

**CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
***Pentecost Sunday: A Service for Worship at Home***  
***May 31, 2020***

**Prelude**                    *Take a moment to take a breath, and quiet your heart and mind.*

**Call to Worship**                    Psalm 104:31-35

Leader:            May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works –

**People:            who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

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

**People:            Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!**

**Opening Prayer**

God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us; may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us; may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength, now and always. Amen.

**Litany for Pentecost**

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

**People:            Come, Holy Spirit!**

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

**People:            Come, Holy Spirit!**

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

**People:            Come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader:            Now this same Spirit calls to us, that we would become children of God; making us the living temple of the Lord's presence; interceding in and for us with sighs too deep for words.

**People:**     **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader:     Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you guide and make holy the church you create; you give gifts: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety, the spirit of the fear of the Lord – that all creation and every tongue would call on the name of the Lord.

**People:**     **Come, Holy Spirit!**

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**Hymn**

*Send Us Your Spirit*

**Confession**

Joel 2:32

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

**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 words of grace and challenge, speak the transforming power of the good news of your steadfast 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 burning desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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*(silent confession)*

**Assurance and Peace**

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

*“For just as the body is one and has many members...so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one...and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”*

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

Throughout this week, continue to find ways to share the peace of Christ with one another.

## Children's Message

Downloadable materials for children (and the young at heart!) can be found on the church website ([www.CalvinChurchRI.org](http://www.CalvinChurchRI.org)) with the worship materials.

<b>Scripture</b>	Acts 2:1-21
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>Breaking In and Breaking Out</i>
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>Come, O Spirit</i>

## Offering

**Please prayerfully consider the time, talents, or gifts you have received, and how you can give them back to God in love and service to others.**

We understand that these are uncertain and difficult times. But that is all the more reason that the work of the church continues. Please prayerfully continue to give your gifts to this ministry. You can take just a moment to give online through our website, or prepare a check to be mailed.

## Prayer of Dedication and the Prayers of the People

*parts of this prayer adapted from Rev. Jill Duffield, Presbyterian Outlook*

Gracious God, your Spirit rests upon us and drives us out to proclaim the gospel. You entrust us with your message of salvation. You grant us your vision and make your dreams our own. You enlist us as ambassadors for no less than Christ. We are humbled and awed by your choice of us. Take these gifts as signs of our trust and symbols of our gratitude. Bless them and use them to tell your mighty deeds throughout the world.

Lord of all, we are unable to gather in one place. We grieve our inability to sit beside one another, sing together and pass the peace in person. Even as we lament what is lost when we cannot be in the same physical space, we rejoice that nothing separates us from the love of Jesus Christ and there is no barrier that can prevent the Holy Spirit's coming to us. United in Christ, bound by the Spirit, our community is real and strong, no matter where we are.

Confident in your promise to never leave us alone, to hear us when we knock and give to us when we ask, we are bold to pray for those on our hearts and minds. Send the Spirit's winds of your comfort to surround those who mourn – who mourn loss and who mourn loneliness. Stay close to those unable to be near to those they love. Grant rest to the weary and give hope to those on the brink of despair. Kindle the Spirit's flame of reconciliation between those long

estranged and peoples who call each other enemies. Bring healing to the sick and relief to those who suffer. In this week when we have heard yet more reports of privilege and racism with tragic consequences, Lord unleash the Spirit's power to bring justice to the oppressed and repentance to all of us who are complicit. Possess us with your Spirit so that we cannot abide the exploitation of the weak or the neglect of the vulnerable. Let your Spirit loose in your church so that we can be bearers of your love in the world. Be with the sick, and the dying. The weary and the burdened. The imprisoned and the homeless. The scared and the sorrowful.

On this day of Pentecost when multiple languages resound through the universe and all kinds of people proclaim your mighty deeds, open the eyes of our hearts to take in all the glorious sounds, relish the beautiful sights, and rejoice in the precious diversity of creation. Your works and your words are too wonderful for us and yet you enlist us to participate in your divine endeavor of salvation. We are astounded, perplexed and bewildered, but eager through the gift of the Spirit to serve you with energy, intelligence, imagination and love.

And now, Lord, hear us as we lift up those whose names are known to us: Val as she and her family mourn the death of her cousin Karen, Linda, Marsha and her mother and father, the Newman family, the Pak family, Linda, Jackie and Chuck, Elaine; Marilyn, Dot, Miriam, Fran and all those at the Chapel Hill, Highlands, Waterman Lake, and Atria assisted living communities.

*(Personal/Silent Prayers)*

Come, Holy Spirit, engulf this frightening season with the live-giving, mercy-granting, joy-completing, justice-rolling deeds of our God. Open our mouths so that our lips may proclaim your praise. Direct our actions so the world will know we are Christ's followers by our love. Make us one so we can be ambassadors of reconciliation. Show us your vision and empower us to make your divine dreams our earthly reality.

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 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.

**Benediction**

May the love of God the Father, The grace of Jesus the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, One God, be with you, now and forever.

May all the Church say together, 'Come, Holy Spirit!'  
Amen.