

First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Online Worship Pentecost Sunday – May 31, 2020

PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

SCRIPTURE Joel 2:28-29, Acts 2:1-5

INTROIT "Veni Sancte Spiritus" Taizé

Holy Spirit, come to us (sing 3 times)

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Come Holy Spirit, come.

Come as the fire and burn,

Come as the wind and cleanse.

Come as the light and reveal,

Convict, convert, consecrate,

Empower us to follow Jesus.

PRAYER OF PRAISE (unison)

Creator, we come before you a broken people.

In the face of all that life throws at us,

we are reminded of how small,

weak and helpless we are on our own.

But, glory to God, we are not alone.

During creation, your spirit swept across the depths of the ocean, molding the chaos into your creation.

During Pentecost, your spirit again swept across those gathered there and molded them out of their chaos and despair into the body of Christ.

Today, sweep again across the depths of our needs,

and remold us into new creatures, people filled with your glory and power.

Remake us again into the church you have called us to be. Amen.

(Please sing!)

1 I've found a friend oh such a friend

He made my heart His home

God Himself is with me

And I know I'm never alone

I know all my tomorrows

Will be better than all my hopes

We've got love, grace, peace, and power

And joy in the Holy Ghost

Bridge:

My God is never wrong

And He makes time for me

He blew apart my chains

And set this sinner free

It's like a river

And you'll never run it dry

We've got power over fear and death

And hearts filled up with joy

2 The Holy Spirit fills me up

And I need Her every day

For fire faith and confidence

And knowing what to say

I gave my heart and all I am

To the One who loves me most

We've got love, grace, peace, and power

And joy in the Holy Ghost

Love, grace, peace, and power

And joy...in the Holy...Ghost!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

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 you word of grace, speak the good news of your love,

or live as a people made one in Christ.

Have mercy on us, O 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.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE #288 "Spirit of the Living God"

(Please sing!)

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.

SCRIPTURE Numbers 11:24-30

SONG "Come, Holy Spirit" (Please sing!)

1 Come, as a wisdom to children,

come, as new sight to the blind,

come, Lord, as strength to my weakness;

take me; soul, body and mind.

Refrain:

Come, Holy Spirit, I need you,

come, sweet Spirit, I pray;

come, in your strength and your power,

come in your own gentle way.

2 Come a rest to the weary, come as a balm for the sore, come, as a dew to my dryness; fill me with joy, evermore. (refrain) 3 Come, like a spring in the desert, come, to the withered of soul; oh, let Thy sweet healing power touch me, and make me whole (refrain)

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-18, 21

SERMON Pastor Michael Rucker

SONG "Holy Spirit, Rain Down" (please sing!)

Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down Oh, Comforter and Friend How we need Your touch again Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down Let Your power fall Let Your voice be heard Come and change our hearts As we stand on Your word Holy Spirit, rain down

No eye has seen, no ear has heard No mind can know what God has in store So open up Heaven, open it wide Over Your church and over our lives Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down Oh, Comforter and Friend How we need Your touch again Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PASTORAL PRAYER CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

RESPONSE "Spirit Song" (Please sing!)

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love;

Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit, like a dove,

Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe.

With the majesty of your hand, you shaped the world and all that is in it. By your Holy Spirit, you breathed life into human form, and set us on this earth to praise and serve you.

When we wandered from your ways
and were lost in sin's wilderness,
your truth burned in the hearts of prophets
who called your people to return to the paths of righteousness.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son to be our deliverer.
In every age your Holy Spirit has led us in your ways.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:



You are holy, O God of majesty,

and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

At his baptism by John, your Spirit came with gentle wings, settling on him your blessing.

In the wilderness of temptation your Spirit stood by with power.

In his life and ministry, your Spirit led him to serve the poor, proclaim freedom from sin's bondage, open eyes with faith's sight, and befriend the friendless and outcast.

In all he did and said, he announced the coming of your saving might.

By his death on the cross and rising from the tomb,

he broke the power of death, and led the way to eternal life.

Ascended to rule from on high,

Christ prays for us and promises the coming of peace and power.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,

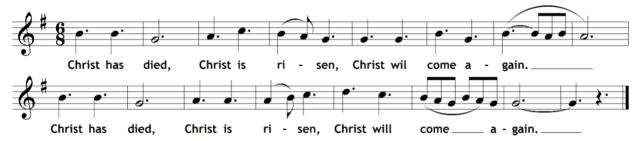
we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving

as a living and holy offering of ourselves,

that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:



Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

By the fire of your Spirit, O God, forge us into one church, many and different people, together in Christ's embrace.

Set our hearts aflame with a love for the truth and the desire to do your will, that our witness to Christ may burn brightly in lives of joyful discipleship. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

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.



BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(the people will be invited to eat and to drink)

PRAYER RESPONSE (unison)

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN #408 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (Please sing!)

1 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)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participants in this worship service:

The Rev. Michael P. Rucker, pastor | Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist Elder John Foster, videographer

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Believing we are called together by God's love through Jesus Christ, our mission as the First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood is to love God, to love each other, and to love our neighbors.

