

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

PENTECOST SUNDAY

GATHERING

PRELUDE “Let’s Enjoy God Together”

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The day has come, and we are together.

All: We are listening for the sounds from heaven.

One: We feel the winds of God blowing among us.

We sense the tongues of fire empowering us.

All: Surely God is in this place!

One: The breath of God fills us with confidence.

All: The Spirit of God fills us with amazement.

One: God sets us afire with wonder and awe.

All: The Spirit creates new life within and among us.

One: So come, Holy Spirit!

All: Grant us your peace.

One: Come, Holy Spirit!

All: Give us your power.

One: Come, Holy Spirit!

All: Grace us with your presence.

Unison: Come, let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN** “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us” GtG 280

1. **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.**

(continued...)

2. **We would raise our alleluias
for the grace of yester-years;
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.**
3. **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.**

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Even with new life all about us, O God,
we hesitate and doubt.
In spite of your promises we seek self-assurance.
We confess our preference for the predictable.
We want to manage our own lives and assure our own safety,
so we still cling to old ways.
You send the Holy Spirit to enliven our existence.
But the darkness of doubt obscures the new light the Spirit brings.
And we are afraid that you will ask more of us than we are willing to risk.
Forgive our fear and our lack of courage.
Embolden us to trust the Spirit to fill us and use us.
Renew our hearts and free us from the grip of sin,
that we may embrace you and your way;
in the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from Acts 2)*

One: Sisters and brothers,
in the grace of repentance,
God offers forgiveness of our sins.

(continued...)

All: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."
One: Accept God's grace,
and be restored to abundant life.
All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Thanks be to God!**

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 READINGS Numbers 11:24–30
Acts 2:1-21

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON by Pastor Bill Vincent

***HYMN** "Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow" *[Tune 163]*

1. **Wind who makes all winds that blow--
gusts that bend the saplings low,
gales that heave the sea in waves,
stirrings in the mind's deep caves--
aim your breath with steady power
on your church this day, this hour.
Raise, renew the life we've lost,
Spirit God of Pentecost.**

2. **Fire who fuels all fires that burn--
suns around which planets turn,
beacons marking reefs and shoals,
shining truth to guide our souls--
come to us as once you came:
burst in tongues of sacred flame!
Light and Power, Might and Strength,
fill your church, its breadth and length.**

3. **Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame,
move within our mortal frame.**

(continued...)

**Make our hearts an altar pyre,
kindle them with your own fire.
Breathe and blow upon that blaze
till our lives, our deeds and ways,
speak that tongue which every land
by your grace shall understand.**

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***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

One: God of wind and fire...
All: ...hear our prayer.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Invitation

Reflection "As the Wind Song"

**Unison Prayer of Dedication*

**O God, we have thirsted and you provided water.
We have been hungry and you have fed us.
We have been torn and bewildered and you gave us your peace.
We rejoice and give thanks for all your gifts.
May our offerings and our lives witness to rebirth and renewal.
Send us into your world
strengthened and freed by the Holy Spirit
to respond to people and circumstances
as Christ's disciples. 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

(You will be invited by the ushers to come forward to receive communion. Those who choose not to come forward will be served at their seats.)

Sing “Come to the Table of Grace” GtG 507

1. **Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of grace.
This is God’s table;
it’s not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.**
2. **Come to the table of peace...**
3. **Come to the table of love...**
4. **Come to the table of hope...**
5. **Come to the table of joy...**

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Prayer

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** “Spirit of the Living God” GtG 288

**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.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

POSTLUDE

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