

First Presbyterian Church

PENTECOST



THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

ACTS 2:3-4

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The Order of Worship Sunday May 28th, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory *arr. James Denton*

***Call to Worship**

Come, Holy Spirit! Gracious God, pour your Spirit into our hearts, that we would worship today with all our hearts, that our lives would be transformed by your power, and that we would carry your joy from this place into all the world.

***Hymn #439** In Christ there is no East or West *vs. 1-3*

Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence, trusting that God will forgive our sin and cleanse us from every kind of wrong. Let us confess our sins to almighty God.

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, you know us too well. You know that we would be like the disciples following the crucifixion and even the resurrection. We would rather hide and mutter and weep, than proclaim the power of your love. The world is a difficult place. We fear so much. We want people to like us, and so we hold back on our proclamation of our faith. We don't want to offend anyone. But your love and presence are not offensive. They are empowering and healing. Bring your holy fire upon us this day to ignite a spark of joy in our hearts and our voices. Bring the power of your rushing wind through our spirits that we may be turned in new directions for service and witness.

**Now let us take a moment of silence for personal confession. **

Words of Assurance

Friends, hear the Good News: God loves us just as we are and cares deeply for us. God listens with compassion when we are sad and offers us hope in the face of fear. God rejoices with us when we are joyful, and yes, forgives us for all of our failings. Indeed, nothing can separate us from the Love of God. The peace of Christ be with you, now and always.

Special Music Create in Me a Clean Heart *sung by Kate Polhill*

Scripture Readings Numbers 11: 24-30 Acts 2:1-21

Sermon Does the Spirit stir us still?

***Hymn #126** Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)
(Front of Blue Hymnal, page 14.)

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation and Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn #398** There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

***Benediction**

***Musical Benediction #** In Christ there is no East or West *vs. 4*

****Please stand if able.***

In Christ there is no East or West

¹ In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

² In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord,
Close-binding humankind.

³ Join hands, disciples of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
Are surely kin to me.

⁴ In Christ now meet both east and west,
In Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

¹ Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all Thy quickening powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love
In these cold hearts of ours.

² In vain we tune our formal songs,
In vain we strive to rise;
Hosannas languish on our tongues,
And our devotion dies.

³ Dear Lord, and shall we ever live
At this poor dying rate?
Our love so faint, so cold to Thee,
And Thine to us so great!

⁴ Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all Thy quickening powers;
Come, shed abroad a Savior's love,
And that shall kindle ours.

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

¹There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

²There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

Refrain