



# SHALLOTTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Day of Pentecost | May 28, 2023

"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."

Acts 2:11b-13

*(\*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary, to stand.  
All speak words in **boldface**.)*

## CALLED BY GOD WE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC, WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

CALLED TO WORSHIP BY MUSIC

*(When the chimes toll, let us silently open our spirit to God's presence.)*

Ring of the Trinity

*Holy Spirit, Come to Us*

Handbell Choir

arr. Brian Childers

## OPENING SENTENCES & PRAYER *(adapted from Psalm 104:24-35)*

Mike Claxton, liturgist

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all. All creatures look to you to give them food in due season; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; when you take away their breath, they return to dust.

**May the glory of the Lord endure forever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works.**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN #280

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

EBENEZER

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, your Spirit calls for bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith, but we confess how we hold back. 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, Lord. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit. Fill us with a burning desire to be your people, by doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.** *(Silent prayer)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

IN BABILONE

***Hallelujah, hallelujah; all you peoples, praise proclaim.***

***For God's grace and loving kindness O sing praises to his name.***

***For the greatness of his mercy constant praise to him accord.***

***For his faithfulness eternal, hallelujah, praise the Lord!***

TEXT: Psalm 117; vers. Psalter, 1887, alt. PD

## TO HEAR GOD'S WORD OF GRACE

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: I Corinthians 12:3b-13

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MUSIC

*Come Build a Church*

Ken Medema

Chancel Choir

*God of creation, Maker of all thing, we gather in this place to pray. We do invite you come now among us. Come build Your church today. Come build a church with soul and spirit, come build a church of flesh and bone. We need no tower rising skyward; no house of wood or glass or stone. Come build a church of human frailty, come build a church of flesh and blood. Jesus shall be its sure foundation. It shall be built by the hand of God. Let us see the tongues of fire. Let us hear the great wind roar. Let us know the awe and wonder that we've only glimpsed before. Let us feel the strength of passion, which can make us laugh and weep. Let us know this great awakening. For so long we've been asleep. Let us know the love unceasing, which alone can loose the bounds. Reaching out across the chasms, bringing walls of*

*hatred down. Hold us in the sweet connection, turning strangers into friends. Come build a church with soul and spirit, come build a church of flesh and bone. We need no tower rising skyward; no house of wood or glass or stone. Come build a church of human frailty, come build a church of flesh and blood. Jesus shall be its sure foundation. It shall be built by the hand of God.*

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## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:1-21

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

"Heated Argument"  
Rev. George W. Chapman III

## TO RESPOND IN FAITH WITH GRATITUDE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from, *A Brief Statement of Faith*, 1983

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

*(Continued on next page.)*

**In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

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PRESENTATION OF THE 2023 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HONORARY  
LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Ann McPhaul, recipient; Donna Trest, presenter

OFFERING

\*Sung Response, *All Glory Be to God*

FESTAL SONG

***All glory be to God who reigns eternally!***

***Let all creation join to praise the glorious Trinity.***

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\*Prayer of Dedication

## THEN DEPART BLESSED TO SERVE

\*HYMN

*Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow*

ABERYSTWYTH

Verse 1

***Wind who makes all winds that blow  
gusts that bend the saplings low,  
gales that heave the sea in waves,  
stirrings in the mind's deep caves***

***aim your breath with steady power  
on your church this day, this hour.  
Raise, renew the life we've lost,  
Spirit God of Pentecost. (Continued)***

Verse 2

***Fire who fuels all fires that burn  
suns around which planets turn,  
beacons marking reefs and shoals,  
shining truth to guide our souls  
come to us as once you came:  
burst in tongues of sacred flame!  
Light and Power, Might and Strength,  
fill your church, its breadth and length.***

Verse 3

***Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame,  
move within your mortal frame.  
Make our hearts an altar pyre,  
kindle them with your own fire.  
Breathe and blow upon that blaze  
till our lives, our deeds and ways,  
speak that tongue which every land  
by your grace shall understand.***

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\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

SENDING MUSIC



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