



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Serving Christ and Neighbor in the Heart of Winchester & Beyond

God's

Breath



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THE DAY OF PENTECOST

May 31, 2020

WORSHIP ONLINE & AT HOME





You are invited from your home to participate in the elements of worship preceded in **BOLD**.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

PRELUDE "This is the Day"

Amy Bowman, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Lauren Hoak, PCUSA Young Adult Volunteer and Seminarian

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in God's works — who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

All: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Leader: May my meditation be pleasing to God, for I rejoice in the LORD.

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

CELEBRATION OF THE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

HYMN 291 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Morgan Myers, soprano

SPIRIT

Refrain D G A D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm E A D G

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,

A D Bm

spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id-ness,

G A D G D *Fine*

wind, wind on the sea.



1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient



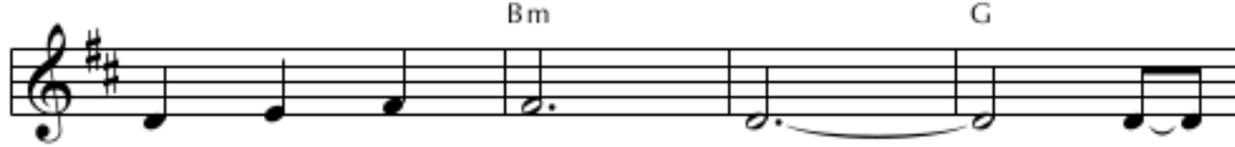
deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill; then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the



val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -
 law and a land. When they were con - found -
 whole world was still. And down in the cit -
 cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -



ons you called to each thing, "A -
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you
 y, you called once a - gain when you
 sions; our men clear their eyes. With



wake from your slum - bers and
 spoke through your proph - ets to
 blew through your peo - ple on the
 bold new de - ci - sions your



rise on your wings."
 o - pen their eyes.
 rush of the wind.
 peo - ple a - rise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

All: God of wind and flame, you pour out your Spirit on all your children, empowering the least and the lofty to tell of your mighty deeds. We hear the sound and feel the heat, but instead of recognizing your presence among us, we sneer and refuse to believe you speak through people we would not choose to proclaim your message. Forgive us for attempting to limit your Spirit. Silence our cynicism and possess us with your word of grace. Make us your witnesses, those who break down dividing walls between people and relish the new community made possible through the life and love of Jesus Christ. Come, Holy Spirit. *(Silent prayer)* Amen.

Leader: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. God will not always accuse, nor will the Lord harbor anger forever; God does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for those who fear the Lord; as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. Friends, believe the Good News, through Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Todd Bowman

Prelude "The Change in Me"

Mark Hall

Kimberly and Sofia Aikens, vocals | Accompanied by Amy Bowman & Michael Lee

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-21 read by Carl and June Hess

THE READING FROM ACTS

Pentecost

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. They were surprised and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia,

Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!” They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, “What does this mean?” Others jeered at them, saying, “They’re full of new wine!”

Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, “Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! These people aren’t drunk, as you suspect; after all, it’s only nine o’clock in the morning! Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young will see visions. Your elders will dream dreams. Even upon my servants, men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a cloud of smoke. The sun will be changed into darkness, and the moon will be changed into blood, before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved

SERMON “Pentecost in a Pandemic” The Rev. Dr. Dan McCoig Jr.

RESPONSE

God strengthens us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Annie Pompelia, Director of Youth Ministry

[...the petitions conclude...]

Leader: And now as Christ taught us, we are bold to pray...

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.

OFFERTORY

Leader: God sends the Holy Spirit, gifting us with the ability to serve in a myriad of ways. We are given the gift of faith that enables us to live in hope, love radically and share generously. Let us worship God with our offering.

“Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow”

Thomas H. Troeger, music by Richard Jeffrey

Morgan Myers, soprano | Jen Galang, flute | Pat Byers, piano

You can send your offering via USPS [116 S. Loudoun St., Winchester, VA 22601] or you can give electronically using the “Donate” button on our website. Thank you. [<https://fpcwinc.org/stewardship/donate>]

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

God of grace, we give you thanks for the feast of redemption we have shared in the body and blood of our Savior. As you have nourished us with love, let our lives proclaim your great love for the world. through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

Leader: Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Lord bless and keep you.
The Lord be kind and gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

POSTLUDE “Shine Jesus Shine” Amy Bowman, piano

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A worship service will be broadcast each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. You can find worship videos online at:

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