

DAY OF PENTECOST
June 9, 2019

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Chiming of the Hour

Introit

“Variations on ‘Ashgrove’”

Welcome and Announcements

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Choral Call to Worship

“Spirit Come Down”

M. Hayes

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Paul Herndon, Liturgist

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

People: For God has done wondrous things for us.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

People: For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, Be with us today!

People: Enable us to boldly proclaim the good news:

“Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!”

***Opening Hymn #95**

“Pentecostal Power”

C.H. Gabriel

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Lord God, you know us better than we can ever know ourselves. You know we would be just like the disciples struggling to follow Jesus to the cross and the grave. Even when we heard the tomb was empty, we were slow to believe. We hide, mutter and weep, rather than proclaiming the power of your love. The world is a difficult place, and life is difficult. We live so much of our time in fear and anger. Forgive the failures in our faith, and the weakness of our commitments. Bring the power of your rushing wind through our spirits, O Lord, and ignite the holy fire of faith within us for witness to the love of God for all people through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

(We continue in silence...)

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, hear and believe the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***Joyful Response #97**

“Greater Is He That Is in Me”

L. Wolfe

*Greater is He that is in me, Greater is He that is in me,
Greater is He that is in me, Than he that is in the world*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: As God in Christ forgives us, let us forgive one another.
The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share the Peace of Christ.

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

The Offering

Offertory

“Holy Spirit”

arr. L. Leatherman

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

*Prayer of Dedication

Time for Young Disciples

Children 2nd grade or younger may be dismissed to Children’s Church.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson:

John 14:8-21, 25-27

Anthem

“Walking in the Spirit”

M. Hayes

Second Lesson:

Acts 2: 1-21

Sermon

“The Tie That Binds”

Dr. Richard T. Gillespie

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Holy Spirit enables people to become believers.

The Spirit enabled people of all races, classes, and nations to accept the good news of what God had done in Christ, repent of their sins, and enter the community of faith. We testify that today this same Holy Spirit makes us able to respond in faith to the gospel and leads us into the Christian community. The Spirit brings us out of death into life, out of separation into fellowship. The Spirit makes us aware of our sinfulness and need, moves us to abandon our old way of life, persuades us to trust in Christ and adopt his way. In all these things we are responsible for our decisions. But after we have trusted and repented, we recognize that the Spirit enabled us to hear and act. It is not our faith but God’s grace in Jesus Christ that justifies us and reconciles us to God. Yet it is only by faith that we accept God’s grace and live by it.

We believe the Holy Spirit works today whenever believers grow toward maturity in Christ. As long as we live, we struggle with sin, but the Spirit’s presence assures us God will complete what he has begun in us.

(A Declaration of Faith, Presbyterian Church U.S.A.)

***Closing Hymn #87**

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

E. Hatch/R. Jackson

***BENEDICTION**

“Spirit Come Down”

M. Hayes

***POSTLUDE**

“Epilogue”

L. Smith

() We stand as we are able*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to
the glory of God and in memory of
Anne John McCranie
by her sons John, Eric, and Christopher McCranie*