



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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Pentecost & Communion



"Flames" - [ravisastry](#)

Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

Acts 2:1-21 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time. Know that you are loved and we are so glad you are here! Some of today's liturgy is from Ruth Burgess, Fire and Bread (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2006).

Along with your bulletin, you received a colored cloth and a marker.

During the service you are invited to listen for what the Spirit is speaking to you and write that on your cloth. After the homily you will be invited to come forward and add your cloth to the banner we will be making with the cloth. Please also bring your marker up and leave it in the basket.

PRELUDE: LIGHT OF THE LIVING GOD

ARRANGED BY DAVID PAXTON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING SENTENCES

God says: I will pour my Spirit on all people.

"Opening Sentences," David Hamfleet

The Spirit has come. Alleluia!

Christ says: I will ask the Father and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever.

The Spirit has come. Alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, gentle as a dove, burning as fire, powerful as the wind.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

OPENING HYMN #555: *Now Thank We All Our God

MARTIN RINKART

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God,
Who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son
And Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore,
The God who was, and is,
And shall be evermore.

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A 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 the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1432

ACTS 2:1-21

PEW BIBLE, PAGES 1324-1325

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

LITANY FOR PENTECOST

Our Pentecost litany will open with verses 1-2 of Hymn 291, "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" and will end with verses 3-4

HYMN 291 *"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" (Glory to God, verses 1-2)*

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**

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.

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**

Spirit of fire, inflame in us a passion for justice and equality:

That we may know the cleansing of our prejudices and fears and proclaim your freedom boldly, caressing your earth with humility.

Spirit of compassion, infuse us with your longings for wholeness and happiness:

That we may reach out to those who are hurting and disordered, enfolding one another with your love and tenderness.

Spirit of wisdom, be with us in our journeying, gently guiding us along right paths:

That we may be led towards transformation and new beginnings in our world.

Spirit of gentleness, touch us anew, releasing in us all that we are afraid of:

That we may know your acceptance of us, and freely accept and embrace others.

Spirit of power, hold us in our powerlessness:

That we may know your strength and become a voice for the voiceless, healing for the wounded and empowerment for the weak.

Spirit of judgement, draw near to us in all grief, confusion and pain; in your graciousness, bring hope, consolation and renewal:

That many may look up and discover you in the midst.

Spirit of dance, be our playfulness:

That we may leap and laugh and enter your joy. Give us confidence in life and assurance in death.

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.

"Pentecost Prayer," John McLuckie

Holy, sprightly Spirit of God, we delight at your dancing among us, filling the world with joyful possibility, revealing the music of the Creator. We rejoice at your daring spontaneity and find ourselves caught off guard by your unexpected communications.

In a world that can seem so predictable, you spark into being new possibilities: you gently purge our sin in the warmth of your breath, freeing us from our bondage to past wrong.

In a world that can seem drab, you weave your ever-changing patterns into the fabric of our beings.

In a world that can be hostile, your mediating love builds a path from loneliness to conviviality, from antagonism to cooperation.

In a world that can appear purposeless, your vitality shouts out a mighty "Yes" to life and declares that source of all living to be the One from whom you proceed, the Father and Mother, Creator and Lover of all.

We make our prayer in the name of Jesus, who promised your coming and reigns with you in the eternal fellowship of the Creator, one perfect Trinity of love. Amen.

HYMN 291 *"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" (Glory to God, verses 3-4)*

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**

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.

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**

BLESSING OUR GIFTS

***DEDICATION OF GIFTS**

***DOXOLOGY #592:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

THOMAS KEN

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.

***Hymn of the Day #316:** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God Flow*

Edwin Hatch

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,

Until this earthly part of me
Glow with Thy fire divine.
Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *God's Gonna Set Worl' On Fire*

MOSES HOGAN

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Homily: *"Poured like Fire"*

REV. PHILLIPS

LITANY OF THE SPIRIT

"LITANY OF THE SPIRIT," WELLSRING

You are welcome to come forward with your cloth and marker, leave your marker in the basket and place your cloth on the banner. We will help you attach it to the banner.

God of all beginnings	Shimmering of God
God of endings	Dream of God
Eternal light of God	Laughter of God
Warm breath of God	Sweet sorrow of God
Melting touch of God	Deep wisdom of God
Healing hand of God	Caressing of God
Creative love of God	Still center of God
Life-loving Spirit	Strong arm of God
Breath of the Universe	Guidance of God
Craftsman of the heavens	Giver of joy
Star-kindling Spirit	Giver of comfort
Sun-warming Spirit	Giver of peace
Moon-burnishing Spirit	Giver of wisdom
Bud-bursting Spirit	Giver of right judgement
Sap-surgng Spirit	Giver of good counsel
Painter of rainbows	Giver of strength
Craftsman of trees	Giver of awe and wonder
Artist of flowers	Giver of live
Midwife of creatures	Spirit of peacemaking
Source of all life	Witness to justice
Spirit of justice	Breaker-down of walls of division
Spirit of righteousness	Builder of bridges
Spirit of power	Loosener of chains
Spirit of integrity	Opener of new pathways
Spirit of mercy	Inspirer of creators
Spirit of compassion	Inspirer of peacemakers
Spirit of perfection	Inspirer of seekers after truth
Spirit of generosity	Inspirer of children
Spirit of invitation	Inspirer of mystics
Spirit of spirit of gladness	
Spirit of exuberance	Wellspring of life
Spirit of hope without horizon	Fresh spring of renewal
Light of our lives	Clear Stream of refreshment
Supporter in our trials	Wide ocean of love
Strength in our weakness	
Consolation in grief	Divine wind, Breath of God
Healer of wounds	as a whisper on the breeze,

Renewer of strength
Quencher of thirst
Shelter in storms
Tenderness in distress
Safe sheltering of God
Strong guarding of God
Soft enfolding of God
Liberating challenge of God
Joyous song of God
Promise of God
Graciousness of God

a wind dancing in the treetops,
an exhilarating wind of the clifftops,
so we sense you.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

O taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy are those who find refuge in God!

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of ever time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Thank you for Jesus, our Savior and Lord... Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of our selves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. For great is the mystery:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine... Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. We pray this and all things in the name of the One who taught us to pray in the language most familiar to us, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

COMMUNION BY THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN #326: *Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart*

GEORGE CROLY

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.

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King;
All, all Thine own: soul, heart, and strength and mind?
I see Thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
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 an altar, and Thy love the flame.

***SENDING**

"OPENING AND CLOSING RESPONSES FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY," RUTH BURGESS

God of fire and beauty *warm us.*
God of peace and justice *disturb us.*
God of wind and wonder *amaze us.*
God of Pentecost *kindle your love in our lives. Alleluia!*

POSTLUDE: *Postlude on Old Hundredth*

ARRANGED BY FRED BOCK

* *Please stand in body or spirit.*

Hymn Story

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Edwin Hatch, who wrote this hymn, was a great scholar. An esteemed member of the Oxford University faculty, he became widely known for his Brampton Lectures, which were translated into German by the great Adolph von Harnack, a great German scholar. Lectures of that sort tend to be challenging to read—tough sledding, as they say. But when it came to expressing his faith in ways that would speak to the ordinary person, nobody has done it better than Edwin Hatch did with this hymn, “Breathe on Me, Breath of God.”

This hymn is a prayer. The first line of each stanza is “Breathe on Me, Breath of God.” That phrase reminds us of the creation in which God “formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being” (Genesis 2:7). It reminds us of Jesus breathing on his disciples and saying to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit” (John 20:22).

We need the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, living within us—guiding us—inspiring us—helping us to live the kind of life that God created us to live.

This hymn prays that God will breathe on us and fill us with life anew, even as God breathed life into Adam. It prays that God will breathe on us to purify our hearts. It prays that God will breathe on us until we are wholly devoted to God. It prays that God will breathe on us so that we might never die. This hymn, then, is a prayer for God’s help in this life and throughout eternity.



Our Faith Community @ Work

WORSHIP Ministry: (Lead Elders: Helen Brown and Karen Maxwell)

WELCOME to this service of worship at Bethany Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). Whether you are a member or a visitor we are so glad that you are worshipping with us this morning and pray that this time of worship will be both renewing and rewarding for you. If you have any questions about Bethany, please speak to the pastor or call the church at 336.227.4041.

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“I will show love to those who were called unloved and, to those who were called ‘not-my-people’, I will say ‘you are my people’ and they will answer, ‘you are our God.’” (Hosea 2:23) Bethany Presbyterian Church is a place where the mind is nourished as well as the spirit, and where we affirm the dignity and worth of every person. As we are all created in the image of God, we believe discrimination is incompatible with Christ’s Gospel of unconditional love. While we celebrate our Presbyterian identity, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. We invite conversations that move us to seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit. **Be who you are and be welcome here.**

A Note About the Offering: As we have returned to worship as the pandemic has been becoming less and less a threat, we have continued the practice of not passing the offering plates at the time of the offering during our service, thus decreasing the threat of spreading germs. Instead, you are invited to make your contribution in one of four ways: drop it in the offering plate that is located at the narthex door (before worship) and in the narthex (following worship); mail it in to the church; drop it off at the church in person; or, use our quick and secure online giving platform. This can be accessed through our website, or by scanning the QR code on the last page of this bulletin. Thanks for your generosity and cooperation.

SERVE Ministry: (Lead Elders: Tina Patterson and Kim Snyder)

Our ongoing prayer list is below. Please let the church office know if there are any changes.

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TEACH Ministry: (Lead Elders: Tracey Troxler and Shelby Smith)

All are invited to take advantage of the several educational opportunities for all ages on Sunday mornings. Sunday school classes begin at 9:45 a.m.

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

Sunday, June 5th :- Pentecost & Communion Sunday

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages (will return soon)
- 11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

Wednesday, June 8th

- 6:30 – Choir Practice

Sunday, June 12th – Trinity Sunday

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages (will return soon)
- 11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

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