FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Pentecost Sunday
Summer Worship
June 5, 2022

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Spirit of the Living God — Jacob Sooter/Mia Fieldes
Contemporary Ensemble

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN — #128
On Pentecost They Gathered — MUNICH

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.

*Please stand if you are able.

CALL TO CONFESSON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-21 Steve Simmons

Leader: The word of the Lord;
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Rev. J.C. Austin

"A Real Blowout"

WE RESPOND

*SERMON HYMN #319

Spirit 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.

Verse 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)

Verse 2
You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.
(Refrain)

Verse 3
You sang in a 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)

Verse 4
You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.
(Refrain)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (the Nicene Creed, ecumenical version)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory "Sing, Joyous Christians" Antonio Lotti, arr. Walter Buszin

Chancel Choir

Sing, joyous Christians!
Sing forth your alleluias,
Sing for your alleluias!
Christ, our Redeemer, from death is risen,
Alleluia!
Death and hell are conquered,
Alleluia!
Christ have mercy,
Alleluia!
Christ is ascended on high to heaven,
Alleluia!
Sitteth at the right hand of the Father,
Alleluia!

*Doxology #592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 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.

*Prayer of Dedication

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise…

Congregational Response

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.

…As our Savior Christ has taught us, so we pray…

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Communion Music "Going Home" JOHN ARNOLD

Kellen Pisani, Guitar

Post-Communion Prayer

*SENDING HYMN #315

Every Time I Feel the Spirit AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

Refrain:
Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

1 Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,
Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
Till I asked my Lord if all was mine. (Refrain)

2 Jordan river, chilly and cold,
It chills the body but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track;
It runs to heaven and then right back.
(Refrain)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune in G Jon Roberts

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