

Breath Prayer for the Day of Pentecost:
Spirit of the Living God / Fall afresh on me.



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May 28, 2023
9:45 AM *Prayer and Care*
10:00 AM *Worship*

Day of Pentecost

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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

Welcome & Prelude

***Call to Worship**

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 PH 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.

Call to 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.

Prayer of Confession

One: 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 Glory

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

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.*

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 2:1-4

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

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

All: Amen.

Anthem

Hymn of the Spirit
CPC Choir

by. Russell Nagy

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another

various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

Closer and Closer: Sharing Gifts

Diane Walton Hendricks

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

Hymn PH 322

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

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Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

All: **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.**

Offering our Gifts to God

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.

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

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Prayer of Dedication

One: 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.

Celebrating Ministries

Ringing of the Bell

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response GtG 539

We Will Go Out With Joy in the Spirit

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

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

Refrain:

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

Leader: Now anyone who's born of the Spirit, sing a new song of joy.

All: Now anyone who's born of the Spirit, sing a new song of joy. (Refrain)

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

All: 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

Some liturgy from Roger Gench and the *Presbyterian Outlook*.

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