

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

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.
Will the works of God be known among us today?
- All: **We live in the valley of dry bones.
Around and within us is emptiness.**
- One: God comes to us as a gentle breath or violet wind.
Catch your breath, God's breath, and live.
- All: **There are stirrings deep within that give us hope.
There is a Spirit linking us to one another.**
- One: The fires of love dispel life's shadows.
God's Spirit comes to give us new life.
- All: **Surely God is in this place!
May the glory of God be known among us today!**

*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.**
2. **We would raise our alleluias
for the grace of yester-years;
for tomorrow's unknown pathway,
hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.**

(continued...)

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

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.
You call us to act boldly
but our fear keeps us from following your call.
We hesitate and doubt.
We fail to 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: The Lord hears our confession and is eager to forgive.
All: **“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”** (*Acts 2*)
One: Take to heart the good news; believe it, live it.
All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

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 Ezekiel 37:1-14
Acts 2:1-4

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON ““Can These Bones Live?”” by Pastor Bill Vincent

*HYMN “Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow”

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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***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: Spirit God...
All: ...breathe into us your life.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Invitation

Reflection: "I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing" Joint Choir

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**Unison Prayer of Dedication*

We thank you, O God, that you have blessed us so abundantly out of the resources of this world and with the gift of your Spirit. As you, in Christ, have given to us, so we give to you both our offerings and our very lives, that we might share in spreading the good news of your grace and life and love. In Christ's name we pray. 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 (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, to remind us of our participation in this sacrament as a community in unity with Christ. Please drink the cup as you are served, reminding us of our individual participation in this sacrament and our personal commitment to our Lord.)

Sing: “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” GtG 286

- 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.**
- 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.**
- 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

Sing: “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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Prayer

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** “Come, O Spirit”

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1. **Come, O Spirit, with your sound
like a wind, quick rushing;
come from heaven and stir our hearts,
each disciple touching!
Mold our actions to your will,
you our service giving;
move within our fellowship,
transform now our living!**

2. **Come, O Spirit, with your flame,
leaping tongues of fire;
come, and with your glorious light
all our thoughts inspire!
Rest upon each servant's head
till each one is speaking
of our Christ, the Holy One
all the earth is seeking!**

3. **Come, O Spirit, fill your church,
making strong our mission;
fill your daughters and your sons
with a mighty vision,
till the great and glorious day
when the whole creation
sings your praise as Lord and King,
giver of salvation!**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

All: ...**Amen.**

***RESPONSE** “Go with Us, Lord” GtG 748

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.**

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POSTLUDE

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