

First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Worship including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Pentecost Sunday – May 23, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

READING OF GOD'S WORD John 15.26-27; 16.5-15

PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

From Psalm 89

I will sing of the lovingkindness of the Lord forever;

To all generations I will make known Your faithfulness with my mouth.

For I have said, "Lovingkindness will be built up forever;

In the heavens You will establish Your faithfulness."

The heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord;

Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.

O Lord God of hosts, who is like You, O mighty Lord? Your faithfulness also surrounds You.

SONG

"Joy in the Holy Ghost"

1 I've found a friend oh such a friend

he made my heart his home.

God himself is with me

and I know I'm never alone.

I know all my tomorrows

will be better than all my hopes:

We've got love, grace, peace, and power

and joy in the Holy Ghost!

Bridge:

My God is never wrong and he makes time for me. It blew apart my chains and set this sinner free.

It's like a river

and you'll never run it dry.

We've got power over fear and death

and hearts filled up with joy!

2 The Holy Spirit fills me up and I need her every day for fire, faith, and confidence

and knowing what to say.

I gave my heart and all I am

to the One who loves me most.

We've got love, grace, peace, and power

and joy in the Holy Ghost!

CALL TO & PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

(Psalm 25.10-11)

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE #288

"Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

The Westminster Confession Shorter Catechism

Q. 19. What is the misery of that estate whereinto man fell?

A. All mankind, by their fall, lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell for ever.

(Gen. 3:8, 10, 24; Eph. 2:2-3; Gal. 3:10; Lam. 3:39; Rom. 6:23; Matt. 25:41, 46)

ANTHEM

"Holy Spirit, Rain Down"

Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down

Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down

Oh, Comforter and Friend Oh, Comforter and Friend

How we need Your touch again
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down

No eye has seen, no ear has heard Let Your power fall, Let Your voice be heard

No mind can know what God has in store

So open up Heaven, open it wide

Over Your church and over our lives

Come and change our hearts

As we stand on Your word

Holy Spirit, rain down

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2.1-13

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly a noise like a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ And tongues that looked like fire appeared to them, distributing themselves, and a tongue rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with different tongues, as the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak out. ⁵ Now there were Jews residing in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together and they were bewildered, because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we each hear them in our own language to which we were born? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty deeds of God." 12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others were jeering and saying, "They are full of sweet wine!"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON "What Does This Mean?" Rev. Tony Rivera

HYMN #408

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

1 There'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.

2 There 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)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PASTORAL PRAYER 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 #291 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" (refrain only)

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Jesus said: Come to me all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me;

For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. I am the bread of life.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO RECEIVE OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #66

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Refrain:

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray. Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

1 Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.

Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine. (Refrain)

2 Jordan River, chilly and cold, it chills the body but not the soul.

There is but one train upon this track. It runs to heaven and then right back. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participants in this worship service:

The Rev. Anthony Rivera, pastor Shaun Cloonan, minister of music | Sunny Sakai, pianist John Foster, videographer | Elaine Cloonan, greeter

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IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES

- everyone must wear a mask properly
- there is a 50-person maximum capacity in the sanctuary, including the pastor and worship staff
- refrain from singing, handshaking, and hugging
- please move personal discussions after the service outdoors to avoid inside gatherings
- please observe social distancing in the pews space apart from each other in the marked pews

We understand that each person is different with the possible risks he or she may have. Live-streamed online worship will continue to be available on Facebook and YouTube for those who choose to stay home until they feel safe to rejoin in person.

WORSHIP MOVES TO 10:00AM FOR THE SUMMER BEGINNING JUNE 6

Please join us one hour earlier in person or online starting June 6 as we transition to our summer schedule of Sunday worship beginning at 10:00AM. Summer worship runs through Labor Day weekend in September, after which we will return to the 11:00AM worship hour. Also note that we will hold the June 6 service OUTSIDE behind the Gathering Place! Due to the outdoor service, communion will be celebrated on June 13 along with the sacrament of baptism.

