



Gilead Presbyterian Church

May 23, 2021; Pentecost Sunday, Year B

Convinced of God's Grace, we affirm that there can be no exclusiveness in the body of Christ. We welcome all regardless of race, ethnic heritage, national origin, age, ability, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing; and we encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.

WELCOME

OPENING MUSIC

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"
Penny Cameron, piano

by William B. Bradbury
arr.by Joan Cupp

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:17-21

Leader: I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

People: your daughters and sons shall prophesy,

Leader: your young people shall see visions,

People: your elders shall dream dreams.

Leader: Even upon the least of my people, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

People: And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

BLUE HYMNAL #398

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

1. 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.

Refrain: 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.

2. There are blessings you cannot receive

Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;

You're the one to profit when you say,

"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

Refrain: 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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, who sent the promised power of the Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith; We confess that we resist the forces of your Spirit among us; that we are slow to serve you, and reluctant to spread the good news of your love. God, have mercy on us. Forgive our divisions, and by your Spirit draw us together. In flame us with a desire to do your will and be your faithful people; for the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

THE MOVING OF THE SPIRIT

Acts 2:1-13

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 Hebrews 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 native believers 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 And others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

SERMON

"Towards a Poor Church"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

MEDITATION

"Sprit"

by James K. Manley

Penny Cameron, piano

From **A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH: PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)**

Leader: 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.

People: 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!"

PASTORAL PRAYER and 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BLUE HYMNAL #324 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

- 1. Open my eyes, that I may see Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key That shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**
- 2. Open my ears, that I may hear Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, Everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

- 3. Open my mouth, and let me bear Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart, and let me prepare Love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" Spiritual
Penny Cameron, piano

Thank you to our videographers this morning, Alexis and Stephanie Gould.

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