

## Pentecost June 8, 2025

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The Reverend Thomas W. Fiet, Pastor Mr. Dan Koch, Minister of Music

## Our Approach to a Good God

We invite the congregation to a time of meditation and readiness during the gathering music.

Prelude: Andante by W. Volckmar

Welcome All

Poem: Veni Creator by Czeslaw Milosz (translated by Czeslaw Milosz and Robert Pinsky) Read by Emily Heberich

\*\*Hymn: (Dan chooses a song)

Reading: Acts 2.1-13 (translated by Lydia Darboand Yangxin)

Introduction

Song #1 Breathe on Me Breath of God

**Thomas:** (hysterical) Don't touch it!! Don't even think about touching that door! Peter, get away from the door. Are you crazy? They'll find us. They'll kill us on a cross. They'll crucify us on a cross!

**Roman Centurion** (scoffing) Isn't it grand, all the mutts are in town. Let the circus begin. Look at them, the Earnest lost ones. Parthians, Medes, over there the Thiatirans,

looking sober for once. Look here, an Egyptian looking regal, as if he didn't realize that his empire has been ripped from under his feet. We own him and his pointy hat. Ethiopians...enough said. Pilgrims...thinking some things are going to change, some things are gonna give, as if the gods are real. Well, they can come to Jerusalem, but god help them if they bring an ill wind.

Song #2 Da Vida a Mi Alma oh Dios

**Peter**...We can't stay here forever. Listen to me. The crowds are here for the festival. We'll just blend in. We'll go our own way...We'll remember the Master. We'll remember his teachings, his life, HIS LIFE! He's resurrected. He's still alive! The world needs to know. We're scared, all of us. I'm scared to ...

**Thomas:** Don't touch that door, move away from the door!

**Mary:** Thomas, you saw him yourself "My Lord and my God!" You said that, Thomas.

**Thomas:** That's different. We're talking about being crucified. Peter's ready to be a martyr today, maybe you are too, maybe you all are. But I want to live...(to Peter) Hey! Get away from that door."

Song #3 Souffle sur Moi, mon Dieu.

Roman Centurion: We don't know what they're cooking up, these followers, these *little Christs*. But our spies are listening. Don't they know we're not fans of innovation. Not of mind, heart, body, or business. They smell, they reek of innovation, as if a new day is coming. We like it the

way it is, and they are going to like it too, or we'll hoist them up like scarecrows along the lanes and byways. When we find them, and we will, we are going to raise them up.

The Wind/Spirit/Rua/Pneuma Comes fan is turned on and song #4 is sung)

Song #4 Breathe on Me Breath of God, entire congregation sing #393)

Crowd after the wind (congregation) The mighty works of God! We are hearing of the mighty works of God! From inside that house. We are hearing in our own language!

Mary Magdalene: It is the RUA, the Wind, the Spirit of God! It is telling the world what we are too afraid to speak. It is shouting what we wouldn't dare whisper. Is hope found in our bones the gift of God? Could It be that life, light, truth come from God?

Mary: Open the door. For the love of Christ, open the door. Come what may, open the door. My son, the Christ, has loved the world, and we will love it too.

**Mary Magdalene:** We are not bystanders. We are not witnesses. We are more than that. We are disciples in every way...Open the door. Yes, for the love of Christ, open the door.

Thomas: We'll die. All of us.

**John:** My friends, we are already dead. We have died to ourselves and are alive in Christ. We live for love, and love never dies.

**James:** He told us of a kingdom, a kingdom of grace. It is not here only in this room; it is out there in the fear, the darkness, the violence. It's out there, a kingdom of love, and we are the children of the kingdom. For what is faith if not a way, a walk, a pilgrimage? Friends, it all begins with a step forward.

Thomas: Open the door.

Mary: Open the door.

**John:** Open the door.

Mary Magdalene: Open the door.

Peter: Open the door.

James: I'll open it...

Mary Magdalene: No, we'll do it together. Together. (they all reach for the door together, gather up the Centurion and gather up the congregation).

Song #5 Breath on Me Breath of God, arr. by Jay Rouse (incorporation Weh, atem Gotes her)

### **The Community Responds**

Offering/Offertory: Andante con moto by Fr. Walczynski

\*\*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*\*Hymn # (DAN chooses a song)

\*\*Benediction/ (Three Fold Amen)

Postlude: (Dan, Yangxin Song, the violinist from Bard, will play the Postlude – we think.)

Announcements

We bless each of you on this day, and send you forth to be blessings in your world.

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\*\* Please stand if you are able.

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