-27. What can I learn from this passage?
- In uncertainty, how can I better trust in God's timing and God's power?

When you have gone through this liturgy and discussion, **consider calling a friend** or two from church to see how they are doing.

"The LORD bless you and keep you, the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26 (New International Version)