

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
May 23rd, 2021
PENTECOST SUNDAY

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND COUNTDOWN

MINI MOVIE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

PRELUDE Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

arr. Mark Hayes

CHORAL INTROIT Come All You People

Alexander Gondo

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The day of Pentecost has come, and we are together.

Will the works of God be known among us today?

We live in the valley of dry bones.

Around and within us is emptiness.

God comes to us as a gentle breath or violent wind.

Catch your breath, God's breath, and live.

There are stirrings deep within that give us hope.

There is a Spirit linking us to one another.

The fires of love dispel life's shadows.

God's Spirit comes to give us new life.

Surely God is in this place!

May the glory of God be known among us today!

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

Amazing God, how manifold are your works! The earth is full of life you have created, in

forms too numerous to count. You have linked us, your people, to the earth and to all

living things. We are interdependent. We can survive only if we have reverence for life.

Come among us now to make your ways known. Help us to dream dreams and see

visions of your intentions for this world and for your church. Amen.

***HYMN** O Worship the King *verses 1, 2, 3*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

When your face is hidden from us, mighty God, we forget that there is more to life than the daily pursuits that occupy our attention. We are weak because we have not tapped the resources you place within us. We are engaged only by what we can

see and touch and hear. Our frantic self-centeredness dries up our bones and we lose hope. Call us out of the graves in which we have chosen to live, the deep ruts that keep us from knowing the fullness of life you reveal when we welcome your Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In hope we are saved. The Spirit helps us in our weakness, intercedes for us, and guides us into all truth. God seeks to restore us to the fullness of life, to offer us hope, to assure us of our worth and value. Feel the flames of God's love resting on us, empowering us to love and serve in Christ's name.

***GLORIA PATRI**

#805

CHORAL ANTHEM Every Time I Feel the Spirit

arr. Howard Helvey

CHILDREN'S CHAT Rev. James Deters

***HYMN** Spirit of the Living God

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SCRIPTURE: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (p.544); Acts 2:1-21 (p.992) & John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 (p.984)

MESSAGE Rev. James Deters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

On insert

PERIOD OF GUIDED PRAYER Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY A Prayer for Peace

Tom Birchwood

***DOXOLOGY**

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

How manifold are your works, amazing God! When there are dry-bones times in our lives, we can look to you for new breath and hope and renewal of life. Your Spirit comes, and we are lifted up and linked to one another. We bring our offerings as an expression of thanksgiving for all your gifts. May your glory be proclaimed in all we give and all we do, when we are together and when we scatter to do your will in other places. Amen.

***HYMN** The Solid Rock *verses 1, 2, 3*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

God's Spirit is being poured out on this church.

We carry it with us into our everyday world.

With joy and amazement we scatter to serve.

God's love is changing us and granting new life.

Our children will share new insights.

People of all ages will dream and see visions.

God is inspiring us in fresh ways.

We are filled with hope for each new day.

The Spirit will help us in our weakness.

We will be guided in all truth.

Each day we will practice what we are learning.

Through our days we will continue in prayer.

Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** The Lord Bless You and Keep You *Harry Simeone*

POSTLUDE United in Faith

Ritter

Franklin

*All those who are able, please stand.

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AFFIRMATION

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for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
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Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

p.544

O Lord, 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,

living things both small and great.

There go the ships,

and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

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.

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.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

may the Lord rejoice in his works—

who looks on the earth and it trembles,

who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him,

for I rejoice in the Lord.

Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

Acts 2:1-21

p.992

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and

proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

p.984

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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O Worship the King 29

O Lord, my God . . . you are clothed with splendor and majesty. Ps. 104:1

1. O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
3. Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the
4. Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, in thee do we

sing his power and his love; our Shield and De - fend - er, the
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it de -
trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mer - cies how ten - der, how

An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
thun - der clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
scends to the plain, and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
firm to the end, our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er and Friend.

WORDS: Robert Grant, 1833; para. of Psalm 104
MUSIC: William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, Vol. II, 1815; arr. Johann M. Haydn, 18th C.

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297 Spirit of the Living God

I will pour out my Spirit in those days . . . Acts 2:18

1. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Spir - it of the
2. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, move a - mong us all; make us one in

liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Break me, melt me, mold me,
heart and mind, make us one in love: hum - ble, car - ing, self - less,

fill me: Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
shar - ing - Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fill our lives with love!

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SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD
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The Solid Rock 517

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 3:11

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

right - eous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale my
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way he
 him be found, dressed in his right - eous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ the sol - id Rock I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.