

Clifton Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)
Loving God ~ Loving One Another ~ Loving the World



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May 19, 2024
9:45 Prayer & Care
10:00 AM Worship

Day of Pentecost

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*Words in **BOLD** indicate the congregation reading together. Words of the worship leader are in PLAIN type. An asterisk * indicates that the congregation may stand, as able.*

Songs marked PH are from the Presbyterian Hymnal, which can be found in the pews. Songs marked GtG are from the Glory to God Hymnal, and are printed with permission.

Gathering Song GtG 243 Be Not Afraid
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
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Time of Prayer and Care

Prelude

***Opening Sentences**

One: Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: With love that overlaps the boundaries of races and nations,

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: With power from on high to make our weakness strong,

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

***Hymn Presbyterian Hymnal #129 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us**

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
come with Pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision;
help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation,
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission
that God's love shall be made known.**

Prayer of Confession

One: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and tell the truth about the ways we are caught up in the ways of a sinful world. Let us pray.

All: Generous God, you send us a Spirit of courage, but too often we hold tight to our fears. You send us the Spirit of truth, but too often we cling to our illusions. You send us a Spirit of healing, but too often we hold on to our hurts. Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again: shake our hearts; set our souls on fire with your love; send us out into the world rejoicing in your presence. Free us from our sins, and free us for a life in your love. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace *from Ezekiel 36:24-28*

One: The Lord declares, "I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries... I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses... I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and move you to follow my teachings... You will be my people, and I will be your God." Friends in Christ: by the power of God's Spirit we are united to Christ and given a new spirit. Live in the joy and peace of that assurance.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sing Praise Presbyterian Hymnal #123 Sing We to Our God Above v. 4

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

The Peace of Christ

One: The Holy Spirit has been poured out upon us and lives within us. That Spirit strengthens us to be courageous peacemakers in the world, challenging the ways of violence, enmity and division. Can you trust that God can use you to be a part of bringing that peace to the world? Can you begin by offering signs of peace to those around you, and wishing peace upon those who are far off? The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Those in the sanctuary are invited to greet those around you.

Those on zoom are invited to offer greetings in the chat.

Cornerstone for Kids

*Children Preschool-4th Grade are excused to Cornerstone for Kids
with Elder Nikki Lehman in Room 215*

Offering our Gifts to God and Prayer of Dedication

For those who would like to make a physical offering, the offering plates are available in the middle of the sanctuary.

Donations can also be made online. www.cliftonpc.org

One: In thanksgiving for all the gifts that are ours through the grace of the Spirit's work in our lives, we return a portion to support the work that the Spirit is doing in the world. Let us pray.

All: God of wind, word, and fire, we bless you for sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit. We give you thanks for the gifts, great and small, that you pour out upon us. Accept the offerings of our lives: that we might be living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth, through Jesus Christ who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Come and Fill Our Hearts

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

First Reading Acts 2:1-11 (CEB)

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among

them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

One: God be in our listening, God be in our understanding.

All: Amen.

Anthem

Press Toward the Mark
CPC Choir

by. Heather Sorenson

Second Reading Romans 2:12-21 (CEB)

¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

One: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Resurrection People Have a Constant Companion *Diane Walton Hendricks*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND ARE SENT TO THE WORLD

***Hymn Presbyterian Hymnal #127 Come, O Spirit
Come, O Spi-rit, with your sound
Like a wind, quick rush-ing;
Come from hea-ven and stir our hearts,
Each dis-ci-ple touch-ing!
Mold our act-ions to your will,
You our ser-vice giv-ing;
Move with-in our fel-low-ship,
Transform now our liv-ing!**

**Come, O Spi-rit, fill your church,
Making strong our mis-sion;
Fill your daugh-ters and your sons
With a migh-ty vi-sion,
Till the great and glo-ri-ous day
When the whole cre-ation
Sings your praise as Lord and King,
Giver of sal-va-tion!**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Minute for Ministry

Ringing of the Bell

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response GtG 539 We Will Go Out With Joy in the Spirit

**We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.
We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.**

Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.
We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.**

*Thank you for joining us for worship this morning.
We can be reached at office@cliftonpc.org*

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Thanks to those leading us in worship

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