



First Presbyterian Church, Hawley, Pennsylvania

Day of Pentecost
May 31, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
Facebook Live
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Breathe on My Breath of God

Robert Jackson
Arr. Marilyn Ham

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Call To Worship

One: Spirit of the living God,
visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: With power from above to make our weakness strong,

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: Let us worship God, in Spirit and in truth!

Hymn #289, "On Pentecost They Gathered"

Prayer of Confession

**We admit to you, God of our life,
that our celebration of the coming of your Spirit
is often an empty ritual.**

**Through the Spirit you offer us freedom,
but we cling to our chains.**

**Through the Spirit you offer us unity,
but we continue building walls.**

**Through the Spirit you offer us power,
but we shrink away in fear and doubt.**

**Forgive us, O God,
when we refuse the gifts you offer.**

**Allow us to touch the risen Christ
so he may overcome our doubt.**

**Grant us courage
to go forth into the world,
bearing the good news of your love.
Come, Holy Spirit, come! Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

In Hebrew and in Greek you spoke your word to us, O God: and we hunger and thirst for that saving word today. But how could we hear it without a translator? In Jesus Christ, the living Word, you share with us your message of universal love: but to our hardened hearts, his message is just as nonsensical. We need a different kind of translator. We need the Holy Spirit. Speak to us today, O God, through all the ramparts and obstacles we construct to keep you out. Speak to us by the power of your Spirit! **Amen.**

Scripture Readings

[Numbers 11: 24-30](#)

[Acts 2: 1-21](#)

Time with Young Christians

Uncle Hank Grilk

Musical Meditation

The Power of My Spirit

Pepper Choplin

On the day of Pentecost the believers joined as one, when from heaven came a sound like a mighty wind.
Tongues of fire came down upon them and they spoke in ev'ry tongue,
So the word of God was heard by everyone.

God said, "The young ones will see visions and the old ones will dream dreams, as my spirit moves among you
like a wind. Your sons and daughters will rise,
they will boldly prophesy when the power of my spirit comes again.

So fear not, but rejoice, for I am your God, and know that I will always be with you.
You will see my many wonders, great blessings I will pour. So rise up, praise the name of the Lord."

So continue in your visions and never lose your dreams, for my spirit moves among you like a wind. Your sons
and daughters arise, 'til they boldly prophesy when the power of my spirit comes again.
Now spirit, come again!

Sermon: "Disciples At the Border"

Dr. Wilton

Response to the Word

Hymn #317, "In Christ There is No East or West"

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Offering

Hymn No #291, "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Sending

Benediction

Postlude

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

Arr. Pamela Robertson

Hymn #289, "On Pentecost They Gathered"

Verse One:

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.

Verse Two:

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.

Verse three:

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

Hymn #317, "In Christ There is No East or West"

Verse One:

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.

Verse Two:

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

Verse Three:

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.

Hymn No #291, "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Refrain:

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,
calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

Verse One:

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons you called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." (Refrain)

Verse Two:

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. (Refrain)x