



Pentecost Sunday
May 19, 2024
Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

On this day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit:

God's very presence that brings us together with divine love.

Come, Holy Spirit; fill this place with the breath of life!

Come, Holy Spirit; startle us with your passion and power!

Come, Holy Spirit; unite us once again to be the church in today's world.

Come, Holy Spirit; inspire us to see visions and dream dreams.

Let us worship God!

***OPENING PRAYER**

O Heavenly God, Holy Spirit of wind and flame, ignite in us again a passion to serve you with joy. Blow through this place with your energy, that we might be alive with the good news of your saving love and eager to share that love with the world. Come and bless us with your unmistakable presence that upsets, encourages, disarms, and empowers. In your name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #408** There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;

there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

REFRAIN:

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;

and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know

that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

2. There are blessings you cannot receive till you know him in his fullness and believe;
you're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." **REFRAIN**

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

God of our lives, we confess that we often lose sight of your vision. We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit as something that happened long ago, rather than something that still takes place today. We look back upon the early church and even the church as we ourselves once knew it, and lament the church of today. We begin to lose hope, become cynical, and even turn bitter.

Forgive our lack of faithfulness. Forgive our hard-heartedness. Come once again into our hearts and lives with an energy to do your work; a passion to work for your justice; and a desire to show the world your love. Bind us together once again as your church, and guide us on the right path, so we may serve you with joy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

Friends in Christ, believe this good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!

****GLORIA PATRI***

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 11:1-9

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

****HYMN #317*** In Christ There is No East or West

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.

3. Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

4. In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 2:1-21

SERMON Building Towers and Dreaming Dreams

CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY

****DOXOLOGY***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION***

Bless these gifts, Great God, and those who have given them, that we might continue to share our resources until all are fed, all are sheltered, all are celebrated, and all are loved. Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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 #295*** Go to the World!

1. Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.

2. Go to the world! Go into every place. Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.

3. Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day. As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.

4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!" Alleluia. Alleluia.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, May 19, 2024


This week's carillon is in memory of Earl and Pinky Hampton. Earl and Pinky lived in Forest Grove and were faithful members of the church. They are parents to Jim Hampton.

WELCOME REV. SARAH COLWILL: Rev. Colwill oversees the presbytery's two Lilly Endowment funded ministry initiatives. The first is a clergy care program, Cultivating Enough in the Care of Clergy, which resources our pastors serving small churches, churches in communities of color, and church plants (and replants). The second is a preaching initiative, Expanding the Pulpit, a two-track program for pastors to strengthen their preaching skills, and for lay leaders to encourage their voice in the pulpit. Prior to this call, Rev. Colwill served as pastor at Church on the Mall, campus minister at Drexel University, and associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Springfield (Flourtown). Her favorite forms of self-care are running, journaling, and playing with her dog, Bella. She lives in Lafayette Hill, and along with being a pastor has the dual call of being a mother to her two teen-aged children, Nathan and Julia. Welcome Rev. Sarah!!

Next Sunday, May 26 we welcome Rev. Cassie Heintz as our Guest Preacher. Rev. Cassie is the Administrative Assistant to the Executive Presbytery.

Pastor Su will be in Scotland from May 16 – June 2. While she is away, please contact a Session member for pastoral emergencies. Our current elders include Maggie Rash, Donna Jencks, Sharon Ruth, Amy Raab, Bill Wark, Courtney Woolsey, Janice and Bob Propsner.

YOUTH GROUP: Save the date June 9th, 6:30pm – end of the year Pool Party at Missi Dell'Orefice.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL: On June 7 at 6:00pm Parish Life will be hosting our annual Strawberry Festival. It's almost that time of year when the strawberries are plump and flavorful, so let's enjoy getting together for food, fun and fellowship. There will be hot dogs and of course our famous *STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE!* We are asking you to bring a side dish to share if you can. Sign-ups are in Fellowship. Weather allowing, we will hold this event outside. It is open to the public so invite your friends! 

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: This week we are asking for the following items: Cleaning products such as: Liquid Dish Detergent, Laundry Detergent, Countertop cleaner and bath soap. Donations are to be placed in the wagon found in the vestibule.

This week's calendar of events:

May 19	10:00 am	Worship followed by Fellowship
	4:00 pm	Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service
May 20	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting
May 22	12:00 pm	Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship
May 23	6:00 pm	Beekeepers Meeting

Elder of the month: Janice Propsner

Deacon of the month: Gerry Stemplewicz

Ushers: Beth Conti and Maggie Realley

Fellowship: Emilie Cullerton

Sunday school Teacher: Ruth Squillace

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Jim Turner, Violet Sanders,
Mary Lou Humlhanz, Pat Pizza, Kara Holton, Becky Schroeder,
Wes Schroeder, Eloise Hyndman, Don Huber, David Posnett, Dick Wright, Shannon Foster



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