Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Day of Pentecost

May 23, 2021

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

God our creator, earth has many languages, but your gospel proclaims your love to all nations in one heavenly tongue. Make us messengers of the good news that, through the power of your Spirit, all the world may unite in one song of praise; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Veni Creator

Russell Schulz-Widmar

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Do you hear it,

the sound of rushing wind beginning to fill this house? Do you see it,

the glowing pillars of fire reflecting in every pair of eyes? Do you feel it,

God moving in this place, calling us to worship? The spirit has come! The church is born! Let us worship God with thanksgiving!

*SONG OF PRAISE Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us Hymnal, No.280

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

O God, as your Spirit filled the church

on the first Pentecost day,

so fill this house of worship with your presence,

and fill us with your passion.

You are doing a new thing, actively moving in the world.

Forgive us when we act as if your stories have all been written.

You hear the prayers of every language

and call us to hear each other.

Forgive us when we act as if your Spirit

only spoke our native tongue.

Wash us in your grace, O God,

and illumine us with your fire.

Send us out to follow your spirit

and teach us to hear the prayers of all your people.

(Time of silent reflection)

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE Glory Be to the Father Hymnal, No. 581 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, in now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING Ezekial 37:1-14 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-21 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Send Your Spirit

Tracy L. Evans

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all. Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.20

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... By your grace, O God, **raise us from death to life**. The Lord's Prayer Hym

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

The offering plates are in the narthex. You are invited to make an offering as you depart today.

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Hymnal, No. 66

*BLESSING AND CHARGE May the love of the holy triune God— Father, Son, and Holy Spirit abide with you forever. **Alleluia!**

Now go forth in Jesus' name, remembering his new commandment to love one another, just as he has loved us. **Amen.**

Worshippers are asked to wait for the usher to give direction in departing the sanctuary.

*POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Mark Hayes

*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for May 30: Isaiah 6:1-8 and Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17.

We are truly grateful for you joining us today, in person or via live-streaming. This is new for us all, and we thank you for your patience with this new way. We will be adapting and changing in the next few weeks as we work together to worship with devotion and safety protocols. If you have comments or suggestions, please let the pastor or a worship committee member know.

Food & Shelter items are being collected in the box outside the office.



This 20th-century text was written by a Presbyterian layperson and poet, who in her later years became interested in writing hymns for the seasons of the church year and prepared a collection of them for her congregation. It pairs effectively with this sturdy Welsh tune.



TEXT: Janie Alford, 1979 MUSIC: Thomas John Williams, 1890 Text © 1979 Hope Publishing Company EBENEZER 8.7.8.7.D



Like many African American spirituals, this one mixes the language of biblical narrative with veiled but effective allusions to the hope of escape from slavery, either by crossing rivers into free states or by participating in organized efforts like the Underground Railroad.

