



The Fifth Sunday of  
**Pentecost**

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church of Orinda, CA  
**Sunday, June 27, 2021**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

Julie Hamre

**WELCOME AND WORSHIP NOTES**

**OUR GATHERING SONG**

"BLESSED ASSURANCE"

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*

Refrain:

*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.* [Refrain]

*Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.* [Refrain]

**OUR OPENING LITURGY**

- L: Let us confess our sin and our sinfulness to God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love .... Creator God, from the beginnings of time, You have given good gifts to your people,
- C: **But we have taken Your gifts and Your blessings for granted, and misused them for our selfish gain. Forgive us.**
- L: In the person of your Son Jesus, You gave us life in

abundance,

- C: **But we have become enamored of definitions of abundance and life which declare You to be false. Forgive us.**
- L: By the power of Your Spirit, you have made us recipients of Your amazing grace,
- C: **But we have refused to share that grace with others, as if more for others would somehow mean less for us. Forgive us.**
- L: People of God, hear an amazing promise. Your sin and your sinfulness are forgiven. For freedom, Christ has set you free. Free to love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and strength and mind. Free to love your neighbor as yourself. So together, let us pray:
- C: **Holy One, You call us to be your light in the darkness, your voice in the wilderness, your hope for the hopeless. Give us strength in our weakness, gentleness in our witness, and humility in our service, that we might embody your love for a broken world. For we ask this in the name of the One who has been with you from the Beginning, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE LESSON**

1 John 3:1-10

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. Everyone who commits sin is a child of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

Those who have been born of God do not sin, because God's seed abides in them; they cannot sin, because they have been born of God. The children of God and the children of the devil are revealed in this way: all who do not do what is right are not from God, nor are those who do not love their brothers and sisters.

**THE CANTICLE** "LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS"

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Refrain:

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.* [Refrain]

*What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.* [Refrain]

**KIDTALK** Pastor John Valentine

**THE SERMON** Pastor John Valentine

**WORDS TO LIVE BY** from 1 John 4

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent God's only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent God's Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us.

**THE OFFERTORY** "HOW BEAUTIFUL"  
Lyrics & Music by Twila Paris / arranged by Lloyd Larson

**THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

(Utilizing the prayer refrain: "Lord of Love .... **Hear our prayer**" and concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the**

**kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**THE BENEDICTION**

Go, knowing that you are blessed as a child of God, that you are loved as a friend of Jesus, and that you are filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

**OUR SENDING SONG** "THE SPIRIT SENDS US"

*The spirit sends us forth to serve;  
We go in Jesus' name  
To bring glad tidings to the poor,  
God's favor to proclaim.*

*We go to comfort those who mourn  
And set the burdened free:  
Where hope is dim, to share a dream  
And help the blind to see.*

*We go to be the hands of Christ,  
To scatter joy like seed  
And all our days, to cherish life,  
To do the loving deed.*

*Then let us go to serve in peace,  
The Gospel to proclaim.  
God's Spirit has empowered us;  
We go in Jesus' name.*

**THE CHARGE**

Go, in peace, to love God by serving your neighbor!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**THE SENDING MUSIC** Julie Hamre

Thank you to this week's Worship Team, including:

Bethany Valentine – Vocalist and Creative Director  
Gretchen Stenson – Vocalist  
Diana Washington – Vocalist  
Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson – Vocalist  
Pastor John Valentine – Vocalist  
Julie Hamre – Pianist

Today we celebrate Diana Washington (our beloved Teaching Parish student from PLTS in Berkeley) and her tenure among us. Diana is soon to travel to Sierra Vista, Arizona to begin her year-long internship at Sierra Lutheran Church. Godspeed, Diana!