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Pentecost Sunday

REFLECTION

Celebrating the Immortal Jesus as the Resurrection Community of the Spirit

Blessed be the Lord Jesus Christ
Who has baptized us with his Spirit—

Divine wind,
Fire from heaven,
Light from above,
Comforter
The very life of God in our lives!

Praise be to the Spirit who animates the church;
Who sets Christ before us, glorifying his dying and rising,
Convincing us we are loved,
Softening our hearts of stone,
Recreating us in the Beloved,
Drawing together what had split apart:
Young and old, rich and poor, men and women,
This racial group and that, the weak and the strong,
The sick and the well—
One new community of redeemed children of Adam!

Come, O Source of joy and gladness,
Breathe your life in and through us.
Alleluia!

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Advent + Christmas + Epiphany + Lent + Easter + Pentecost

Gathering Hymn Speak O Lord

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

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Call to Worship

Acts 2:1-21

Acts 2: (*German:*) 1 Und als der Tag der Pfingsten erfüllt war, waren sie alle einmütig beieinander. 2 Und es geschah schnell ein Brausen vom Himmel wie eines gewaltigen Windes und erfüllte das ganze Haus, da sie saßen. (*Korean:*) 3 그리고 허처럼 생긴 불이 나타나더니 그것이 갈라져 각 사람 위에 와 닿았다.

4 그러자 그들은 모두 성령이 충만하여 성령께서 주시는 능력으로 그들도 알지 못하는 외국어로 말하기 시작하였다.

(*Spanish:*) 5 Estaban de visita en Jerusalén judíos piadosos, procedentes de todas las naciones de la tierra. 6 Al oír aquel bullicio, se agolparon y quedaron todos pasmados porque cada uno los escuchaba hablar en su propio idioma.

(*French:*) 7 Ils étaient tous dans l'étonnement et la surprise, et ils se disaient les uns aux autres: Voici, ces gens qui parlent ne sont-ils pas tous Galiléens?

(*Kinyrwandan:*) 8 None se ni iki gitumye twese tubumva bavuga indimi z'iwacu za kavukire? 9 Kandi turi Abapariti n'Abamedi n'Abanyelamu, n'abatuye i Mezopotamiya n'i Yudaya, n'i Kapadokiya n'i Ponto no muri Asiya, 10 n'i Furugiya n'i Pamfiliya no muri Egiptu, no mu gihugu cy'i Libiya gihareranye n'i Kurene, n'Abaroma b'abashyitsi n'Abayuda n'abakomeza idini yabo, 11 kandi n'Abakirete n'Abarabu, turabumva bavuga ibitangaza by'Imana mu ndimi z'iwacu.” (*English:*) 12 And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

(*Portuguese:*) 13 Alguns, todavia, zombavam

Acts 2:1–21: (*German:*) 1 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

(*Spanish:*) 5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6 And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.

(*French:*) 7 And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? (*Kinyrwandan:*) 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? 9 Parthians and Medes and 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, 11 both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

(*English:*) 12 And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” (*Portuguese:*) 13 But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in

deles e diziam: “Eles beberam vinho demais”. 14 Então Pedro levantou-se com os Onze e, em alta voz, dirigiu-se à multidão: “Homens da Judéia e todos os que vivem em Jerusalém, deixem-me explicar-lhes isto! Ouçam com atenção: 15 estes homens não estão bêbados, como vocês supõem. Ainda são nove horas da manhã! 16 Ao contrário, isto é o que foi predito pelo profeta Joel: *(Latin:)* 17 et erit in novissimis diebus dicit Dominus effundam de Spiritu meo super omnem carnem et prophetabunt filii vestri et filiae vestrae et iuvenes vestri visiones videbunt et seniores vestri somnia somniabunt *(Albanian:)* 18 Në ato ditë do të përhap nga Fryma im mbi shërbëtorët e mi dhe mbi shërbëtoret e mia, dhe do të profetizojnë. *(Korean:)* 19 또 내가 하늘에서는 이상한 일과 땅에서는 징조를 보여 줄 것이니 곧 피와 불과 연기이다. 20 주의 크고 영광스러운 날이 오기 전에 해가 어두워지고 달이 핏빛으로 변할 것이다. *(Greek:)* 21 kai« e¶stai pa∆ß oßß a·n e`pikale÷shtai to\ ojnoma kuri÷ou swqh/setai.

Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. 15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: *(Latin:)* 17 “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; *(Albanian:)* 18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. *(Korean:)* 19 And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; 20 the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. *(Greek:)* 21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Invocation

Praise Hymn

This Day at Thy Creating Word

Epistle Lesson

Romans 8:20-30

1. This day at thy cre - at - ing word first o'er the
 2. This day the Lord for sin - ners slain in might vic -
 3. This day the Ho - ly Spir - it came with fi - ery
 4. O day of light and life and grace, from earth - ly
 5. All praise to God the Fa - ther be, all praise, e -

earth the light was poured: O Lord, this day up -
 to - rious rose a - gain: O Je - sus, may we
 • tongues of clo - ven flame: O Spir - it, fill our
 toil sweet rest - ing place, thy hal - lowed hours, blest
 ter - nal Son, to thee, whom, with the Spir - it,

on us shine and fill our souls with light di - vine.
 rais - ed be from death of sin to life in thee!
 • hearts this day with grace to hear and grace to pray.
 gift of love, give we a - gain to God a - bove.
 we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

Confession of Sin

O gracious Father, we come humbly to ask for your Church, that you would be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace.

where it is corrupt, purify it;

where it is in error, enlighten it;

where it is in anything misguided, reform it;

for the Spirit, in a great mystery, calls your Church the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Where is right, establish and humble it;

where it is in need, provide for it;

where it is divided, reunite it;

All for the sake of him who died and rose again, and ever lives to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ, your Son, the King and Head of the Church, from whom, through whom, And for whom, all things exist. Amen.

Individual Confession

Absolution

Romans 8:1–3, 10

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Thanksgiving Hymn

Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover every sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 77

Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Spirit of the Living God (see next page)

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Sermon Text Proverbs 8:22-36

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Sermon Flourishing: a Study in Proverbs; Learning to not love death

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me; Spir - it of the

liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Break me, melt me, mold me,

fill me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

Response Hymn Be Thou My Vision

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Bringing Our Life to God

Prayers | Collection | Profession

Prayers of the People

Collection

text **MNA 1708** to **76959** and follow the prompts
or visit give.pcamna.org/to/1708/

1 Be thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my Wis - dom, and thou my true Word,
 3 High King of hea - ven, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
 I e - ver with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - e - ver be - fall,

wa - king or sleep - ing, thy pre - sence my light.
 high King of hea - ven, my Tre - sure thou art.
 still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed (AD 325)

We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;

he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried.

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.

His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father and the Son,

and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,

and to life in the world to come. Amen.

*the universal Christian Church in all times and places

Communion in Christ Jesus

All Christians are invited to receive Christ's presence of bread and wine. When directed please take your bulletin, stand and form a circle around the worship space. Whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle. If you are not able to stand, please move your chair into the circle. We serve wine in the Lord's Supper, believing it to be the Biblical element used. We provide grape juice for those who, out of conscience or for health, do not drink wine. Wine is in the inner rings of the tray; juice is in the outer ring. The communion bread is gluten free.

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 2. Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
 3. Might - y vic - tim from the sky, pow'rs of hell be - neath thee lie;

who has washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 death is con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light;

praise we him whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal vic - tim, pas - chal bread;
 hymns of glo - ry and of praise, ris - en Lord, to thee we raise;

gives his bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
 ho - ly Fa - ther, praise to thee, with the Spir - it, ev - er be.

Communion Hymn At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (Verses 1 & 3)

Prayer for those searching

Oh God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have, the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved, the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to satisfy me. Could it be, as someone once said, that "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." Dear God, if this is true, and if as the Bible teaches there is life and life eternal in Christ alone, please guide me to Him. Open me to the reality of the One who alone can satisfy my restless heart. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see but can understand, feel and touch through the Word, sacraments and church family. Lord I want to believe, help my unbelief! Amen.

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Coronation Hymn Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Benediction from Ephesians 3:16 & 19

Now may the Lord bless you according to the riches of his glory and grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God in Christ. Amen.

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til my will is one with thine, to do and to en - dure.
 un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

REFLECTION

The Church and the Spirit

The Church is composed of those who are God's people in a very different sense than, for instance, the earth is the Lord's.

The Spirit of the Lord fills and moves his creation, but what made the Church and fills and moves it is his Holy Spirit, something dearer, something greater. All men are God's, as part of his creation; they are his offspring. But there is something greater, more divine than humanity; it is the Church of God. The Church of God is the finest product of humanity, it is the greatest thing in the universe. And this is so because it was produced by God in his Son and Holy Spirit. The Church is his own as no nation is, no society, no family. The Church is his as his Son is his, his in his Son. His not as a part of creation, but as a new creation in Jesus Christ. If in love he created the world, in much more love did he create the Church. It was in might and beauty he created the world; it was in holy love he created the Church. It is his as nothing else in the world is. It is the Church of his Son, and his Son is more to him than all the world.

I speak of the Church of course as God sees it, God who sees the end from the beginning. You must also learn to see your Church like that, not as a man sees it but as God redeemed it, and as God trusts it, and bears with it, and feeds it, and serves it, and waits for it while it grows to the mature man in Jesus Christ.

— *P. T Forsyth (1848-1921)*

Pentecost

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings,
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays,
Today the church draws breath at last and sings,
As every flame becomes a tongue of praise.
This is the feast of Fire, Air and Water,
Poured out and breathed and kindled into Earth.
The Earth herself awakens to her maker,
Translated out of death and into birth.
The right words come today in their right order
And every word spells freedom and release
Today the gospel crosses every boarder,
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace.
Today the lost are found in his translation,
Whose mother-tongue is love in every nation.

— *Malcolm Guite, in Sounding the Seasons*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Group – Meets tonight, May 23, 5:30-7pm at the Costens' (846 New Haven Ave.; park on Eels Hill Rd) for a picnic and community building time.

Women's Bible Study – Every-other-Sat. 9:30-11am. Our first meeting is Saturday, June 5, 9:00-10:30 AM at Catey Alburger's backyard- 97 Oxford Road, Milford 06460. Please RSVP to cpcmilford@gmail.com.

Thursday Night Prayer Meeting – 7-7:50pm. Regular prayer for each other, our community, our world and the redemptive work of God is essential to our mission. Please join us as we follow a short prayer and scripture liturgy and pray for each other. [Zoom link](#) | Meeting ID: 856 4475 2681 | Passcode: 665297

Summer VBS and BBQ with Christ Pres in the Hill – Save the date to participate with our sister congregation in their outreach to their neighborhood on Saturday, July 24 (for VBS) and Wednesday, August 4 (for BBQ).

Summer Sunday Morning Worship Locations- May 30- Fowler Pavilion; June 6- Fowler Memorial Building; June 13- MAC; June 20- Fowler Pavilion; June 27- MAC

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