

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 23, 2021

Day of Pentecost

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Sing Glory to the Name of God

Gay Piller

The Holy Spirit, wild and free, a whirl in holy mystery.

Alleluia, alleluia.

A secret wrapped in smoke and fire, still chanted by the temple choir.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Elder of the Month: Susie Lewis, 513-379-6478
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: God of wind and fire,

Congregation: When you send your Spirit, we are created anew.

L: God of mighty oceans and still waters,

C: When we receive your baptism, we are born anew.

L: God of bread and wine,

C: When we eat at your table, we are nourished anew.

L: So pour out your Spirit

C: Let sacred waters flow

L: Fill us with holy food.

**C: May our hearts and our hands be open wide
to receive your gifts of life.**

L: Let us worship God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us call on the name of the One who invites us to speak the truth about ourselves and our relationships and promises to show us mercy. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,

**you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples
creating bold tongues, open ears,
and a new community of faith.**

We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.

**We do not listen for your word of grace,
speak the good news of your love,
or live as a people made one in Christ**

**Have mercy on us, O God.
Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: everyone who is in Christ is a new creation—the old is past and gone, and a new life has begun. Believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, come again. As long ago you inspired, astonished, and confused the people, come to us now. Fill our ears with the sound of your breath, fill our eyes with the brilliance of your presence in each other, and fill our hearts with your good Word. Amen.

FIRST READING

Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Susie Lewis, Steve Thiel

*Come, O Spirit, swell among us, come with Pentecostal power.
Give the church a stronger vision, help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ the cornerstone.
Still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known.*

*We would raise our alleluias, for the grace of yesteryears.
For tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, o Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey, You have led us all the way.
Still in presence, move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.*

*Come, O Spirit, dwell among us, give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise You, glorify Your holy name.
Glorify Your holy name.*

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1-21

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.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Rev. Ben Shaw

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you? **I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? **I do and I will.**

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our Confessions? **I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? **I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **I do.**

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will.**

For Ruling Elders:

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

For Deacons:

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept Joyce, Greg, and Bill as deacon and elders chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise

Gracious and eternal God,

with joy we give you thanks and praise.

Throughout the ages and in every place

you have chosen servants from among your people to point the way to salvation by your grace.

We are grateful for ancestors in the faith who followed without fear,

placing their trust in you alone—

for judges and monarchs

who ruled in righteousness and peace;

for prophets and apostles

who spoke your bold words of mercy and of truth;

for leaders and teachers in every age

who have nurtured your people in faith and faithfulness.

Above all, we praise you for Jesus Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to

set others free. Anointed by your Holy Spirit,

he proclaimed your reign on earth, revealing your saving love

in all he said and did.

Give Greg, Bill and Joyce a spirit of truthfulness

that they may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living

and rightly govern your people.

By the gifts of your Holy Spirit
empower them to build up the church,
to strengthen the common life of your people, and to lead with compassion and vision.
In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry, give to all your servants gladness and strength, discipline
and hope,
humility, humor, and courage,
and an abiding sense of your presence.

Gracious God,
pour out your Spirit of power and truth upon the whole church,
that we may be for you a holy people baptized to serve you in the world.
Sustain your church in ministry. Ground us in the gospel,
secure our hope in Christ,
strengthen our service to the outcast, and increase our love for one another.
Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together,
that we may be effective servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world
to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen .

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

... And now hear as we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

And now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be
with you all this day, and unto your life eternal. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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