

# Shelter Island Presbyterian Church



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John 16:13,14

# DAY OF PENTECOST

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May 31, 2020

10:00 a.m.

## We Gather in God's Name

**Chimes**

**Prelude**

“Loving Spirit”

Emma Lou Diemer

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call To Worship**

The Spirit testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

Jesus said, “The Father will send the Counselor in my name.”

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

“The Spirit will teach you all things and remind you of what I have told you.”

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

“We have not received a spirit of slavery, but the spirit of adoption.”

**Praise God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!**

**Hymn**

On Pentecost They Gathered

No. 289

Vs. 1&4

**Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, you sent the promised power of the Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith and turn timid souls into bold witnesses. Yet we resist the force of your Spirit. We have been slow to serve you and reluctant to declare your good news. We have served the spirit of fear more than the Spirit of Christ. God have mercy on us. By your Spirit purify our lives. In flame us with a desire to do your will so that we might enter the fullness of what you have prepared for all of us, in Jesus Christ. Amen**

**Silent Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Response**

“Glory Be to the Father”

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen*

**Passing of the Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you.

**And also with you**

Let us greet each other saying; ‘May the peace of Christ be with you.’

**Anthem**

“Down to the River to Pray”

arr. Sheldon Curry

Glenn Waddington, baritone

**We Listen for God’s Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Reading**

John 16:1-15

**Second Reading**

Acts 2:1-21

**Sermon**

The Perfect Gift

**We Respond to God’s Word**

**Affirmation of Faith**

The Westminster Confession of Faith

Chapter IX

**Prayers of the People and The Lords Prayer**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**We Go Forth to Serve in God's Name**

**Hymn**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing  
vs. 1,4,5

No. 610

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Recessional on ‘Azmon’”  
(O for a Thousand Tongues)

**Offerings and tithes can be mailed to the church:**

**Shelter Island Presbyterian Church**

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**Special Thanks to Glenn Waddington**

## First Reading

“I’ve told you these things to prepare you for rough times ahead.

They are going to throw you out of the meeting places. There will even come a time when anyone who kills you will think he’s doing God a favor. They will do these things because they never really understood the Father. I’ve told you these things so that when the time comes and they start in on you, you’ll be well-warned and ready for them.

“I didn’t tell you this earlier because I was with you every day. But now I am on my way to the One who sent me. Not one of you has asked, ‘Where are you going?’ Instead, the longer I’ve talked, the sadder you’ve become. So let me say it again, this truth: It’s better for you that I leave. If I don’t leave, the Friend won’t come. But if I go, I’ll send him to you.

“When he comes, he’ll expose the error of the godless world’s view of sin, righteousness, and judgment: He’ll show them that their refusal to believe in me is their basic sin; that righteousness comes from above, where I am with the Father, out of their sight and control; that judgment takes place as the ruler of this godless world is brought to trial and convicted.

“I still have many things to tell you, but you can’t handle them now. But when the Friend comes, the Spirit of the Truth, he will take you by the hand and guide you into all the truth there is. He won’t draw attention to himself, but will make sense out of what is about to happen and, indeed, out of all that I have done and said. He will honor me; he will take from me and deliver it to you.

Everything the Father has is also mine. That is why I’ve said, ‘He takes from me and delivers to you.’

## Second Reading

When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force - no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were thunderstruck. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?"

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites;  
Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia,  
Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,  
Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene;  
Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes;  
Even Cretans and Arabs!

"They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"

Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?"

Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."

That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency:

"Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk - it's only nine o'clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

“In the Last Days,” God says,  
“I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people:  
Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters;  
Your young men will see visions, your old men dream dreams.

When the time comes, I’ll pour out my Spirit on those who serve me, men and women both, and they’ll prophesy.

I’ll set wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billowing smoke, the sun turning black and the moon blood-red, before the Day of the Lord arrives, the Day tremendous and marvelous;

And whoever calls out for help to me... God...

will be saved.”

## Affirmation of Faith

**The Holy Spirit, the third person in the Trinity, proceeding from the Father and the Son, of the same substance and equal in power and glory, is, together with the Father and the Son, to be believed in, loved, obeyed, and worshipped throughout all ages.**

**He is the Lord and Giver of life, everywhere present, and is the source of all good thoughts, pure desires, and holy counsels in men. By him the prophets were moved to speak the Word of God, and all the writers of the Holy Scriptures inspired to record infallibly the mind and will of God. The dispensation of the gospel is especially committed to him. He prepares the way for it, accompanies it with his persuasive power, and urges its message upon the reason and conscience of men.**

**The Holy Spirit, whom the Father is ever willing to give to all who ask him, is the only efficient agent in the application of redemption. He regenerates men by his grace, convicts them of sin, moves them to repentance, and persuades and enables them to embrace Jesus Christ by faith. He unites all believers to Christ, dwells in them as their Comforter and Sanctifier, gives to them the spirit of Adoption and Prayer, and performs all those gracious offices by which they are sanctified and sealed unto the day of redemption.**

**By the indwelling of the Holy Spirit all believers being vitally united to Christ, who is the Head, are thus united one to another in the Church, which is his body. He calls and anoints ministers for their holy office, qualifies all other offices in the church for their special work, and imparts various gifts and graces to its members. By him the Church will be preserved, increased, purified, and at last made perfectly holy in the presence of God.**

