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DAY OF PENTECOST

First Presbyterian Church 
FOR CHRIST IN THE HEART OF KNOXVILLE

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
DAY OF PENTECOST

JUNE 5, 2022

✠ THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE ✠

PRELUDE

We Pray Now to the Holy Ghost

Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On the day of Pentecost, the church was gathered together in one place. Could it have looked something like this?

(Turn and look around you; notice the people who sit near you today.)

One: On the day of Pentecost, the Spirit of God blew through the church like a howling wind. Could it have sounded something like this?

(Respond by making wind noises with your mouth and by rubbing your hands back and forth.)

One: On the day of Pentecost, differences were minimized as people came together seeing and hearing one another. Could it have felt something like this?

(Respond by holding hands with someone close to you.)

One: On the day of Pentecost, the Spirit of God fell down like rain on everyone gathered there that day. And sons and daughters prophesied.

(If you are a son or daughter, no matter your age, place one hand on your heart.)

And young people saw visions.

(If you consider yourself young, or young at heart, place a second hand on your heart.)

And old people dreamed dreams.

(If you consider yourself wise in years, place a second hand on your heart.)

ALL: Thanks be to God for bringing us together in this worship place. May we, like those before us, worship God with our whole heart. Amen.

† OPENING HYMN 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Ebenezer

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty God, you showed up in dazzling light and in a still, small voice.

You showed up as a tiny baby lying in a manger.

You showed up on a long dusty walk to Emmaus.

You keep showing up in the most mysterious ways, so we should have known you might show up like a powerful wind, bringing with you the reminder of warmth, and the ability for us to hear one another.

We should have known, and yet we didn't. We don't. We doubt.

Like the men on the way to Emmaus, we can't see you.

Like the weary people of Bethlehem, we don't make room for you.

And like members of the early church community,

we look for excuses to explain your presence away.

Loving God, forgive our weak hearts, because from the beginning you have been here, revealing yourself to us.

And from the beginning, we have struggled to see that.

Despite our bad track record, we come to you today, asking that once more you might give us a second chance; we ask that once more you might pour your Spirit out on us.

For we are in desperate need of you and the mysterious ways you keep showing up. Amen.

(a moment for silent confession)

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† MUSICAL RESPONSE 377 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (verse 1) Houston

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

† MUSICAL RESPONSE 288 *Spirit of the Living God* Living God

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.

✠ THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD ✠

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON *Genesis 11:1-9* Zee Troutman

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." ⁵ The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. ⁶ And the LORD said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." ⁸ So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹ Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth, and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

✦ THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE ✦

† HYMN OF RESPONSE 286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* Trentham

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You may place your offering in the offering plates when they are passed or you are invited to mail in your tithes and offerings to the church office or give online at www.fpcknox.org/donate.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *If Ye Love Me* Thomas Tallis
If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the spirit of truth.

† DOXOLOGY 606 *Old Hundredth*
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION MUSIC *Humbly I Adore Thee* Arr. Joe Cox
Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen, who thy glory hidest, 'neath these shadows mean; lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed, tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud. Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail; faith, that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil. I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told; what the Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold. O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death; living Bread that givest all they creatures breath, grant my spirit ever by thy life may live, to my taste thy sweetness never failing give. Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith behold, what my soul doth long for, that thy word foretold; face to face thy splendor, I at last shall see, in the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee.

† SENDING HYMN 291 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* Spirit

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost, BWV 667* Johann S. Bach

Worship Notes:

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† - Please stand if you are able.

HYMNS FOR JUNE 5

† OPENING HYMN 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Ebenezer

1. Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
Come with Pentecostal power;
Give the church a stronger vision;
Help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation,
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
Still the church is called to mission
That God's love shall be made known.
2. We would raise our alleluias
For the grace of yesteryears;
For tomorrow's unknown pathway,
Hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
3. Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
Give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you,
Glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas
Now and through eternity.

† HYMN OF RESPONSE 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Trentham

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God;
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with thy fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity.

† SENDING HYMN 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Spirit

- 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.
1. 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]
 2. You swept through the desert;
You stung with the sand;
And you goaded your people
With a law and a land.
When they were confounded
With idols and lies,
Then you spoke through your prophets
 3. You sang in the stable;
You cried from a hill;
Then you whispered in silence
When the whole world was still.
And down in the city,
You called once again
When you blew through your people
On the rush of the wind.
[Refrain]
 4. 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]