

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
May 28th, 2023
Pentecost Sunday

LIGHTING THE UNITY CANDLE

PRELUDE Fanfare and Morning Praise

G. M. Martin

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.
P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The peace of God be with you today.
Receive with joy the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We feel the winds of God blowing among us.

We sense the tongues of fire empowering us.

How amazing is the power God gives us.
How manifold are the works of our Creator.

The breath of God fills us with confidence.

The Spirit creates new life within and among us.

God calls us to be dreamers and prophets.
God gives us a vision for a world of peace.

May the glory of God endure forever.

We will sing praise to God as long as we live.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

Powerful God, whose ways are beyond our knowing, we long to grow spiritually. We are thirsty for the living water you have promised to those who seek. We are eager to catch the Spirit, to be set on fire with confidence and trust to use the gifts you have given. Let Pentecost happen again in this gathering of your people. Inspire us to witness to your love and prophesy in your name. Give us courage to speak of your deeds of power and to take the risks of daring discipleship. Amen.

***HYMN** Breathe On Me, Breath of God #295

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, we are frightened by strange tongues and people out of control. We want to manage our own lives and assure our own safety. We are afraid that you will ask more of us than we are willing to risk. We do not want others to consider us strange or fanatical. We are skeptical of dreams and visions. We cannot trust some

people you ask us to love. We want to believe, but how can we know that you are more than our collective imagination, a hope we cling to in our despair? Help us, God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God comes unexpectedly to those willing to wait and listen and trust. The Spirit amazes and astonishes even those who wait expectantly. There is more to life than the things we can see - and more in the things we see that our eyes can discern. So, too, God is more than we can know or think. Even now, the Holy Spirit is resting on you and on this family of God's people. Do not be afraid.

***GLORIA PATRI**

#805

SPECIAL MUSIC Reflection on a Swedish Folk Tune
Handchimes Ensemble

Arr. Anna L. Page

CHILDREN'S CHAT Rev. James Deters

***HYMN** Spirit of the Living God

#297

SCRIPTURE Micah 6:1-8 (p. 850)

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 Spirit of God

L. Smith

***DOXOLOGY**

#809

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

Thank you, God, for filling our lives with good things. The abundance of your gifts to us is beyond our counting. Bless all that we return to you for the work of ministry among us and beyond us. Let your Spirit enliven our caring and add effectiveness to all our doing. Make us one in Christ Jesus our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN** Eternal Father, Strong to Save

#358

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

May God's glory endure forever.

May God take pleasure in works done through us.

We have found renewal in our time together.

Now God sends us forth to serve in Jesus' name.

May the empowerment of Pentecost continue with us.

May the Spirit lead and guide us every day.

We have acknowledged our many gifts.

Now we seek to use them for the common good.

We are one body with many members.

When we work together, much good is accomplished.

We commit ourselves as people of vision and action.

The peace of God equips us to serve.

Amen. **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** Lift High the Cross *refrain only* **#229**

POSTLUDE Rondeau *J. Mouret/Arr. D. Hegarty*

*All those who are able, please stand.

All people are welcome in the sanctuary However, a nursery is available for kindergarten and younger children needing a place to invest their excitement. We know worship can be invigorating!

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HANDCHIMES DIRECTOR Myra Bliss

LITURGIST William Handy

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COFFEE HOSTS Kay & Dale Depsard

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PASTOR: Reverend James Deters

SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30 am

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MICAH 6:1-8

p.850

Hear what the LORD says:
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam
son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you
may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

AFFIRMATION

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that he protects us so well
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not a hair can fall from our heads;
indeed, that everything must fit his purpose
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Heidelberg Catechism, 4.001

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THE HOLY SPIRIT

295 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Jn. 20:22

Descant

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with
 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my
 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am
 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I

so shall I nev - er die, but live the
 life a - new, that I may love what
 heart is pure, un - til my will is
 whol - ly thine, un - til this earth - ly
 nev - er die, but live with thee the

per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.
 thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 one with thine, to do and to en - dure.
 part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

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Hymn Title Spirit Of The Living God
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 Occasions

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THE HOLY SPIRIT

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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!

WORDS: Daniel Iverson, vs. 1, 1926; Michael Baughen, vs. 2, 1978
 MUSIC: Daniel Iverson, 1926
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SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD
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Hymn Title **Eternal Father, Strong To Save**
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GOD'S WORK IN NATURE

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When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. Is. 43:2

1. E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
 2. O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traf - fic
 3. O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the
 4. O Trin - i - ty of love and power, thy chil - dren shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
 runs a - main by moun - tain pass or val - ley low; wher -
 firm - a - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by thy might save
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 ev - er, Lord, thy chil - dren go, pro - tect them by thy
 all who dare the ea - gle's flight, and keep them by thy
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 guard - ing hand from ev - ery per - il on the land.
 watch - ful care from ev - ery, per - il in the air.
 rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

ORDS: William Whiting, 1860, st. 1,4; st. 2-3, *A Missionary Service Book*, 1937
 *SIC: John B. Dykes, 1861
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