



Community Presbyterian Church

Pentecost Sunday
28 May 2023

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

The Comforter Has Come

*Call to Worship

Jeremiah 31:31-34

(One) The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

(All) It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.

(One) But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

(All) No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord.”

(One) For they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

(All) Let us worship the God we know because His law is written in our hearts.

(One) The Lord is our God, and we are His people.

Opening Prayer

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

(One) O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

(All) Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

(One) There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

(All) These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

(One) When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

(All) When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

(One) May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

(All) I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

(One) May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

(All) Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

***Hymn (461)** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

(1) Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love whate'er you love,
and do what you would do.

(2) Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with you I will one will,
to do and to endure.

(3) Breathe on me, breath of God,
so that your will is mine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your fire divine.

(4) Breathe on me, breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.

Prayer of Confession

(All) 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, oh 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. Amen.

Silence

Response *Hear Our Prayer O'Lord*

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;
incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION

First Reading *John 7:37-39*
Second Reading *John 20:19-23*
Gospel Reading *Acts 2:1-21*

Sermon

***Hymn (492)** *Spirit of the Living God*

(1) 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) Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love.
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

RESPONSE

***Affirmation of Faith**

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In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. 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!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen

**from the Brief Statement of Faith*

Offertory

Spirit of God

***Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

Passing of the Peace

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespass)

SENDING

Charge

Benediction

Postlude

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Intergenerational Study of the Bible for Youth

Reception and Open House

Join us this **Sunday, May 28, 2023** after the service for a special fellowship time in the Annex where the LEGO Bible Timeline creations will be on display for all to see.

Games Up Here

No Games tonight for Memorial Day. See you next week!

Wednesday Bible Study

Join us this Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 5:00pm in Darley Hall and on Zoom as we learn about Christian Hospitality and how it relates to our trail hiker ministry.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Men's Prayer Breakfast is happening this week on **Thursday, June 1 at 7:00am.**

Cookie Drive

It's that time of year, we need help replenishing our cookie supply for summer Sunday fellowship. Please consider baking a couple dozen cookies and putting them in a freezer bag and dropping them off in Darley.

Pastor: Rev. Jason Brian Santos, Ph.D. (206) 962-9886

Organist/Pianist: Celeste Scott

SCRIPTURES

John 7:37-39

7:37 On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,

7:38 and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"

7:39 Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

John 20:19-23

20:19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

20:20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

20:21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

20:22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

20:23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Acts 2:1-21

2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

2:2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

2:3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

2:4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

2:5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

2:6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

2:7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

2:8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"

2:9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

2:10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

2:11 Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

2:12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

2:13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

2:14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

2:15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

2:16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

2:17 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

2:18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

2:19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

2:20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

2:21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'