

June 5, 2022

11 a.m.

Flowers by **Gib & Jeannie Mitchell** in honor of their **62nd Wedding Anniversary**;
Lee & Dr. Fred Brockmann in honor of their **70th Wedding Anniversary**, and
Raymond & Norma Fuller in honor of their **73rd Wedding Anniversary**

PRELUDE

Spirit

arr. Chris de Silva

INTROIT

Gathered Here

#742

**Gathered here in the mystery of this hour, gathered here in one strong
body, gathered here in the struggle and the power, Spirit draw near.**

CALL to WORSHIP:

One: Gathered here in the mystery of this hour,

Many: **We encounter God, who like a gardener, tends the soil of our souls.**

One: Gathered here as the body of Christ,

Many: **We celebrate every person, the beautiful diversity of God's creativity.**

One: Gathered here in the soaring, swirling, stirring, and surging Spirit,

Many: **We open our hearts on this Pentecost Sunday to a Spirit that enlivens us for
such a time as this. Alleluia and Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

Let Every Christian Pray

#261

**Let every Christian pray, this day and every day, come, Holy Spirit, come!
Was not the church we love commissioned from above? Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

**The Spirit brought to birth the church of Christ on earth to seek and save the lost:
God never has withdrawn, since that tremendous dawn, the gifts of Pentecost.**

Only Spirit's power can fit us for this hour: come, Holy Spirit, come!

Unite, instruct, inspire and fill us with your fire; come, Holy Spirit, come!

*OPENING PRAYER

written by John Ristow

**Gracious God, with the start of Pride Month, we take this special opportunity to rejoice in
the diversity of Your creation. Help us, as we strive to share Your immense love with all
people including our gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender brothers and sisters. Hear us,
as we pray for our hearts and minds to be open to the kinship of our souls. Empower us,
as we increasingly recognize our diversity as one of Your greatest gifts. Guide us, as we
engage in the hard work of shaping and molding a world in which everyone is celebrated
equally. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

*RESPONSE

We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed

**We plant a grain of mustard seed, and in our faith we find
The proof of God is love, indeed, which blossoms from its kind.**

**Our actions, more than words, define how love's example feeds
A greater love, for love divine bursts forth from smallest seeds.**

ENGAGING SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:31-35

³¹ He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” ³³ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” ³⁴ Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. ³⁵ This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: “I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden since the foundation.”

SERMON

Unusual Growth

ANTHEM

Invocation

Craig Courtney

CELEBRATION of HOLY COMMUNION (adapted from the website, *Enfleshed*)

One: The Holy, Hovering, Holding, and Enfolding One be with you.

Many: And also with you!

One: Open your hearts earnestly and fully to the One who is Love.

Many: We open our hearts to You, Creator of each beautifully unique person.

One: Let us gather at the table that welcomes all equally created in God’s likeness.

Many: We come as God’s people ready to remember who and Whose we are.

One: We gather here, at a table designed by the Divine, where everyone has a place...

We recognize that the good news can rearrange and reorient our entire lives.

RESPONSE:

We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed

**So may our new beginnings prove, like living bread and wine,
That through our common human love we taste what is divine.**

**Our lives will be fulfilled and blessed if through the seeds we’ve sown
And by the love that we profess. The love of Christ is known**

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 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.

*CLOSING HYMN

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

#293

**There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

Refrain:

**Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise. Without a doubt we’ll know that we
have been revived when we shall leave this place.**

There are blessings you cannot receive till you know that Spirit's fullness and believe; you're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to stay with Jesus all the way." Refrain

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE

Exultate

Daniel Gawthrop

Greeters: Nancy Arnzen & Carol Hagglund

Liturgist: Diane Miller

NO FELLOWSHIP TODAY.

Please stay in the sanctuary for the ONA history video after the postlude.