

The Feast of Pentecost

May 19, 2024 – The Back 40 Farm

Entrance

Scripture Reading: adapted from *Psalms 150*

Praise the LORD
Praise God in this place of worship;
praise Him with shouts that reach the heavens.
Praise Him for His acts of power as Creator, praise Him
for His unmatched Greatness and Goodness!
Praise Him with the sound of strings, horns, and flutes!
Praise Him with percussion and joyful voices!
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!

SONG: *Psalms 150 (Praise the Lord)*

V1: You made the starry host / You traced the mountain peaks
You paint the evening sky with wonders / The earth, it is Your throne
From desert to the sea / All nature testifies Your splendor

C: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! / Sing His greatness, all creation
Praise the Lord, raise your voice / You heights and all you depths
From furthest east to west / Let everything that has breath / Praise the Lord

V2: You reached into the dust / In love, Your Spirit breathed
You formed us in Your very likeness / To know Your wondrous works
To tell Your mighty deeds / To join the everlasting chorus

V3: Let symphonies resound / Let drums and choirs ring out
All heaven hear the sound of worship / Let every nation bring
Its honors to the King / A roar of harmonies eternal

C2: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! / Sing His greatness, all creation / Praise the Lord,
raise your voice / You heights and all you depths / From furthest east to west
You distant burning stars / All creatures near and far / From sky to sea to shore
Sing out forevermore / Let everything that has breath / Praise the Lord

MOVEMENT 1: God's Written Word (The Holy Bible)

Scripture Reading: excerpts from Psalm 119 with Sung Response

Ancient Words V1: Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world / They resound with God's own heart / O let the ancient word impart

V2: Words of life, words of hope / give us strength, help us cope / In this world where-e're we roam / Ancient words will guide us home

Chorus: Ancient words, ever true / Changing me and changing you / We have come with open hearts / O let the ancient words impart.

Joyful are people of integrity, who follow the instructions of the LORD.
Joyful are those who obey His WORD and search for Him with all their hearts.
You have charged us to keep your commandments carefully.
Oh, that my actions would consistently reflect your decrees!
How can a young person stay pure? By obeying Your WORD.
I have tried hard to find you— don't let me wander from your commands.
I have hidden Your WORD in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Ancient Words: Ancient words, ever true / Changing me and changing you
We have come with open hearts / O let the ancient words impart.

I will meditate on Your precepts-- and contemplate Your Ways.
I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your WORD.
Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in Your instructions.
I am only a foreigner in the land. Don't hide Your commands from me!
I rise early, before the sun is up; I cry out for help and put my hope in Your WORD.
I long for Your rescue, LORD, so I have obeyed Your commands.
I meditate on Your age-old regulations; O LORD, they comfort me.

Ancient Words: Ancient words, ever true / Changing me and changing you
We have come with open hearts / O let the ancient words impart.

May all who revere You find in me a cause for joy,
for I have put my hope in Your WORD.
I know, O LORD, that Your regulations are fair; You disciplined me because I needed it.
I have obeyed Your laws, for I love them very much.

Surround me with Your tender mercies so I may live,
for Your instructions are my delight.
Your eternal WORD, O LORD, stands firm in heaven.
Your faithfulness extends to every generation, as enduring as the earth You created.
Your WORD is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

Thy Word: *Your Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path ...*

If Your instructions hadn't sustained me with joy, I would have died in my misery.
I will never forget Your commandments, for by them You give me life.
Oh, how I love Your instructions! I think about them all day long.
Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are my constant guide.
How sweet Your words taste to me; they are sweeter than honey.
Your commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life.
Your regulations remain true to this day, for everything serves Your plans.

Thy Word: *Your Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path ...*

I've promised it once, and I'll promise it again: I will obey Your righteous regulations.
O LORD, You are righteous, and Your regulations are fair.
Your laws are perfect and completely trustworthy.
In Your faithful love, O LORD, hear my cry;
let me be revived by following Your instruction.
Your justice is eternal, and Your instructions are perfectly true.
As pressure and stress bear down on me, I find joy in Your commands.
Your laws are always right; help me to understand them so I may live.

Thy Word: *Your Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path ...*

Yes, I obey Your commandments and laws, because You know everything I do.
Your promise revives me; it comforts me in all my troubles.
Your promises have been thoroughly tested; that is why I love them so much.
Those who love Your instructions have great peace and do not stumble.
I stay awake through the night, thinking about Your promises.
Now let Your unfailing love comfort me, just as You promised me,
Your servant. Remember Your promise to me; it is my only Hope.

SONG: *You Keep Your Promises*

V1: It is written / You're my refuge and strength
Though the earth may pass away, You will remain
It is written / You provide every need / Everywhere that You will lead, You will sustain

C: You keep Your promises / Your goodness never ends / From generation to generation
You keep Your covenant / We've seen Your faithfulness / From generation to generation

V2: It is written / We're redeemed by Your blood
All the old has passed away, the new has come
It is written / It's not by power or might / But by the spirit of the Living God in us

B: We will trust You and believe / As it's written, let it be
You alone will be a firm foundation / What You've spoken is enough
It's the ground we're standing on / You are God, and we will not be shaken

SELAH: *White Feather*

O, King of the Universe-- thank you for revealing who You are and what you have done in The Bible ...

O Lord, I am so grateful that You are the Great Promise Keeper (even we are Promise Breakers). Help me to believe and trust in You ...

SONG: *Yes He Can*

V1: Sometimes I wonder, is He faithful? / Does He see me in my trouble?
Does He understand? / Sometimes I question if He's able
Can He rescue, can He save me / Again and again?

C: Did He move every mountain? / Did He part every sea? / Yes, He did / So yes, He can
Did He defeat the darkness? / Did He deliver me? / Yes, He did / So yes, He can
Yes, He did / So yes, He can

V2: Sometimes those voices try to tell me / I'm forgotten, and I've fallen / Too far from His hands / But I know what kind of God He is / And I'm trusting in His promises
I'm believing / And I'm singing / Yes He can

B: 'Cause I've seen too much / Now I can't deny / He's come through every single time
From the beginning until the end / He did, He will, He can

MOVEMENT 2: God's Living Word (Jesus Christ)

Reading: from *Colossians 1* and Sermon-Poem by S. M. Lockridge

Jesus, only Jesus ...

LEADER: Jesus Christ-- is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him.

CONGREGATION: He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy. **Colossians 1:15-20**

Jesus, only Jesus ... Who has the power to raise the dead? / Who can save us from our sin? / He is our hope, our righteousness / Jesus, only Jesus / Jesus, only Jesus

Jesus Christ is enduringly strong – He's entirely sincere – He's immortally graceful – He's imperially powerful – He's impartially merciful.

He is God's Son – He's the sinner's Savior – He's the centerpiece of civilization – He's the greatest phenomenon ever to cross the horizon of this world.

He heals the sick – He forgives sinners – He delivers the captives – He defends the feeble – He blesses the young – He regards the aged – He rewards the diligent.

He does not have to call for help and you can't confuse Him. He doesn't need you and He doesn't need me.

Jesus, only Jesus ... Who can make the blind to see? / Who holds the keys that set us free? / He paid it all to bring us peace / Jesus, only Jesus / Jesus, only Jesus

He is the loftiest idea in literature – He's the highest personality in philosophy – He's the fundamental doctrine of true theology – He's the miracle of the ages.

He supplies strength for the weak – He's available for the tempted and tried – He sympathizes, and He sees – He guards, and He guides.

He's unparalleled and He's unprecedented -- He's supreme and He's pre-eminent. He's the key to knowledge – He's the wellspring of wisdom – He's the doorway of deliverance

Jesus, only Jesus ... Holy, King Almighty Lord / Saints and angels all adore / I join with them and bow before / Jesus, only Jesus / Jesus, only Jesus

He's the pathway to peace – He's the highway to holiness – He's the gateway to glory
His promise is sure – His life is matchless – His goodness is limitless – His mercy is everlasting – His love never changes

His Word is enough – His grace is sufficient – His yoke is easy and His burden is light.

I wish I could describe Him to you! – He is indescribable, because He's incomprehensible. He's invincible – Herod couldn't kill Him, death couldn't handle Him AND thank God the grave couldn't hold Him. He is the KING of kings AND He is the LORD of lords!

You will command the highest praise the highest praise / Yours is the name above all names / You stand alone I stand amazed / Jesus, only Jesus / Jesus, only Jesus

SONG: *Because of Jesus*

V1: You made a covenant with me / Signed by the blood that still speaks
Now I'm forgiven, I'm called righteous / I'm made clean
There on the cross at Calvary / You gave it all to purchase me
You are the Savior and the God Who set me free

C: Now my heart cries "This is my Redeemer" / With my whole life I will give You praise
All the glory to the One Who's worthy / Because of Jesus, I have been changed

V2: You made a way for me to enter / Into Your holy place forever
And now I'm hidden, I am covered, I found peace (yes)
Into your likeness You transform me / Making me holy, like You're holy
No longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me

B: You bring freedom to the captives / Good news to the poor / Healing to the broken
And joy to those who mourn / You turn ashes into beauty / The ruins You restore
I am a testimony / Of the goodness of the Lord

SELAH: *Be Thou My Vision*

O Heavenly Father-- thank You for sending Jesus ...

Jesus-- thank You that you came to ...

MOVEMENT 3: The Holy Spirit

John 4

... a time is coming and has now come when true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

John 14

I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive Him because it isn't looking for Him and doesn't recognize Him. But you know Him because He lives with you now and later will be in you.

Acts 2

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

Galatians 5 (Congregation)

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control ... Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

Matthew 5

Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him. He began to teach them, “**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**”

SONG: Breathe

C: And I— I'm desperate for you / And I— I'm lost without you

V: This is the air I breathe / This is the air I breathe / Your holy presence / Living in me
This is my daily bread / This is my daily bread / Your very word / Spoken to me

SONG: Holy Spirit (Living Breath of God)

V1: Holy Spirit, living breath of God / Breathe new life into my willing soul
Bring the presence of the risen Lord / To renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your Word to come alive in me / Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity / Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me

V2: Holy Spirit, come abide within / May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover every sin / In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least / Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace / Breath of God, show Christ in all I do

V3: Holy Spirit, from creation's birth / Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth / Cause Your church to hunger for your ways
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise / Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ / Will be clear for all the world to see

CONCLUSION

LEADER: *I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. And they were shouting with a great roar ...*

ALL: "Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!"

LEADER: *And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living beings. And they fell before the throne with their faces to the ground and worshiped God. They sang ...*

ALL: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength belong to our God forever and ever! Amen."

SONG: *Holy Forever with Psalm 150 Reprise*

V1: A thousand generations falling down in worship / To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

PC: Your name is the highest / Your name is the greatest / Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions / All powers and positions / Your name stands above them all

C1: And the angels cry holy / All creation cries holy / You are lifted high, holy / Holy forever

V2: If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed / Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name / Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

C2: And the angels cry holy / All creation cries holy / You are lifted high, holy / Holy forever
Hear your people sing holy / To the King of kings, holy / You will always be holy / Holy forever

Reprise

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VIDEO: *Legacy Refuge update* (www.LegacyRefuge.org)

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SONG: *The Blessing with Family Prayer Time*

V: The Lord bless you and keep you / Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you / The Lord turn His Face toward you / And give you peace

C: Amen ...

B1: May His favor be upon you / And a thousand generations / And your family
And your children / And their children / And their children

B2: May His presence go before you / And behind you / And beside you
All around you / And within you / He is with you / He is with you

B3: In the morning / In the evening / In your coming / And your going
In your weeping / And rejoicing / He is for you / He is for you

SONG: *Today (As for Me and My House)*

V: Today I choose to follow You / Today I choose to give my “Yes” to You
Today I choose to hear Your voice and live / Today I choose to follow You

C: As for me and my house / We will serve You
As for me and my house / We will spend our lives on You

B: Wonderful Counselor, Everlasting Father
Eternal King, Lord of Hosts / Willingly we follow