

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

PENTECOST SUNDAY

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: On the first Christian Pentecost, there were surprises;
the rush of a violent wind and tongues of fire.
- All: **We tremble before the power of the Holy Spirit.
What will happen if we let the Spirit in?**
- One: On this Pentecost, we can receive the surprises of God.
We can be moved to speak and act in new ways.
- All: **With hesitant eagerness, we welcome the Spirit.
We will risk stepping into God's vision for us.**

***OPENING 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.
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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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Without your power, O God, we are lost.
We have done the things we would avoid,
and what you desire, we have not done.
We sing our own song and tune out others'.
We cling to the known and fear the unfamiliar.
We build barriers and devalue diversity.
Forgive us our lack of courage and imagination.
Embolden us to cross borders and build bridges.
By your purifying fire transform our lives,
guiding us into honesty and compassion, with your imagination;
so that, filled with your peace,
our dreams and visions may be one with yours;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(based on Acts 2 & 17)*

One: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."
All: **By the power 'in whom we live and move and have our being,'
we affirm the complete forgiveness of all our sins, through the holy
God, whose mercy is everlasting.**
One: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and freed to become God's new creation.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.
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 (selected verses)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “The Life of the Party” by Pastor Bill Vincent

***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.**
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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***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: Blow in our midst, Spirit God.
All: Stir in our hearts and sustain our souls.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Invitation

Reflection

**Unison Prayer of Dedication*

Thank you, God of wind and fire,
for your power and tenderness,
for your holiness and intimate presence.
Out of the abundance of your grace and bounty, we bring our offerings.
May new life be breathed into the world
because of these gifts we return to you.
Use them, and us, to proclaim your goodness and embody your love.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The prayer continues...)

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

(Please hold the bread so that we might partake of it together, as a community.)

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God” GtG 286

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“Spirit of the Living God” GtG 288

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Sing:

**1. Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**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.**

**2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.**

(Please hold the cup so that we might partake of it together, in unity with Christ.)

Sing:

**3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

**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.**

**1. Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

Prayer

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” StF 2241

**1. The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.**

2. **We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.**
3. **We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.**
4. **Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

POSTLUDE

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