



Pentecost Sunday
May 23, 2021
Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Holy Spirit,

The wind of God, the breath of Life.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Our Advocate, our Counselor.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.

Come, Holy Spirit.

May we feel God breathing through our worship. May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Move, swirl, and dance among us. Remind us that you are always present: encouraging, luring, and inspiring us to be the loving people you created us to be. Stir us during this hour to walk humbly, embrace love, and do justice in our unjust and fragmented world. Amen.

HYMN Let Every Christian Pray

1. Let every Christian pray; this day and every day, come, Holy Spirit, come!

Was not the church we love commissioned from above? Come, Holy Spirit, come!

2. The Spirit brought to birth the church of Christ on earth to seek and save the lost:

God never has withdrawn, since that tremendous dawn, the gifts at Pentecost.

3. Only the Spirit's power can fit us for this hour: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Instruct, inspire, unite, and help us see your light: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

CALL TO CONFESSION

We say we want change, but prefer the comfort of what we have; we long for new life, yet turn our backs on those around us. We could open our arms to others, but close them tight around our fears. Let us confess our lives to our God, as we hope for the Holy Spirit to come and dance among us, as we pray, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENNESS

O God, you who are always doing a new thing, we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change.

God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns.

Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts. Open up our lives, and let your Spirit blow through. Amen.

WORDS OF BLESSING AND ASSURANCE

Listen! It is not an old story, but ours. It may not happen with a might wind, but with a soft whisper. But this is our Pentecost. This is our reminder that God forgives us and fills us with all things new. God gives us new hope in endless days of despair, new joy in never-ending moments of grief, and new life when we seem to have lost even the simple ability to breathe – this day and in all the days to come. So remember the good news and say aloud: Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 8:22-27 (International Children's Bible)

²² We know that everything God made has been waiting until now in pain, like a woman ready to give birth. ²³ Not only the world, but we also have been waiting with pain inside us. We have the Spirit as the first part of God's promise. So we are waiting for God to finish making us his own children. I mean we are waiting for our bodies to be made free. ²⁴ We were saved, and we have this hope. If we see what we are waiting for, then that is not really hope. People do not hope for something they already have. ²⁵ But we are hoping for something that we do not have yet. We are waiting for it patiently.

²⁶ Also, the Spirit helps us. We are very weak, but the Spirit helps us with our weakness. We do not know how to pray as we should. But the Spirit himself speaks to God for us, even begs God for us. The Spirit speaks to God with deep feelings that words cannot explain. ²⁷ God can see what is in people's hearts. And he knows what is in the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit speaks to God for his people in the way that God wants.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN #292 As The Wind Song



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the
1 風 之 頌, 林 中 吹 送, 輕 風 之
2 彩 之 虹, 雨 後 高 懸, 生 之



stir - ring of the breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of
hope that's born a - gain, so it is with the Spir - it of
送, 心 中 振 動, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹
盼, 人 間 再 現, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹



God, as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the
God, as the green in the spring, as a
送; 心 溫 暖, 奇 異 難 明, 風 浪
送; 春 天 裡, 青 山 綠 水, 線 上



voice with - in the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of
kite on a string, so it is with the Spir - it of

G Em Bm C
 God. Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
 God, mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come
 blown bring - ing life, bring - ing power to the world,
 true, bring - ing gifts, bring - ing love to the world,
 蹤 給 世 人 賜 生 命 加 力 量;
 現 給 世 人 帶 來 愛 和 禮 物;
 Em Em/D C
 as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -
 as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the
 火 之 舌, 跳 動 飛 舞, 心 深 處, 朝 思 暮
 麵 之 酵, 悄 然 膨 升, 盛 宴 上, 醇 香 美
 G/B Am7 D G
 sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
 feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 2:1-21
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SERMON

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement 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!"

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.

RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION


Holy One, you have given yourself to us in Creator, in Christ, in the Spirit. We now give back to you: this money that seems so little; this worship that seems so small; these words that never quite get it right.

Receive what we offer and transform it by the power of your Spirit into: enough money, sufficient praise, worthy words for proclaiming and enacting your peace, justice, and love in the world. Amen.


PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN #539 We Will Go Out with Joy



1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.



All C F/C C C/G G7 C *Fine*
We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.



Refrain F#sus2 C F G C
Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.



F#sus2 C E#sus2 Dm7 G#sus G *to Stanzas*
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sunday May 23 – ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONGRATULATIONS AMY AND JOE RAAB on the birth of their son, Weston William, who was born on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. Weston is the little brother of Tyler, grandson of Leanne Yerkes and great-grandson of Bill and Nancy Yerkes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Thank you to our faithful and loving teachers, Beth Conti, Donna Jencks and Kim King. Thank you to all the children who participated in our virtual classes. It was always a joy to see your smiling, enthusiastic faces! See you all in the fall – Have a super summer!!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – July 19 – 23 2021, 9AM – noon. Check our Website for more information and/or go to ybspro.events/p/dp9219 to sign up, or call the Church office at 215-794-8575. Call Kim King 215-340-0530 or Beth Conti 267-491-5646 to volunteer.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPLORERS July 12 – 16, 2021

Monday – Friday, 9:00-3:00, kids in grades 6-10 are invited to participate in a weeklong series of adventures. Each day the group will engage in different activities that will take them beyond the church to engage in God’s creation through different environment and outdoor experiences. Here’s a list of just a few learning activities:

- Milking cows at Delaware Valley University
- Day at the shore
- Tubing on the Delaware



Two different days exploring different environment issues will round out the week.

Registration numbers are restricted to 10. Friends are welcome. Sign up by calling the church office.

- Calendar:**
- May 25-** 7pm Session mtg. on Zoom.
 - May 26 -** Noon Lunch - Bring a chair and a packed lunch and join us.(weather permitting)
 - May 30** –10am Worship Services
 - May 31** –Memorial Day Offices Closed

In our thoughts and prayers: The Conner/Lang Family, Diane Dauer, Aleena Lang, Natalie Pizza, Bill Wark, Nancy Yerkes, Raymond Tinari, Dick Wright, Judy Ferguson, David Posnett

We extend our sincere condolences to Elliott family with the passing of Doris on May 19, 2021. *“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”*