

First Presbyterian CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God June 5, 2022 The Day of Pentecost

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE A Joyful Ring Barbara B. Kinyon

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Holy Spirit of God! Bring your mighty power into our lives.

Come, Holy Spirit of God!

Rush through our spirits, inspiring us to witness to the great love of God.

Come, Holy Spirit of God!

Burn like bright flames in our hearts.

Come, Holy Spirit of God!

Let us worship God!

DOVE PROCESSION

*HYMN 319, V.1-4

Spirit

Refrain:

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
Blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness,
Wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters,
You called to the deep,
Then You coaxed up the mountains
From the valleys of sleep,
And over the eons
You called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers
And rise on your wings."
Refrain

You swept through the desert,
You stung with the sand,
And You gifted your people
With a law and a land,
And when they were blinded
With their idols and lies,
Then You spoke through Your prophets
To open their eyes.
Refrain

You sang in a stable,
You cried from a hill,
Then You whispered in silence
When the whole world was still,
And down in the city
You called once again
When You blew through Your people
On the rush of the wind.
Refrain

You call from tomorrow
You break ancient schemes,
From the bondage of sorrow
The captives dream dreams;
Our women see visions,
Our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions
Your people arise.
Refrain

SCRIPTURE READING Joel 2:27-28

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and loving God, you've called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. You have offered us an inspiring vision of how you intend Creation to be – in all its goodness. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We have not embraced your vision. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your spirit. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world. By your Holy Spirit give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Silent prayer

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE Gloria Patri

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. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-4

SERMON Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

SOLO The Lone, Wild Bird

arr. Cutter Elizabeth Campbell, soprano Sophia DeMotte, kite carrier

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.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING PRAYER

Pentecost God, take our hearts and set them on fire. Take our lives and transform them. Take our church and resurrect it with your life-giving Spirit. Take our gifts and use them for the fulfillment of your vision of peace and unity. Amen.

*RESPONSE Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SERVICE OF RECEPTION, INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH New members and officers

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

l do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? I will, with God's help.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Will you be faithful members of this congregation, share in its worship and mission through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

I will, with God's help.

WELCOME

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

PRAYER

WELCOME

A SIMPLE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

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.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 525, V.1-3

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

*BENEDICTION

The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God and to acknowledge the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

You are invited to come to Legacy Hall after worship for coffee hour (and birthday cake!).

Worship Leaders

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel Gloria Snyder, Organist Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director Noralee Manzek, Liturgist

Tech Support: Jacob Van Norman, Bill Bartlett, Rich Linnell, Pat Koefoed, Luke McGloughlin

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Joel 2:27-28

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.