

Versailles Presbyterian Church

May 19, 2024

Order of Worship
Day of Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
Paige Quillen, flute

arr. Gary Lanier

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Hail Thee, Festival Day!

by Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Lois Gaines

One: Like the disciples who gathered in the house in Jerusalem, we gather in this place, waiting for you to speak.

All: Fill us with your Spirit, O God.

One: Fill us with your Holy Spirit as you have promised; energize your church with new passion.

All: We are waiting; we are ready.

*Hymn #289

On Pentecost They Gathered

1 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 aglowing
inspired each person there.

2 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.

3 God pours the Holy Spirit
on all who would believe,
on women, men, and children
who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit,
bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming,
responds in every hour.

4 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.

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Prayer of Praise (Unison)

Holy God, send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place, that we may proclaim to the world your grace and love. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Living God, we confess that we have forgotten the power of Pentecost. We have been silent when we ought to have shouted of your love. We have been noisy when we ought to have listened for your guidance. Afraid of being led where we don't want to go, we have ignored the workings of your Spirit in our lives. Forgive us, O God, and send your Spirit on us once again. Let your wind blow through the cluttered places in our lives. Fan your flame into our darkest fears. Shower your hope where there is suffering, cruelty, despair, and loss. Fill us with the courage and passion of your first disciples.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Response (Sung)

"Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:22-27

Anthem

Spirit, Open My Heart

by Alfred V. Fedak

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Sermon

Sarah Smith

Hymn #279

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

1 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with all thy quickening powers;
kindle a flame of sacred love
in these cold hearts of ours.

2 In vain we tune our formal songs;
in vain we strive to rise;
hosannas languish on our tongues,
and our devotion dies.

3 Dear Lord, and shall we ever live
at this poor dying rate?
Our love so faint, so cold to thee,
and thine to us so great!

4 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with all thy quickening powers;
come, shed abroad a Savior's love,
and that shall kindle ours.

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

From the Iona Worship Book

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of women and men. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a cross. He died forsaken and descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit and life giving breath, the spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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.

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

Create in Me a Clean Heart

by Todd Beaney

Response (Sung)

"Doxology"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

Closing Hymn #291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness
(verses 1 and 4)

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)

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)

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Benediction

Postlude

Rigaudon

by Jean-Baptiste de Lully