

**Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, May 23, 2021

*Day of Pentecost*

**\*Sending Hymn #329** “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

*Hyfrydol*

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;  
come with Pentecostal power;  
give the church a stronger vision;  
help us face each crucial hour.  
Built upon a firm foundation,  
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,  
still the church is called to mission  
that God's love shall be made known.

We would raise our alleluias  
for the grace of yesteryears;  
for tomorrow's unknown pathway,  
hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.  
In the church's pilgrim journey  
you have led us all the way;  
still in presence move before us,  
fire by night and cloud by day.

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;  
give us words of fire and flame.  
Help our feeble lips to praise you,  
glorify your holy name.  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Three in One: what mystery!  
We would sing our loud hosannas  
now and through eternity.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** “Bless the Lord, O My Soul!”

*arr. Krug*

*\*Please be seated while the postlude plays and enjoy the opportunity to reflect on how God is calling you to respond to his word. When the postlude concludes, we invite you to observe social distancing as you exit the sanctuary and to visit with one another outdoors at your leisure.*

*\*\*A Brief Statement of Faith was written during the unification process of the two largest Presbyterian denominations in the United States in 1983, celebrating the most important beliefs of Presbyterians and other Christians who look to the Protestant Reformation as a renewal of the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

**Leaders in worship:**

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells

Liturgist: Bryan Blair

Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby

Special Music Director: Jill Klinebriel

**Special Music: Alex Eby, Kristen Eby**

*Today we celebrate Pentecost - one of the most exciting days in our Christian Year. It is the birthday of the church; a time when disciples no longer feared but were energized to proclaim the good news of God's love through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. We display red paraments today for the tongues of flames, white is also an appropriate color for today, representing the dove of peace.*

**Announcements**

**Prelude**

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

*arr. McAfee*

**For Prayer and Reflection:**

*Holy Spirit, wrap your dove wings around us, spark your bright flame within us, blow your refreshing wind among us, so that we can be your Pentecost people today.*

**Call to Worship**

The Holy Spirit is the fire that doesn't consume or destroy, but energizes, warms, and excites!

**Comforting and life-giving Spirit, we feel your presence among us!**

The Holy Spirit is the wind that lifts us up to heights beyond joy!

**We worship and praise you, O Holy Spirit.**

The Holy Spirit is the birth that brings us into life with Christ, as a mother births a child!

**Spirit of God, come upon us this day and fill us with new life!**

The Holy Spirit calls us to testify to the truth!

**Make us people who will proclaim God's good news in all that we do!**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Praise #332**

“Let Every Christian Pray”

*Laudes Domini*

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 at Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit's power can fit us for this hour:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come! Instruct, inspire, unite  
And help us see the light: come, Holy Spirit, come!

## *Call to Confession*

### *Prayer of Confession*

**Come Holy Spirit and set our hearts aflame! We want to be part of your healing love and mercy. We want to be people who bear the word that your love for us is eternal; that Jesus Christ, our Savior, proclaimed and taught love in all he said and did. We are sorry for not modeling this new life in Christ for others with passion and consistency. Get us going! Pick us up and propel us forward into your world. Help us to remember that you have given us what we need to be your disciples. We just need to say a resounding "Yes!" to you.**

*Silent Confession* (Here let each worshiper offer silent, personal prayers of confession)

### *Declaration of Forgiveness*

*\*Gloria Patri* (#734)                      “Glory Be to the Father”                      *Greatorex*  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

### *Prayer for Illumination*

*First Scripture Reading*                      Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

*Special Music*                                      “Circling the Sun”                                      *Walker*

*Second Scripture Reading*                      Acts 2:1-16

*Responsive Scripture Reading*                                      Acts 2:17-21

Now, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

**JESUS IS LORD**

In the last days, God said, I will pour out my Spirit on all people, so

**JESUS IS LORD**

Your sons and daughters will say

**JESUS IS LORD**

Your young people will see visions, and say,

**JESUS IS LORD**

Your old people will dream dreams, and say,

**JESUS IS LORD**

Workers, both men and women, will receive God’s Spirit, and say

**JESUS IS LORD**

I will show wonders in Heaven

**JESUS IS LORD**

And show you signs on earth below

**JESUS IS LORD**

You may see blood and fire and billows of smoke, because the sun will be turned to dark-

ness and the moon to blood before the coming of that great and glorious day, as

**JESUS IS LORD**

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved, because

**JESUS IS LORD**

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*Sermon*                                      “Wind and Fire and Spirit . . . Oh My!”

*\*Hymn of Response #492*                      “Spirit of the Living God”                      *Iverson*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;

Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:

Humble, caring, selfless, sharing.

Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

*\*Affirmation of Faith*                                      from A Brief Statement of Faith\*\* 11.4

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

### *Joys and Concerns*

#### *Prayers of the People and 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 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.*