

PARK CENTRAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Day of Pentecost

DAY OF PENTECOST
MAY 28, 2023 10:30 AM

Chiming of the Hour

The ringing of the bell invites us to quiet our hearts & minds as we gather for worship.

Words of Welcome & Announcements

*Welcome to worship at Park Central Presbyterian Church!
May you experience God's grace and love within the worship service.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“The Deserted Garden”

Florence B. Price
ed. Owain Evans

Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

THE STORY OF PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-21 (p. 992)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, listen for the wind.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Come, feel the flame burning in our midst.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Come, open your lives to the good news.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Come and worship our God who sends the Holy Spirit among us.

Come, Holy Spirit, come and transform us into bold disciples!

***HYMN 129** Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

OPENING PRAYER

Great God,

You come like the wind of heaven, unseen and free.

You come like fire, vibrant and powerful.

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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**We gather in praise of your name.
Send your Spirit into our midst
and fill us with new life.
Warm and comfort us.
Strengthen us and give us courage.
May our worship this Pentecost day
draw our life together closer to your realm. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

LITANY OF CONFESSION

God of the Spirit,
You come upon us unexpected.
We are sure that we know the way the world works,
and You come to change us with courage and hope.
Come, Holy Spirit, and set us free.

God of the Spirit,
You come among us uninvited.
We just get our lives and our work and our relationships set,
and You come and upend and reorder our days.
Come, Holy Spirit, and set us free.

God of the Spirit,
You come among us unreasonably.
We often prefer life to be settled and calm and understandable,
and You come with zeal and fervor and excitement.
Come, Holy Spirit, and set us free.

God of the Spirit,
You come among us unjustified.
We are sinful people who feel unworthy of grace,
and You come with love to forgive and empower us.
Come, Holy Spirit, and set us free.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***HOLY SPIRIT, COME TO US**

Holy Spirit, come to us.

OR

Veni Sancte Spiritus (Choose either one!)

(Please continue to chant as the soloist sings the verses)

VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS (Taizé)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.**

***HYMN**

If You Believe and I Believe

(Please see hymn insert)

IF YOU BELIEVE

arr. John Bell

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 104:1, 24-35

Bless God, O my soul!

O God, my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.

**God, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.**

O God, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all --

the earth is full of your creatures;

Yonder is the sea, great and wide,

creeping things innumerable are there,

**Please rise in body or spirit*

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living things both small and great.
There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.
**God, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.**

These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;
when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
**God, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.**

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.
**God, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.**

May the glory of God endure forever;
may God rejoice in God's works--
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.
**God, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.**

I will sing to God as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
May my meditation be pleasing to God,
in whom I rejoice.
Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.
**Bless God, O my soul.
Praise God!**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Megan Hook, *soprano*
Dan Blumenthal, *violin*
W. A. Mozart
arr. Earlene Rentz

Laudate Dominum (from *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore*)

*Laudate Dominum omnes gentes
Laudate eum, omnes, populi
Quoniam confirmata est
Super nos misericordia eius,
Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.*

Praise the Lord, all nations;
Praise Him, all people.
For He has bestowed
His mercy upon us,
And the truth of the Lord endures forever.

*Gloria gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper.
Et in saecula saeculorum.
Amen.*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever,
and for generations of generations.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 (p. 1046)
Galatians 5:22-23 (p. 1063)

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

LITANY FOR PENTECOST

The Spirit that rushes in like a violent wind
is also the Spirit of gentleness.

The Spirit that tears down walls between people
is also the Spirit that opens hearts and minds.

The Spirit that burnishes with fire
is also the Spirit that renews and creates.

The Spirit that brings us to our knees in awe of God
is also the Spirit that lifts us up in the light of Christ.

The Spirit that brings a language of its own to our lips
is also the Spirit that carries the prayers of all to God.

We ask for the courage to say "Come, Holy Spirit."
We join our voices and say "Come, Holy Spirit."

Include us in God's work.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Increase our understanding.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Spur us into faithful action.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Burn away all that is dead within us.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Strengthen us to stand with our neighbors and to fight against oppression.

Strengthen us to stand for peace and to trust in God's faithfulness.

Use our gifts that we may live and die in Christ for the sake of the world.

Come, Holy Spirit! Amen.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO ENGAGEMENT

You may place donations to the church in the offering plate as you exit. You may also send in a check or click Donate on the church website.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN 430** Come Sing, O Church, in Joy

DARWALL'S 148TH

***CLOSING PRAYER**

**God our creator,
the earth has many languages,
but the good news proclaims your love
to all people in one heavenly tongue.
Make us messengers of the good news
that, through the power of your Spirit,
all the world may flourish and unite in one song of praise;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"O Love, How Deep" (DEO GRACIAS)

arr. Daniel Burton

*Please join us in the Gathering Hall following worship
for snacks, coffee, and fellowship.*

Holy Spirit, give us faith.
Holy Spirit, give us hope.
Holy Spirit, give us love.
Revive your work in this land
beginning with me.
~ Namirembe Diocese of Uganda

The Litany for Pentecost was adapted from liturgy written by the Rev. Julia Seymour.

Park Central has accepted the invitation
from the Presbyterian Church (USA) to become a Matthew 25 congregation.
We are answering Christ's call to become even more a church of action,
where God's love, justice, and mercy shine forth and are contagious.

To learn more about Matthew 25, please visit pcusa.org/matthew25

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