

First Presbyterian Church

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Embodying Christ's inclusive love through heart, mind, and service

First Presbyterian Church, Oak Ridge, Tennessee

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

May 23, 2021 • Sunday of Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (from Acts 2)

God declares, "I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.

Your young will see visions. Your elders will dream dreams."

The wind of God is among us, doing something new.

The Spirit of God is here, transforming lives and leading us forward.

Let us worship the living God!

Hymn 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

(verses 1 and 2)

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,

A band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.

A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,

And tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed

To understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.

What universal message, what great good news was here?

That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, long ago you poured out your Spirit upon gathered disciples, creating a bold, new community of faith. We confess our reluctance to be as courageous when it comes to speaking the good news of your love. We fear the rush of your Spirit in our lives and what you might call us to do. We build barriers of protection more easily than we build bridges of reconciliation. Forgive us, we pray. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, that we may live with joy and with faithfulness for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Peace of Christ

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Sung Response

We Are Forgiven

(Glory to God, 447)

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (repeat)

Solo

Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

John Purifoy

Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove, our light and comfort from above.

Be thou our guardian, Thou our Guide, over every thought and step preside.

Lead us to Christ, living Way, nor let us from His precepts stray.

Lead us to holiness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.

The light of Truth to us display, and make us know and choose the Way.

Plant holy fear in every heart, that we from Thee may ne'er depart.

Lead us to heaven that we may share fullness of joy forever there.

Lead us to God, our final rest, to be with Him forever blest.

Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove, our light and comfort from above.

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Sermon

Untamed Grace

Sharon Youngs

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. 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 Holy 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!"

Eucharist

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Thank you for Jesus, our Savior and Lord. ... Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us ... with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Be Not Afraid

John Purifoy

Be not afraid, I give you peace. Not as the world gives, my peace I bring.

Go in the Spirit, walk now in love.

Be not afraid. Let not your hearts be troubled, nor be alone in fear.

Know my Spirit is with you, I am always near.

Be not afraid, I give you peace. Not as the world gives, my peace I bring.

Go in the Spirit, walk now in love. Be not afraid.

Prayer after Communion

You have given yourself to us, Lord. Now we rise from this table to give ourselves to others. May your Spirit continue to strengthen and inspire us in both word and deed, now and always; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Minute for Mission and a Moment of Thanks

Hymn 297

(verses 1, 3, and 4)

*In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace
And gather a people from each land and race.
In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death,
Then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.*

*In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach
The lifegiving gospel; God's love we will teach.
By grace may our living give proof to our praise
In costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.*

*Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love,
For you are within us, around us, above.
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow.
In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.*

Charge and Blessing

Sung Response

Irish Blessing

*May the road rise to meet you, may the wind blow at your back,
May the sun shine warmly on your face. May the rain fall softly on your field,
And until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.*

Postlude



The flowers today are given by Darlene Sanders and Elaine Wilson to the glory of God.

Announcements

—We express our gratitude to Ryan Tilley, who is concluding her job as our director of children and youth ministries today. Thank you, Ryan!

—Thank you to John Purifoy and Steve Boyce for sharing their gifts of music with us today.

—Today we receive the **Pentecost Offering**, a special offering of the PC(USA) which unites us in a church-wide effort to encourage, develop, and support young people, and address the needs of at-risk children. Please make gifts payable to FPC with “Pentecost” on the memo line, or to give online, use the QR code below or visit www.fpcor.org for a link.

—Today is the final day for Sunday morning children and Sunday evening youth classes until the fall. Be on the lookout for information about summer events for children and youth.

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