

WORSHIP LEADER

Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas

LITURGIST

Mac Payne



SHALL PROPHECY HANNAH GARRITY, 2016 | Painted live in worship during New Stone Gathering Service

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' (Acts 2:17-21, NRSV)

In these present and tumultuous days, the beauty of imagination rings true across the centuries. Painted in acrylic on canvas, this Pentecost painting explores these words echoing from the prophet Joel in the books of Acts. The clouds swirl in the blue sky, creating depth, representing dreams, portraying the great and glorious day. Curves bring the viewers eye back to the middle again and again. A boy closes his eyes in overlaid line drawing. We see through him, into his imagination. Symbolic sun and moon emerge in his thoughts. Every year we come back to this place, the birthday of the church. The Pentecost. How is it possible that we are so forgetful as a people as to need perpetual reminders. And yet we are, we do. With the stunning trust of a loving mother, God chooses Her children anyway. Broken as we are, we are called. We are called yet again, this year, to go out with imagination and love. We are called to bring beauty to the brokenness in our lives and to imagine ways we can be God's Church anew. Amen.

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as People of God*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Come God Creator, Holy Ghost”

Johann Pachelbel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and worship!

All: We will praise the One between, within, and over.

Leader: Trust in the One who co-creates the was, the now, and the will-be.

All: Our hope is in the One who creates expansive love calling us to do the same.

Leader: Follow the One who never breaks covenant.

All: We follow the One whose extravagant love calls us to co-create justice for the oppressed, feed the hungry, unlock prisons, and welcome strangers, orphans, and widows.

Leader: Praise the One whose justice is grace-full and inclusive.

All: We praise the Spirit that spans the ages. Amen!

INTROIT “On the Day of Pentecost” The Chancel Choir Nick Berent, directing Douglas Nolan

HYMN 280

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

EBENEZER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: For ignoring the vision
breathed by the living Spirit
churning deep within our souls;

**All: Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Have mercy upon us.**

Leader: For refusing to look at the vision
alive within those
who look or act or sound different from us;

**All: Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Have mercy upon us.**

Leader: For choosing familiarity, ease, and comfort
rather than risking the opportunities
afforded in the vision

All: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Have mercy upon us.

Silence for personal confession

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

WORD *God Speaks to Us in Scripture, Preaching, and Song*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

Friends, you are encouraged to pass the peace with waves, air hugs, or text a friend good morning!

Children through Kindergarten may go to the nursery or Wee Ones' Worship (Room 106)

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP "We Believe" Campbell Mason, soloist Digesare and Scott

SCRIPTURE *Acts 2:1-4; Romans 8:14-39 (CEB)*

SERMON "When The Spirit Comes" Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas

THANKS *The People of God Respond to God's Word*

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES *(leader)*

Friends, our giving is an act of gratitude for what God has given us. It is also an act of worship. Just as we present our words in liturgy, song, and prayer to God, we present a portion of the fruit of our work to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Jen Galang, flute MiKayla Hatfield, directing
"Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow"

Richard Jeffrey

THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 606, AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

HYMN 515 "I Come with Joy"

DOVE OF PEACE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks

All: It is right to give our thanks

to the Lord our God.

and praise...

The Thanksgiving continues. . .

Leader: *[...the petitions conclude...]*

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

All: 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.

THE DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world—because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. Amen.

SENDING *God Blesses Us and Sends Us to Live as God's People in the World*

HYMN 435

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

IN BABILONE

BENEDICTION

Leader: The Spirit of God is upon you and has anointed you.

You are the salt of the earth and you bring light to the world.

You are not too young or too old,
you are not too rich or too poor
to bring good news to the impoverished,
to give a hand to the broken-hearted,
and to live out freedom and pardon
through the gifts you have been given.

So remember to pack peace in your toolbox,
hope in your briefcase,
love in your lunch box,
and may integrity, honesty, and joy be your designer wear of choice.

Do not be frightened, for you are never alone.
The God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, in whose image you are made
will walk with you and guide you today, tomorrow, and every day. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Go Now in Peace”

Besig and Price

POSTLUDE

“Hail Thee, Festival”

Robert Powell

You are invited to remain seated for silent prayer or meditation during the postlude.

USHERS

Pat Grosso, Diane Jones, Susan Kagey, and Patti Keeton

WELCOME TO THE WORLD

Eleanor Hope Ransom

Born: 5/16/23 7lb 2oz

Granddaughter of Ed and Terry Ransom

We are thrilled to announce that Campbell Mason, one of our talented soloists, graduated with her Master's degree from Shenandoah University. What an incredible accomplishment! May your future be filled with continued success and fulfillment. We are so proud of you, and will miss you!