

BETHLEHEM WAS GOD WITH US

CALVARY WAS GOD FOR US

PENTECOST IS GOD IN US

-- ROBERT BAER



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

How can this be, wonder-working God?
You bring the gift of the Spirit to be with us.
Our Comforter, our Advocate.
Our Counselor, our Wisdom.
These are but a few of the names we give
as the Spirit speaks to our hearts.
We give you thanks
for the unending gifts of the Spirit.
How can this be,
that we have what we need when we need it?
You, O God, are one and all things to us,
and we raise our Hallelujahs. Amen.

PRELUDE

Fanfare for Pentecost

Christopher Tambling

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

As we gather together in this place,
let us strain our ears to hear the rush of wind, the crackle pop of fire.

We listen for your call, God of spirit and flame.

We take our place in your unfolding creation.

Rejoice, for God's spirit flows among us!

Rejoice, for today the church embraces transformation.

In the midst of rebirth, we join our voices in praise!

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

O Day of Joy and Wonder

Hymnal, No. 290

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Your Spirit moves over the waters, Gracious God,
but we prefer to splash in the puddles of temptation.
You would breathe life into us in every moment,
but we hold our breath until we turn blue, wanting to get our way.
You would give us the words to bring hope to the despairing,
to offer healing to the broken,
and to share hope in the places of anger and violence,
but we turn them in accusations towards those around us.**

**In your mercy, forgive us, God of grace.
May your Spirit sing in our hearts,
so we may invite others to dance in joy with us.
May your Spirit be the still, small voice
which silences the shouts of fear and worry all around us.
May your Spirit sweep us off our feet
and into the arms of Jesus Christ,
our Brother, our Savior, our Companion. Amen.**

(Time of silent reflection)

**In forgiveness, we are given the words to speak;
the courage to reach out to others;
the open heart to offer others,
the breath of life to share with those around us.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

*THE PEACE

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

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Glory to God

Hymnal, No. 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen (x3)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Joan Cole

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Nick Lindley

SCRIPTURE READING

John 16:7-15

Page No. 878

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 104:24-34; 35b

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

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

who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to 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!

ANTHEM

A Mighty Sound from Heaven

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

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The Word of the Lord.

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MESSAGE

Where the Spirit Comes

Tracy L. Evans

SONG OF FAITH

Come Down, O Love Divine

Hymnal, No. 282

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**God the Holy Spirit
fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life.
The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church
as the community in which people are reconciled
to God and to one another.
The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness
as they forgive one another
and to enjoy the peace of God
as they make peace among themselves.
In spite of their sin,
the Spirit gives people power
to become representatives of Jesus Christ
and his gospel of reconciliation to all.**
(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.20)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

Please pray the Lord's Prayer
in the language and wording most familiar to you.

THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal, No. 606

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Hymnal, No. 66

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Recessional for Pentecost

Colin Mawby

*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for May 26: Isaiah 6:1-8 and Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for May are shampoo & conditioners. **Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.**

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

Envelope Fundraiser! We are raising money to assist our children and youth in attending camps and conferences. You'll find envelopes decorated by our Kids' Club in the hallway off the sanctuary. You can take one or more envelopes; the idea is to give the amount that is on the envelope. Giving more is also an option!

Samuel McCann is hosting a Bible study in the library on the letters of Paul in the New Testament. While paying attention to Paul's historical context we will try to pursue what his contribution to Scripture means for how we understand the Gospel for our life today. We will begin May 14 at 6 pm in the library and will not meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month so session members are free to join.

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1 O day of joy and won - der! Christ's prom - ise
 2 The world, in sheer a - maze - ment, the truth must
 3 We too may know your pow - er; your cour - age

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 now de - clare: that those who once were cow - ards are
 makes us strong. Your love, your joy, your pa - tience can

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flame up - on us at bless - ed Pen - te - cost.
 per - se - cu - tion God's glo - ry to pro - claim!
 hearts, and keep them; there let your bright - ness shine.

282 Come Down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my

heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the

Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray. *Fine*

1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's
2 Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the

mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me, it looked so
bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train up - on this

fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
track. It runs to heav - en and then right back. *to Refrain*