



ORDER FOR THE  
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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May 20, 2018  
*Pentecost Sunday*

  
**Second**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship  
and silence your mobile devices.*

In the history of redemption, Pentecost occurred 50 days after Christ's resurrection and 10 days after His ascension. It was the fulfillment of the great promise Jesus made to His disciples that He would send "another counselor" (John 14:16).

John Stott says, "Without the Holy Spirit, Christian discipleship would be inconceivable, even impossible. There can be no life without the Life-giver, no understanding without the Spirit of Truth, no fellowship without the unity of the Spirit, no Christ-likeness of character apart from His fruit, and no effective witness without His power. As a body without breath is a corpse, so the church without the Spirit is dead."

Therefore, on this Pentecost Sunday, may we celebrate and express our gratitude to Christ for His faithfulness in keeping His promise. Let us also celebrate the Spirit's work in renewing all of creation and profess our absolute dependence on Him for our lives in the faith and our power for the mission to reach the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

## COME, SPIRIT OF POWER

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Overture" .....G.F. Handel  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE:  
"Andante" from *Keyboard Concerto No. 7 in G minor*.....J.S. Bach  
*Brad Jones, piano; Long Long Kang and Steve Hancock, violin;  
Betty Eubank, viola; Kenneth Coca, cello*

CALL TO WORSHIP .....D. Todd Erickson

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: "For Your Gift of God the Spirit" ..... AUSTRIAN HYMN

1. For your gift of God the Spir - it, pow'r to make our lives a - new,  
2. He who in cre - a - tion's dawn - ing, brood - ed on the life - less deep,  
3. He, him - self the liv - ing Au - thor, wakes to life the sa - cred Word,  
4. He, the might - y God, in - dwells us; his to strength - en, help, em - pow'r;  
5. Fa - ther, grant your Ho - ly Spir - it in our hearts may rule to - day,

pledge of life and hope of glo - ry, Sav - ior, we would wor - ship you.  
still a - cross our na - ture's dark - ness moves to wake our souls from sleep,  
reads with us its ho - ly pa - ges and re - veals our ris - en Lord.  
his to o - ver - come the tempt - er, ours to call in dan - ger's hour.  
grieved not, quenched not, but un - hin - dered, work in us his sov - reign way.

Crown-ing gift of res - ur - rec - tion sent from your as - cend-ed throne,  
 moves to stir, to draw, to quick-en, thrusts us through with sense of sin;  
 He it is who works with-in us, teach-ing reb - el hearts to pray,  
 In his strength we dare to bat - tle all the rag - ing hosts of sin,  
 Fill us with your ho - ly full - ness, God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

full - ness of the ver - y God-head, come to make your life our own.  
 brings to birth and seals and fills us — sav - ing Ad - vo - cate with-in.  
 he whose ho - ly in - ter - ces - sions rise for us both night and day.  
 and by him a - lone we con - quer foes with-out and foes with-in.  
 in us, through us, then for-ev - er, shall your per - fect will be done.

♠ INVOCATION *(Please lift hands)*

♠ CONFESSION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism #53 . . . . . Rusty Shappley (8:15)  
 Brandon Morrison (11:00)

What do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?

**First, He is, together with the Father and the Son,  
 true and eternal God.**

**Second, He is also given to me,  
 to make me by true faith share in Christ and all His benefits,  
 to comfort me, and to remain with me forever.**

♠ DOXOLOGY . . . . . OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## COME, SPIRIT OF GRACE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,  
 who sent the promised power of the Holy Spirit  
 to fill disciples with willing faith:  
 We confess that we resist the force of Your Spirit among us,  
 that we are slow to serve You  
 and reluctant to spread the good news of Your love.  
 When Your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears,  
 for we fear what You might call us to do.  
 And when the fire of Your Spirit touches us, we quench the flame,  
 afraid of the new life it might bring.  
 Have mercy on us, O God.  
 Transform our timid lives by the power of Your Spirit.  
 Inflame us with a desire to do Your will and be Your faithful people  
 for the sake of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.  
 It is in His matchless name we pray.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. . . . . Romans 8:1, 11

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.  
If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,  
he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies  
through his Spirit who dwells in you.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Pleni sunt caeli" . . . . . Ola Gjeilo

*Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Osanna, Osanna in excelsis.  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.  
Benedictus qui venit. Osanna, Osanna in excelsis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,  
Dona nobis pacem.*

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Blessed is He who comes. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,  
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,  
Lamb of God, grant us peace.

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)  
Calvin Ellis, director*

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING. . . . . T. Barton Kimbro

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) . . . . . W. Brian Lewis

COME, SPIRIT OF TRUTH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 335 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me" . . . . . REDHEAD 76

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON. . . . . Acts 11:19-30  
*(page 920 in the pew Bible)*

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;  
**The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** *(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)*

SERMON *Vital Signs, Part 4* George W. Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♠HYMN OF COMMITMENT:

“O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us” . . . . . SPIRITUS VITAE



1. O Breath of life, come sweep-ing through us, re - vive your  
2. Re - vive us, Lord! Is zeal a - bat - ing while har - vest



church with life and pow'r; O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, re -  
fields are vast and white? Re - vive us, Lord, the world is



new us, and fit your church to meet this hour.  
wait - ing, e - quip your church to spread the light.

♠BENEDICTION

♠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Ceremonial March” . . . . . Herbert Sumsion

♠Indicates congregation standing

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Vital Signs, Part 4 | George Robertson

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I. **Evangelism** (*Acts 11:19-21*)

- A. Every situation is an opportunity
- B. Every person needs to hear
- C. Every effort to make clear

II. **Apologetics** (*Acts 11:22-24*)

- A. What is apologetics?
- B. Who are apologetes?

III. **Discipleship** (*Acts 11:25-26*)

- A. Requires effort
- B. Results in courage

IV. **Mercy Ministry** (*Acts 11:27-30*)

- A. Kingdom focused
- B. Earthly results