

PENTECOST SERMON SERIES

THE **BEACONS**  
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5/30/21-6/27/21

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ORDER OF SERVICE  
JUNE 13 • 2021

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**Opening Welcome & Announcements:**

**Pastor Darci**

We are a bold, inclusive creative community. We don't just preach and talk and teach about deconstructing systems and structures of power – we practice it. We are seeking new ways of being that uplift and uphold each other and are a part of new constellations of care that will replace dehumanizing systems of injustice. This is our vision– we hope you jump on our co-creation with us.

**Call to Worship**

**Pastor Henra**

Leader: Come, you who thirst for grace.

**Response: Come, you who hunger for justice.**

Leader: Come, you who are a stranger in a strange land.

**Response: Come, you who are like a child at home.**

Leader: Come, for our Black Messiah welcomes you to this time and place.

We have come to worship God.

**Response: Then let us worship well.**

Leader: A time set apart,

**Response: A time to come together;**

Leader: A space filled with silence

**Response: A space filled with song;**

Leader: Hearts seeking solace,

**Response: Hearts overflowing with joy:**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

**Response: Let us worship God.**

Leader: The voice of God gathers us this day;

**Response: The warmth of God brings us together as one people.**

Leader: So we come, with joy and sorrow in our hearts,

**Response: With acts mighty and faltering,**

Leader: With kindness and with selfishness,

**Response: With doubt and with faith:**

Leader: So may we bring the fullness of our lives to God.

May we worship well this day.

**Response: Love surrounds us this day;**

Leader: Love that is the stuff of prayer, and love that is sung in a song.

**Response: So God's love permeates our lives;**

Leader: From birth to death, we belong to this God who loves us.

**Response: And so, as beloved people, let us worship God.**

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**Worship Through Singing**

"Deep Cries Out"

**Kevin Garcia**

artist William Matthews

I've got a river of living water  
A fountain that never will run dry  
And it's open heaven You're releasing  
And we will never be denied  
'Cause we're stirring up deep, deep wells  
We're stirring up deep, deep waters  
We're gonna dance in the river, dance in the river  
'Cause we're stirring up deep, deep wells  
We're stirring up deep, deep waters  
We're gonna jump in the river, jump in the river  
The deep cries out, the deep cries out to You  
The deep cries out, the deep cries out to You  
We cry out, and we cry out to You, Jesus

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**Poetic Intervention**

**Rev. Keith Menhinick**

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**Centering Down**

**Pastor Darci**

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**Greeting Time in Breakout Rooms**

Everyone will be placed in a breakout room to greet each other. Take this time to connect or if we need to, go grab some coffee or your preferred morning drink. We'll start back up in 5 minutes.

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**Announcements:**

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- We have several groups for you online - including what we are calling "Second Cup" a space we are holding directly after this worship on Zoom to continue checking in and listening and being with each other.
- Lord of the Rings- Watch with Pastor Darci - very informal - Saturday at 8pm - next couple of Saturdays (June 5, 12, & 19th). Signup

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- Juneteenth Celebration and church clean up, June 19. 10 am to help clean the sanctuary, etc. to get ready for in person services. Pastor Henra will be on the grill at 12 noon. We will feast & fellowship together (socially distanced) outside! Enjoy food that Henra safely cooks outside with us!
- July 4th coming back to in person worship! In our continued expression of love and care for all of God's creation, we will be safe: masks strictly required & enforced, no food or drink in the sanctuary, socially distanced seating. Be on the lookout for an email today regarding resource needs and more info.
- Community Resiliency Training (in person) - June 26, 1-5 pm with Rev. Keith. As we prepare to gather back in-person, and more generally, prepare to move around the world again, it is valuable that we be trained and equipped in trauma informed care and community resilience. Sign up
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**A Time of Offering & Thanksgiving**

**Pastor Henra**

Text giving: 470-300-1731 & giving of creativity! All Gifts Welcome! Including your non-monetary gifts of creativity, worship leading and leading groups.

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**Biblical Reading**

**Briana Childs**

**Genesis Luke 8:26-39**

**26 Jesus and his disciples sailed to the Gerasenes' land, which is across the lake from Galilee. 27 As soon as Jesus got out of the boat, a certain man met him. The man was from the city and was possessed by demons. For a long time, he had lived among the tombs, naked and homeless. 28 When he saw Jesus, he shrieked and fell down before him. Then he shouted, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" 29 He said this because Jesus had already commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had taken possession of him, so he would be bound with leg irons and chains and placed under guard. But he would break his restraints, and the demon would force him into the wilderness.**

**30 Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"**

**"Legion," he replied, because many demons had entered him. 31 They pleaded with him not to order them to go back into the abyss. 32 A large herd of**

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pigs was feeding on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs.

Jesus gave them permission, 33 and the demons left the man and entered the pigs. The herd rushed down the cliff into the lake and drowned.

34 When those who tended the pigs saw what happened, they ran away and told the story in the city and in the countryside. 35 People came to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone. He was sitting at Jesus' feet, fully dressed and completely sane. They were filled with awe. 36 Those people who had actually seen what had happened told them how the demon-possessed man had been delivered. 37 Then everyone gathered from the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave their area because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and returned across the lake. 38 The man from whom the demons had gone begged to come along with Jesus as one of his disciples. Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 "Return home and tell the story of what

God has done for you." So he went throughout the city proclaiming what Jesus had done for him.

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**Just(us) Kids Time**

**Elliot Trojanowski**

A time for the young saints or those young at heart to hear a message tailored toward their understanding and growth toward the principles of God.

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**Worship Through Singing**

**Kevin Garcia**

"You Don't Make Mistakes"

artist Influence Music / Melody Noel

You saw what You had made  
Said it was good  
The Crown of all creation  
Made to look like heaven should  
We were the perfect picture in Your frame  
Then entered fear and shame to turn  
Our colors into grey  
Ohhhhh, Ohhhhh  
In paradise left standing in our mess  
We heard Your voice and ran to cover up  
Our nakedness  
We couldn't clean it up, we tried our best  
The accuser pointed fingers  
Questioning our worthiness  
Ohhh

But You don't see me different  
I am Your reflection  
You don't make mistakes  
And You didn't start with me  
Even though I'm far from where I know  
I'm supposed to be  
You don't make mistakes  
And heaven would agree  
That in Your eyes  
I'm everything that I was made to be  
Cause' You don't make mistakes  
No, You don't make mistakes  
We look every face to feel approved

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We long for validation  
That already came from You  
You wrapped Yourself in skin  
To give us proof  
Your love it never ended  
You needed us to know the truth  
But You don't see me different  
I am Your reflection  
You don't make mistakes  
And You didn't start with me  
Even though I'm far from where I know  
I'm supposed to be  
You don't make mistakes  
And heaven would agree  
That in Your eyes  
In everything that I was made to be  
Cause' You don't make mistakes  
No, You don't make mistakes  
I won't waste another day  
Believing words You didn't say

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You don't make mistakes  
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**A Word from a Fellow Sojourner:**

**Rev. Kyle Stevenson**

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**Time for Response**

**Pastor Henra**

We invite you to respond by:

- Sitting in meditation upon the message
- Sharing prayer requests or thoughts in the chat
- You may reach out to our pastors or deacons for private prayer
- If you would like to join our church, reach out via comment or direct message

Share prayer request in the chat or privately through our prayer request form here - <https://forms.gle/iupYyKFR6gAWhVzcA>

If you would like to schedule an appointment with one of our Pastors, click below:

Meet with Pastor Henra & Pastor Darci: <https://calendly.com/minhenra>  
[https://calendly.com/pastor\\_darci](https://calendly.com/pastor_darci)

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## Worship Through Singing

"Crowded Table"

**Kevin Garcia**

artist The High Women

You can hold my hand  
When you need to let go  
I can be your mountain  
When you're feeling valley-low  
I can be your streetlight  
Showing you the way home  
You can hold my hand  
When you need to let go  
I want a house with a crowded table  
And a place by the fire for everyone  
Let us take on the world while we're young and able  
And bring us back together when the day is done  
If we want a garden  
We're gonna have to sow the seed  
Plant a little happiness  
Let the roots run deep  
If it's love that we give  
Then it's love that we reap  
If we want a garden  
We're gonna have to sow the seed  
Yeah I want a house with a crowded table  
And a place by the fire for everyone  
Let us take on the world while we're young and able  
And bring us back together when the day is done  
The door is always open  
Your picture's on my wall  
Everyone's a little broken  
And everyone belongs  
Yeah, everyone belongs  
I want a house with a crowded table  
And a place by the fire for everyone  
Let us take on the world while we're young and able  
And bring us back together when the day is done  
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## Benediction

**Pastor Darci**

Now go into the world that is too often unjust, knowing that the God who created you empowers you to love boldly, live inclusively, and serve creatively. Amen!