

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Grand Chorus in B flat*

Théodore Dubois

Prayer of Preparation (*you may prepare for worship by praying silently*)

Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness, that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Dan Davis

Call to Worship (responsive)

We are gathered in one place to call on the name of the Lord:

come, Holy Spirit, come!

We are members of one body, calling out, in Jesus' name:

come, Holy Spirit, come!

Let us worship God.

* Hymn of Praise 289 – *On Pentecost They Gathered*

* Call to Confession

Jesus says, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me. Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(time for silent confession)

* Declaration of Forgiveness (responsive)

Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri*

Hymn 581

**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, amen.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children

Christopher Crowell

Prayer for Illumination

God of power and grace, fill us with the wisdom of your word and the understanding of your Spirit so that we may be your church: a people with dreams and visions at work in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading – Genesis 11:1-9

pew Bible pg. 8

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Spirit of God*

C. Albert Scholin

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay,

No angel visitant, no opening skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.

To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;

Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer,

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame;

The baptism of the heaven descended Dove, my heart and Thy love the flame.

Second Reading – Acts 2:1-21

pew Bible pg. 885

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – *We Hear Them Speaking*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crowell

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

* Hymn of Thanksgiving 286 – *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

* Affirmation of Faith: (unison) The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the People (responsive)

Maker of all things, in the beginning, you created heaven and earth. In the fullness of time, you restored all things in Christ. Renew our world, in this day, with your grace and mercy.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Life of the world, you breathed life into the flesh you created. Now, by your Spirit, breathe new life into the children of earth. Turn hatred into love, sorrow into joy, and war into peace. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lover of concord, you desire unity of all Christians. Set aflame the whole church with the fire of your Spirit. Unite us to stand in the world as a sign of your love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, through your Spirit you supply every human need. Heal the sick, and comfort the distressed. Befriend the friendless, and help the helpless. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Source of peace, your Spirit restores our anxious spirits. In our labor, give us rest; in our temptation, strength; in our sadness, consolation. Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Come, Holy Spirit! Rain upon our dry and dusty lives. Wash away our sin and heal our wounded spirits. Kindle within us the fire of your love to burn away apathy. With your warmth bend our rigidity, and guide our wandering feet; through Christ our Lord we pray. **Amen.**

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.

Invitation to Offering

As the grace of Jesus Christ has been poured out for us, let us pour out our lives for others, offering our gifts and ourselves to God.

Offertory – *Spirit of the Living God*

Malcolm Archer

* The Doxology – Hymn 606

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.

* Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Creating God, how manifold are your works! You open your hand with generosity and love and our lives are filled with good things. You send your Spirit, giving life to all. We praise you! In giving you these gifts we long to be generous, as you are. By the power of your Spirit let the gifts we give today become a source of life and blessing to others. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn of Consecration 280 – *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

* Blessing and Charge (responsive)

May the God of glory, the Lord of life, and the Spirit of truth be with you all. **Alleluia!**
Live by the Spirit, the giver of life. **Amen.**

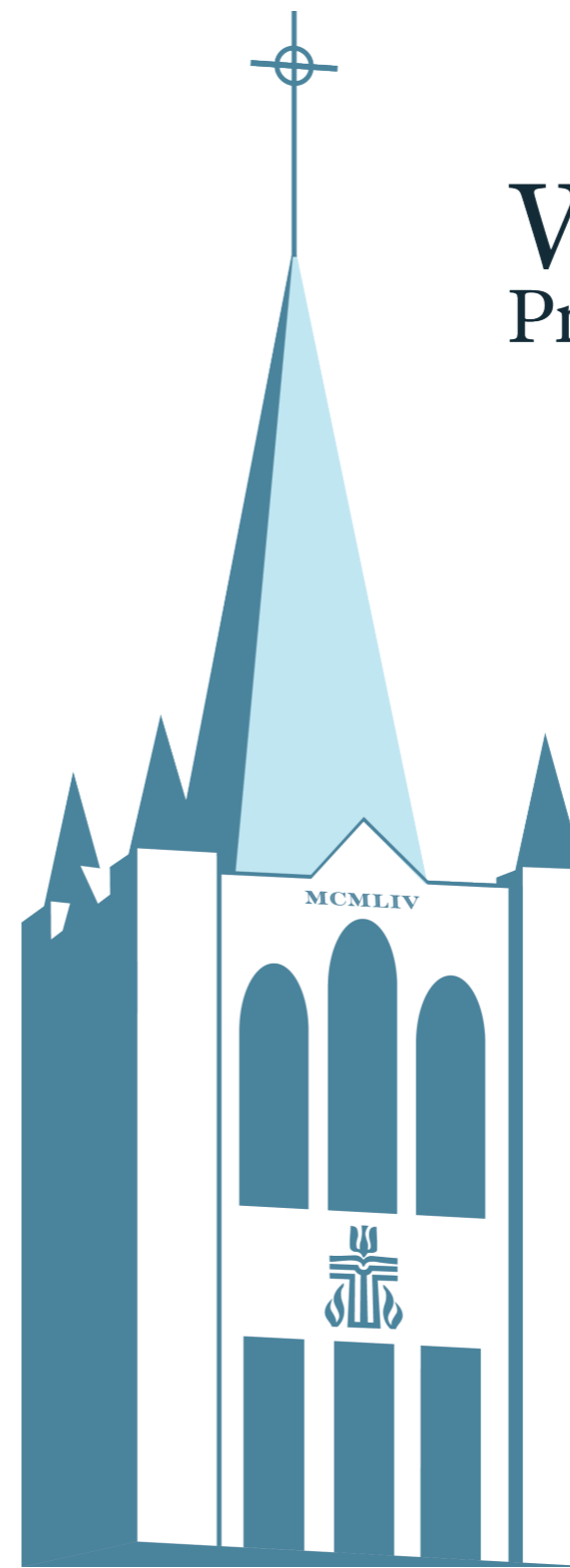
* Postlude – *Tongues of Fire*

Alfred Fedak



* Please stand at the * as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold.**

Today's liturgy for this service was drawn from the *Book of Common Worship* (2018) and *Call to Worship Lectionary Aids for 2013-2014, 2017-2018, Year A.*

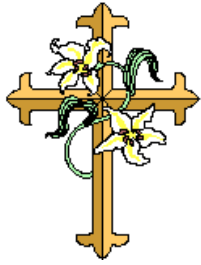


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“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation—everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”

II Corinthians 5:17

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PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

(* new added prayers)

Linda Basden, neighbor of Janeil Harris – Alzheimer's

Telina Birch, friend of Nancy Johnson – maintains low markers while receiving cancer treatment

Ison Bounds, friend of Carolyn McLarnan – esophageal cancer with metastasis to liver, brain, and spine

Jan Bozeman

Janet Burke

Dr. Tim Cole, friend of Mary Cromartie – pancreatic cancer

Vida Davis, sister of Ruthie Davis – dementia

Chip Edmonson, Chad Edmonson's father – health issues

Larry Fontana, friend of Nancy Johnson – mantle cell lymphoma of the throat

Teresa Ginn, Michael Ginn's aunt – dementia

Wendy Graham, Jan Bozeman's sister – lung cancer

Kenny Harrell – in rehab

Greg Herndon, friend of Amanda Brown – recurrence of cancer, more chemo needed

Jeanne Herring – recurrence of cancer

Ann Johnson

Geraldine Jones

Roger Kuyrkendall, Carrie Creel's father – dementia

B.J. Lambert – prayers for endurance and strength

Kirsty Lochhead, Bob and Margaret Lochhead's daughter – all reports are clear

Bernice McIntosh, Mac Forsyth's aunt – declining health

Wanda Matthews, Dudley Westbrook's mother – health and mobility problems

Mike Moore, cousin of Glenn Nobles – on respirator

Becky Nobles, Glenn Nobles' sister-in-law – esophagus cancer

Laura Pearce, Nancy Johnson's goddaughter – constant nerve/ankle pain management

Nancy Pechacek, cousin of Carolyn McLarnan – eye issues, possible stroke

Fergus Reid, Carolyn McLarnan's nephew – severe pain

Kem Reid, Ryan Reid's father – at home recovering

Sheema Reid, Carolyn McLarnan's sister-in-law – starting chemo

Dena Faye Robertson, Glenn Nobles' sister – hospice for Alzheimer's

Jeannette Russell, Janet Burke's twin sister – serious health issues

Cindy Shields, friend of Martha Davis – b-cell lymphoma, undergoing treatment

Molly Tracy, friend of Ann Aldridge's daughter – throat cancer

Louise Traxler, Karen Reidenbach's mom – Bedford Care Center for therapy

Dr. John Turner – recovering from quintuple bypass surgery

John Watkins, Rose Marie Yore's brother – prayers for healing

Donna Wilson, teacher at Sacred Heart – colon cancer

PRAYERS OF COMFORT

For the family and friends of Janet Burke's brother, Anthony Craig Swicegood



Greeting and Announcements

Welcome to Westminster! We're very glad to see you in worship. We hope you will sense Christ's presence. If you are looking for a place to grow and serve, we'd love to tell you more about us. Please silence cell phones during the worship hour.

The May/June Today devotionals are on the narthex cabinet.

Youth and Children will not meet today.

Brown Bag Bible Study will meet Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in the parlor.

Circle 3 meets Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Choir will meet Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Men of the Church will meet Thursday in Montague Hall at 6:30 a.m. for breakfast.

Mission Workday - Tornado Recovery

Westminster is still collecting for **tornado relief**. There is a table in Montague Hall for supplies and a box for gift cards. The mission committee is hoping to coordinate a workday in the Silver City area soon to help with tornado clean-up efforts. We are looking at Saturdays as options in the near future. If you have an interest in participating, please contact the church office.



The **Pentecost Offering** will be received today. 10% of this offering goes to child advocacy; 25% goes to ministries with youth; another 25% goes to young adult volunteers; and 40% is kept by our congregation for ministries that help children at risk. Envelopes are in today's bulletin.



Mission committee meets June 4 at 11:35 a.m.

Ordination and Installation of new officers will be Sunday, June 4.

Pot Luck will be June 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Stella Fair's service will be June 3 at Westminster. Visitation at 10 a.m. and service at 11 a.m. There will be a lunch following the service.