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COF Worship, May 23, 2021 11:15 am

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering and Praise

Prelude/ Centering Music

Litany for Pentecost

Maker of all things, in the beginning, you created heaven and earth. In the fullness of time, you restored all things in Christ. Renew our world, in this day, with your grace and mercy. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Life of the world, you breathed life into the flesh you created. Now, by your Spirit, breathe new life into the children of earth. Turn hatred into love, sorrow into joy, and war into peace. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lover of concord, you desire the unity of all Christians. Set aflame the whole church with the fire of your Spirit. Unite us to stand in the world as a sign of your love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, through your Spirit you supply every human need. Heal the sick, and comfort the distressed. Befriend the friendless and help the helpless. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Source of peace, your Spirit restores our anxious spirits. In our labor, give us rest; in our temptation, strength; in our sadness, consolation. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Come, Holy Spirit! Rain upon our dry and dusty lives. Wash away our sin and heal our wounded spirits. Kindle within us the fire of your love to burn away our apathy. With your warmth bend our rigidity and guide our wandering feet; through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (pp. 346-347). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Hymn *Spirit* (319)

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p.348). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Response of Praise *Spirit of the Living God*

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.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Blow bubbles and watch the air currents in the room move them around. This is the Spirit of God making herself known to us!

Anthem *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God (Ketty and Townend)*

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

God of power and grace, fill us with the wisdom of your word and the understanding of your Spirit so that we may be your church: a people with dreams and visions at work in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 348). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition

Epistle Reading Romans 8:22-27 ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Hymn *Open My Eyes That I May See* (324)

Reading for Pentecost Acts 2:1- When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith *Apostles' Creed (ecumenical)*

I believe in God, the father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven; he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Symbolic Act for Pentecost

Take the ribbon that is on your chair. Say a prayer for how you want the Spirit to be in your life in the coming year. Come forward and tie the ribbon to the fan. When the fan blows, watch as your prayer is animated by the wind.

Offering prayer

L: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,

P: The world, and those who live in it.

L: With gratitude and generosity, let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen. Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 25). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Song of Response *Where the Spirit of the Lord Is*

Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is peace, where the Spirit of the Lord is there is love.

There is comfort in life's darkest hour, there is light and life, there is help and power

In the Spirit, in the Spirit of the Lord.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Let us pray: ; even as we lift the prayer Jesus teaches, *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.* Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship. (p.338) Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Going to Serve

Hymn *The Spirit Sends us Forth to Serve* (2241)

Charge Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God. Amen.** Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 154). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Benediction

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Hymns

Spirit

*Refrain Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep,

And over the eons you called to each thing, "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

Refrain

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand, And you gifted your people with a law and a land,

And when they were blinded with their idols and lies, Then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

Refrain

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, Then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still,

And down in the city you called once again When you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

Refrain

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams;

Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes, With bold new decisions your people arise.

Refrain

Open My Eyes That I May See

Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;

Place in my hands the wonderful key, that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God thy will to see

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;

And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God thy will to see,

Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;

Open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God thy will to see,

Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

The Spirit sends us forth to serve, we go in Jesus' name

To bring good tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

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.

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.

Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim,

God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.