

# CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 28, 2023

Revised Common Lectionary Readings  
Pentecost Sunday  
Year A

[Numbers 11:24-30](#)  
[Psalm 104:24-34, 35b](#)  
[Acts 2:1-21](#)  
[John 20:19-23](#)

## Prelude

## Greeting and Opening Prayer

## Litany for Pentecost

In the beginning the Spirit moved over the waters; the breath of God giving life to creatures of dust.

### **Come, Holy Spirit!**

By the inspiration of this same Spirit, the prophets spoke and acted in faith, clothed in power to proclaim the Word of God.

### **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Coming in power, this same Spirit came as fire to Jesus' disciples, empowering them to proclaim in word and deed the Good News of Jesus before the rulers of this world.

### **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Wild and free, creative and refreshing, God's Spirit blows through this place.

### **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Gentle and mysterious, patient and caring, interceding with sighs too deep for words, God's Spirit moves in our hearts.

### **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Breaking barriers, healing divisions, convicting, comforting, and empowering, God's Spirit flows among us.

### **Come, Holy Spirit!**

**\*Hymn** (*The Presbyterian Hymnal* #322)

*Spirit of the Living God*

## Confession

John 20:22-23

*"Jesus breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'"*

**Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ.**

**Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*(Silent Confession)*

**Assurance, \*Gloria Patri, \*Passing of the Peace**

Acts 2:21 (Joel 2:32)

*"Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."*

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

*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.*

May the Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

## **Time with the Children**

### **Scripture**

[Numbers 11:24-30](#); [Acts 2:1-21](#)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

*Extra! Extra! Read All About It!*

**\*Hymn** (*The Presbyterian Hymnal* #430)

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

Selection from [A Brief Statement of Faith](#) (11.1, 11.4-6)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renew of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in dat can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Call for the Offering**

Acts 2:44-46

*"All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need...And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."*

Please prayerfully consider the time, talent, and resources you have been given, and how they can be offered back to God in love and service. If this includes making a financial offering to the church, you may use our [online giving option](#).

## Offertory

*Send Us Your Spirit*  
Calvin Choir

## \*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*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.*

## In the Life of the Church

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn (*The Presbyterian Hymnal* #126, vv. 1-3)

*Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

### \*Benediction and Charge

\*Congregational Response

*Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove* (v. 4)

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, With all Thy quickening powers;  
Come, she abroad a Savior's love, And that shall kindle ours.*

## Postlude

