

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The day of Pentecost has come, and we are together.  
**All: Will the works of God be known among us today?**  
One: God comes to us as a gentle breath or violent wind.  
**All: Catch your breath, God's breath, and live.**  
One: The fires of love dispel life's shadows.  
**All: God's Spirit comes to give us new life.**  
One: Surely God is in this place!  
**All: May the glory of God be known among us today!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us" GtG 280

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

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

One: Come, O Spirit,  
**All: dwell among us;**

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

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**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God,  
you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples  
creating bold tongues, open ears,  
and a new community of faith.**  
**We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.**  
**We do not listen for your word of grace,  
speak the good news of your love,  
or live as a people made one in Christ.**  
**Have mercy on us, O God.**  
**Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,  
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,  
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Let us rejoice in the goodness and grace of the Lord!  
**All: Through the death of Christ we are forgiven. By the resurrection of  
Christ we are given new life.**  
One: So rejoice and celebrate the good news of God's grace!  
**All: For in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, we are loved, we are given new  
life. Amen. Alleluia!**

**\*THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
*(From your seat, a brief sign of peace may be shared: a wave of the hand, a nod  
of the head, etc.)*

**THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Acts 2:1-13

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON** “Wind Rush and Fire Tongue” by Pastor Bill Vincent

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**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!"**

(from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Confessions)

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Pastor:** Spirit God...  
**People:** ...hear our prayer.

## **THE EUCHARIST**

### **OFFERING**

*Invitation*

*Reflection*

*\*Unison Prayer of Dedication*

**God of mercy, we give you thanks for all that your bounty creates.  
We bring our offerings as an expression of thanksgiving for all your gifts.  
Bless what we offer and bless those who will be shown deeds of power  
through them. May your glory be proclaimed in all we give and all we do,  
when we are together and when we scatter to do your will in other places.  
Amen.**

## **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Invitation to the Lord's Table*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
**People: We lift them to the Lord.**  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
*(The prayer continues...)*

*The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

*Breaking of the Bread*

*Communion of the People*

*(Please hold each of the elements so that we might partake of each together, to  
remind us of our participation in this sacrament as a community.)*

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” GtG 494

[Bread:]

One: We taste thee, O thou living bread,

**All: and long to feast upon thee still.**

[Cup:]

One: We drink of thee, the fountainhead,  
**All: and thirst our souls from thee to fill.**

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*Prayer*

### **SENDING**

#### **\*CLOSING HYMN “As the Wind Song” GtG 292**

One: As the wind song through the trees,  
as the stirring of the breeze,

**All: so it is with the Spirit of God,**

One: as the heart made strangely warm,  
as the voice within the storm,

**All: so it is with the Spirit of God.**

One: Never seen, ever known  
where this wind has blown

**All: bringing life, bringing power  
to the world,**

One: as the dancing tongues of fire,  
as the soul’s most deep desire,

**All: so it is with the Spirit of God.**

One: As the rainbow after rain,  
as the hope that’s born again,

**All: so it is with the Spirit of God,**

One: as the green in the spring,  
as a kite on a string,

**All: so it is with the Spirit of God,**

One: making worlds that are new,  
making peace come true,

**All: bringing gifts, bringing love  
to the world,**

One: as the rising of the yeast,  
as the wine at the feast,

**All: so it is with the Spirit of God.**

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#### **\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

One: God’s Spirit is being poured out on this church.

**All: We carry it with us into our everyday world.**

One: With joy and amazement we scatter to serve.

**All:            God's love is changing us and granting new life.**

One: ...And let the gathered people of God say...

**All:            ...Amen.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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