



Day of Pentecost

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS:

We extend a warm welcome from Bethel Presbyterian Church!

We invite you to participate in signing the Friendship Folders adding your name and address and if you desire a church newsletter or a pastoral call.

When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we say "sins...sin against us" rather than "debts..." or "trespasses..."

Prayer requests can be noted on the cards provided in the pew racks and placed in the offering plate.

Prayer of Invocation

Let us pray:

O God, be present with us always, dwell within our hearts.

With thy light and thy Spirit guide our souls, our thoughts,

and all our actions, that we may teach thy Word,

that thy healing power may be in us and in thy church universal. Amen.

* Hymn No. 279

“COME, HOLY SPIRIT, HEAVENLY DOVE”

ST. AGNES

(verses 1, 2 & 4)

*Come, Ho-ly Spir-it, heaven-ly Dove,
with all thy quick-en-ing powers;
kin-dle a flame of sa-cred love
in these cold hearts of ours.*

*In vain we tune our for-mal songs;
in vain we strive to rise;
ho-san-nas lan-guish on our tongues,
and our de-vo-tion dies.*

*Come, Ho-ly Spir-it, heaven-ly Dove,
with all Thy quick-en-ing powers;
come, shed a-broad a Sav-ior’s love,
and that shall kin-dle ours.*

Pour Out My Spirit (a reading drawn from Acts 2:1-21)

* Call to Confession

We still don't get it - this gift called grace, this mercy called forgiveness.

So, we want more signs, more proof, more evidence that God loves us.

Yet, all we have to do is what Jesus did - trust in God:

completely, foolishly, daringly.

Let us pray, telling God how hard such trust is for us,

hoping that God's gracious Spirit will dance in our hearts.

* Prayer of Confession

We look for tongues of fire to dance upon us, God of Pentecost, but hold only the ashes of our broken promises. We long to speak simply and clearly so that everyone, everywhere, might understand your love for them, but we scatter our words to the wind with our inability to care for others. We want you to show us the secrets of the kingdom, never noticing they are revealed in the songs of children, the memories of older folks, the dreams of the young all around us.

Have mercy on us, and pour out your Spirit, God of amazing days. When we pull the shutters of our souls shut, fling them open with the breath of wonder. When we turn out all the lights and huddle in the shadows of fear, illumine our hearts with the dancing flames of the Spirit's joy. When we find it impossible to come up with the language of love, pour your Word, Jesus Christ, into our emptiness so we may fill others.

* Sung Response No. 288 “SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD”

LIVING GOD

Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

* Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news for us.

God pours the Spirit upon us in these moments –
the Spirit which comforts us, which encourages us,
which transforms us through God's grace.

* Sung Response

“THIS IS THE DAY”

*This is the day (echo: hoy es el dia)
That the Lord has made (echo: qu'el ill ha dado)
We will rejoice (echo: me alegrare)
And be glad in it (echo: y l'alabare)*

*This is the day that the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it.*

*This is the day (echo: hoy es el dia)
That the Lord has made.*

THE WORD

Children's Moment

Choral Anthem (Hebrew) “AL SHLOSHA D'VARIM”

Music: Allan E. Naplan
Text: Pirkei AAvot (Mishnah)

Translation: The world is sustained by three things, by truth, by justice, and by peace.

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray:

Loving God, by your Holy Spirit, illumine the sacred page, we pray,
that our minds may be open to receive it, our hearts taught to love it,
and our wills strengthened to obey it. Amen

Readings from Scripture

Psalter Psalm 104:24-30 (*God the Creator and Provider*) Pg. 524

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Here is the sea, great and wide, which teems with creatures innumerable,
living things both small and great.

There go the ships, and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it.

These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.

When you give it to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

Gospel John 14:15-21 (The Promise of the Holy Spirit) Pg. 103

Sermon "Go Fly a Kite"
The Reverend Susan Reisinger

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Affirmation of Faith Hymnal Pg. 38, Sections 4-5
Holy Spirit portion of The Brief Statement of Faith, 1991,
The Book of Confessions, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

**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.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of 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 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!"**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Call to Offering

May the gifts we offer be used, Loving God,
not to feed strangers we do not know, but our sisters and brothers
who hunger for companionship, as well as food;
who look for a heart which will welcome them,
as much as a place to sleep;
who long for those who will accept them for who they are,
not see them as those who have no worth.

This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Offertory (German)

* Hymn No. 606 **“PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”**

*Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow;
praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;
praise him a-bove, ye heav-en-ly host;
praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.*

* Prayer of Dedication

Gracious and giving God, you are the One who first has given to us
all that we need for life.

Guide us to use what we now gather for the well-being of your church,
for those in need of shelter and food,
for all who suffer for want of your Word,
and for nurturing faith in your people.

In the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (*Responsive*)

L: Let us pray:

On this day of Pentecost, may the Spirit dance with you!

P: May the Spirit dance with you as well!

L: May God's grace be poured into your hearts.

P: Come, Holy Spirit, to fill our hearts with love.

L: May God's Word become our language of praise.

P: Come, Holy Spirit, to teach us new songs of thanksgiving.

(Prayer continues)

... we sing of the thanksgivings filling our hearts:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
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.

(Prayer continues)

The Lord's Prayer (*"sins...sin against us"*)

Hymnal Pg. 35

**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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Sharing in the Holy Meal

Prayer after Communion

**Thank you, merciful God,
for gladness in this bread and cup,
for love that cannot die,
for peace the world cannot give,
for the splendors of creation,
and for the mission of justice you have made your own.
Give us the gifts of this holy communion —
oneness of heart, love for neighbors,
forgiveness of enemies,
the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 286

“BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD”

TRENTHAM

(verses 1-3)

*Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life a-new,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what Thou wouldst do.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,
un-til my heart is pure,
un-til with thee I will one will,
to do and to en-dure.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am whol-ly thine,
un-til this earth-ly part of me
glows with thy fire di-vine.*

* Charge and Blessing

* Sung Response No. 598

South African

“AMEN, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME, O GOD”

A-men si-a-ku-du-mi-sa!

(choir: Ma-si-thi!)

A-men si-a-ku-du-mi-sa!

(choir: Ma-si-thi!)

A-men ba-wo. A-men ba-wo.

A-men si-a-ku-du-mi-sa!

(choir: Ma-si-thi!)

* Postlude

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