

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

MAY 31, 2020

PENTECOST

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude on 'Down Ampney'

Melody by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Arranged by Douglas Wagner

INTROIT

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the last days, when great wonders will occur, says God,
I will pour out my spirit on all people.

On the very first Pentecost, to begin my church, says God,
I will pour out my spirit on all people.

On this Pentecost, to this very church, says God,
I will pour out my spirit on all people.

Your Spirit is among us, O God.

May we feel the spark of her fire, the rush of her wind.

May our visions and dreams be of justice and mercy for all your creation;

May we prophesy to your vision of a new heaven and a new earth.

Remove our anxious nerves that prevent our calling out your name.

Come, Holy Spirit, come! May you pour out your peace on all your people!

HYMN

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

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.

We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yesteryears;
For tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.

In the church's pilgrim journey you have led us all the way;
Still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wind and flame, you pour out your Spirit on all your children, empowering the least and the lofty to tell of your mighty deeds. We hear the sound and feel the heat, but instead of recognizing your presence among us, we sneer and refuse to believe you speak through people we would not choose to proclaim your message. Forgive us for attempting to limit your Spirit. Silence our cynicism and possess us with your word of grace. Make us your witnesses, those who break down dividing walls between people and relish the new community, one where no one will ever cry out, "I can't breathe," made possible through the life and love of Jesus Christ.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession

CHORAL PETITION

Spirit of the 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.

LIVING GOD

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

JOYFUL RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Alleluia, Alleluia
Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.
Come let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior. (*Refrain*)

ALLELUIA #1

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Tom Evans

GOSPEL READING

John 7:37-39

MUSICAL OFFERING

Living Spirit

Boyd Bacon

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

The Day When God Made Church

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

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!"

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S CHURCH, COMMUNITY AND WORLD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory Response *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN

We Are One in the Spirit

ST. BREDAN'S

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (*Refrain*)

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
We will work with each other; we will work side by side,
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (*Refrain*)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (*Refrain*)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds, Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds, Is like to that above.

When we must be apart, it gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart, until we meet again.