



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seek, Serve, Embrace | Engaging with neighbors near and far in Christ's love

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Day of Pentecost | May 28, 2023, 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Brian Shivers

PRELUDE

"Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God" | *J.S. Bach (1685-1750); Marko Petričić, Organ*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our creator, earth has many languages, but your gospel proclaims your love to all nations in one heavenly tongue.

**Make us messengers of the good news that,
through the power of your Spirit, all the world may unite in one song of praise;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 280

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us" | *EBENEZER*

**For those who are able, please stand.*



280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
 grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
 words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
 In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to
 all the way; still in pres - ence move be -
 mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
 fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
 san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

*LITANY FOR PENTECOST

Andrew de las Alas and Michael de las Alas

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life, in the beginning of time, you moved over the face of the waters; you breathe into every living being the breath of life.

Come, Creator Spirit, and renew the whole creation.

Holy Spirit, Voice of the Prophets, you envelope us with a passion for your truth, and call us to ways of justice and compassion.

Come, Spirit of Righteousness, and guide us on the path of mercy and kindness.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Jesus, by your power Jesus came to bring good news to the poor and release to those held captive.

Come, liberating Spirit, and free us from the power of sin and death.

Holy Spirit, Advocate, Teacher, you speak to us of our Lord and show us the depth of his love.

Come, Comforting Spirit, and remind us that we are the beloved.

Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame, you filled disciples with joy and courage, empowering them to preach your Word and share your good news.

Come, Spirit of Truth, dwell in us and lead us in the way of Jesus Christ.

ANTHEM

"The Lone, Wild Bird" | *Southern Folk Tune, arr. David Johnson; Quartet*

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with Thee, nor leaves Thy sight.

And I am Thine! I rest in Thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

The ends of earth are in Thy hand. The sea's dark deep and far off land.

And I am Thine! I rest in Thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with Thee, nor leaves thy sight.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
you pour your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues,
open ears, and a new community of faith.

We confess we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.

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, O God.

Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Brothers and sisters, through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins.

We believe God will grant us new insights, fresh resolve, and the peace that passes all understanding.

Friends, I declare the peace of God is ours.

Thanks be to God! Amen.



*GLORIA PATRI

John Weaver (1937-2021)



*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all;
And also with you.

(Worshippers may greet one another with words of Christ's peace.)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

(Offerings added to the Joyful Noise Pail are for mission partner Heifer International.)

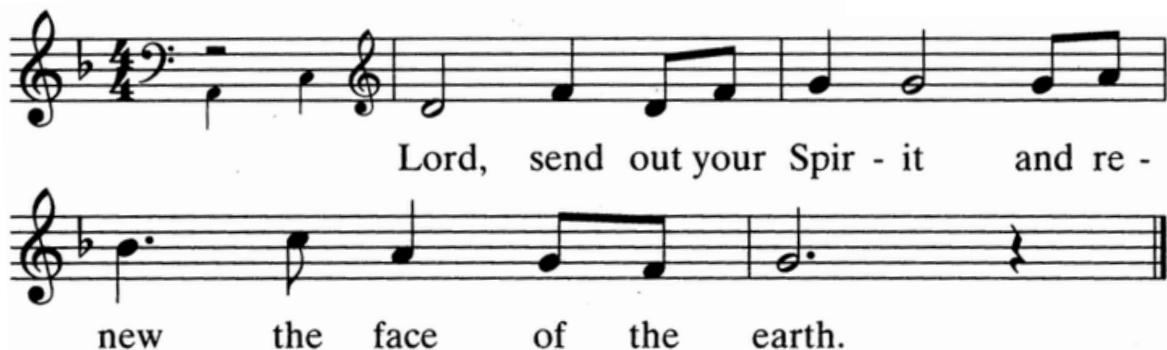
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Numbers 11: 24-30, p. 129-130

PSALM 104: 27-34

Hal Hopson (b. 1933); Alejandra Martinez, Cantor



SECOND LESSON

Acts 2: 1-21, p. 119, Spark Bible p. 502

SERMON

"The Space Between" | Brian Shivers



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Our World Belongs to God, Christian Reformed Church

At Pentecost the Holy Spirit was given to the church.

**In pouring the Spirit on many peoples
God overcomes the divisions of Babel;
now people from every tongue, tribe, and nation
are gathered into the unity of the body of Christ.**

Jesus stays with us in the Spirit,

**who renews our hearts, moves us to faith,
leads us in the truth, stands by us in our need,
and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant.**

The Spirit thrusts God's people into worldwide mission.

**The Spirit impels young and old, all people of every hue,
to go next door and far away into science and art,
media and marketplace with the good news of God's grace.
The Spirit goes before them and with them,
convincing the world of sin and pleading the cause of Christ.**

The Spirit's gifts are here to stay in rich variety—fitting responses to timely needs.

**We thankfully see each other as gifted members of the community
which delights in the creative Spirit's work.
The Spirit gives more than enough to each believer
for God's praise and our neighbor's welfare.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"O Lux Beatissima" | *Howard Helvey (b. 1968); Quartet*

O lux beatissima, reple cordis intima tutorum fidelium.	O Light most blessed, fill the inmost heart of all thy faithful.
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Sine tuo numine, nihil est in homine, nihil est innoxium.	Without your grace, there is nothing in us, nothing that is not harmful.
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*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" | *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind" | *CWM RHONDDA*



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!



*BLESSING AND CHARGE

You have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Go forth empowered and equipped by the Spirit to be Christ's body,
doing Christ's work in the world.

**We will leave the past behind and share generously.
With the Spirit we can find fulfillment and live faithfully.
In the power of the Holy Spirit, nothing is impossible!**

POSTLUDE

"Veni Creator Spiritus" | Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

IN WORSHIP

"Pentecost" comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth day. On this day, the Holy Spirit came with wind and flame, empowering the disciples to proclaim the good news of the risen Lord to all people. Falling on the fiftieth day of the season of Easter, Pentecost represents the culmination of the church's seven-week celebration of Christ's resurrection. Pentecost is a day of new creation – all things transformed and made new by the Word and Breath of the living God. On this day we give particular thanks for the gift of God's Holy Spirit, who gathers the church as the body of Christ and sends us to share in Christ's mission throughout the world.
(from the *Book of Common Worship*, 2018 Westminster John Knox Press)

In Psalm 104, we join the psalmist in praising God for the splendor of creation. We sing of God's Spirit breathing life upon all creatures, not human beings alone. The psalm makes known that the world is well ordered and reliable, but on its own, it has no possibility of survival or well-being. All of that is a daily gift from Yahweh. With this awareness, the psalmist states, in verse 34: "I will sing to the Lord my whole lifelong; I will sing praise to God as long as I live."

Today's final hymn, "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind," was first published in 2000. Although the author, Herman Stuempfle, does not mention "Spirit" until midway through the second stanza, "Pentecost" is named at the beginning and the connection is clear. Powerful images appear throughout the hymn – tempest and whirlwind, blazing and burning, earthquake and thunder, and passion without sleep. The petitions are equally powerful: drive us to costly service, let your flaming Spirit surge and kindle truth against the deceit of injustice, break chains of sin and walls that divide, and stir in us a restlessness that is not content with evil." Herman Stuempfle (1934 – 2017) served as president of Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg from 1976 to 1989. He was a poet, preacher and professor, and life-long Lutheran who authored several books on preaching and theology. He also wrote numerous hymn texts.

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The office will be closed on Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day.



Events and Announcements

Pentecost Offering | Today

The Pentecost Offering is a special offering to support the building up of the Body of Christ. It helps guide young people in Christian formation from their earliest years to young adulthood. Scan the code to the right to see ways to give!



Food Pantry Collection | June 4

Partnering with our Summer Fun event, the Mission Team is requesting donations for the Westminster Neighborhood Ministries food pantry. Each week we'll collect different items in the Gathering Place cart. **For June 4: cereal and pancake mix.**

Worship in the Park | June 11 | 10:00 am

We'll be worshipping together at Broad Ripple Park instead of in the Sanctuary! This is an excellent opportunity to invite friends, family, and dogs to worship with us while surrounded by God's beauty. Don't forget to bring a chair!

Summer Fun: ReNew | Wednesdays in June | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Summer Fun is back and this year we're teaming up with ReNew to promote environmentally-friendly fun! Signups are now open for 4-year-olds through 4th graders. Contact Nancy Fortenberry for more information!



Coffin House Tour | June 17 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Participate in a guided tour of the home where the Coffins housed many freedom seekers in Fountain City! Join us for an optional lunch at the Old Richmond Inn at noon, following the tour. Scan the QR code to register and learn more by June 12th!



Northminster Reads: The Sweetness of Water | Jun. 18 | 5:30 pm

Mark your calendars for our next installment of Northminster Reads about the unlikely bond between two freedmen who are brothers and the Georgia farmer whose alliance will alter their lives, and his, forever. Zoom link will be available soon!



Northminster Camping Trip | Aug. 18-20

Mark your calendars now for Northminster's Camping Trip this August! All are welcome and more details including a registration link will be available soon. For more information, please contact Nancy Fortenberry.



One Church, One Book | Now Through Sep. 12

One Church, One Book is an all-church exploration of *Poverty, by America* by Matthew Desmond. Folks are invited to start reading now and participate in several discussions between August 30th and September 12th.



Congo Family Donations

Join the Deacons to provide assistance for the Bilemo/Kangeta family of six adults and one toddler by providing a table and chairs, a vacuum cleaner, or even transportation. If you have questions, please contact Monica Brase.

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