

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service – May 23, 2021

Revised Common Lectionary Readings
Pentecost Sunday
Year B

[Ezekiel 37:1-14](#)
[Psalm 104:24-34](#)
[Romans 8:22-27](#)
[John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15](#)
[Acts 2:1-21](#)

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Gracious God, you are the One who breathes life. Pour out upon us and your Church your Spirit that we may be joined together and grow in to a holy temple in you, built together into a dwelling place for you. Come, Holy Spirit, that we may worship well this morning. Amen.

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 the Good News of Jesus before the rulers of this world.

Come, Holy Spirit!

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.

Come, Holy Spirit!

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; and lead us into the way of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control - that all creation and every tongue would call on the name of the Lord.

Come, Holy Spirit!

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Hymn

Come, O Spirit
The Presbyterian Hymnal, # 127

Confession*

Ezekiel 37:2-3

"...the LORD led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.'"

Almighty God, you poured out your Spirit upon gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith sent into the world. 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.

**Adapted from Book of Common Worship*

(personal confession)

Assurance and Peace

Ezekiel 37:4-5

"Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live...'"

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Passing of the Peace**First Scripture Reading**[Ezekiel 37:1-14](#)**Song**

There Was Jesus
soloist, Linda Tente

Second Scripture Reading[Acts 2:1-21](#)**Sermon**

Can These Bones Live?

Hymn

Spirit
The Presbyterian Hymnal, #319

Call for the Offering

Psalm 104:24

"O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures."

The earth and all that is in it, is the Lord's. In our stewardship of the things of this earth, we bear the image of God to the world. With the gifts of this world that we have received, we give back in love and service.

Please prayerfully consider the time, talents, or gifts you have received, and how you may give of them to steward the work of God in the world.

Offertory

Sparrows
soloist, Josh Cameron

Prayer of Dedication

Lord, for all the bounty of your creation, we give you thanks. As we have received, bless that which we give; that in giving we may know your joy, and that your joy may be made known in the world.

Announcements**Prayers of the People**

Lord, on this Pentecost day, we are in need of your Spirit to blow through our lands and our hearts. The groanings of this world and of our hearts are sometimes too much for us. But they are not too much for you. The need for peace to be made; justice to be done; mercy to be given and to be received; lives, bodies, and minds to be healed. Pandemics that continue in places near and far; violence that cycles again and again; hardened divisions and fresh wounds; those who mourn and grieve; those who are hungry and hungering, thirsty and thirsting; those wandering, and those wondering; those whose names rest heavy in our hearts...and those whose names we may never know...and those prayers we don't even know we need to pray...

And so we pray, "Come, Holy Spirit."

We remember your outpouring. On the day of Pentecost, you settled like tongues of fire on all flesh, both young and old, displaying your glory to pilgrims from every nation.

Come, Holy Spirit. We seek your refreshment. Wash over us with peace that passes understanding - with gratitude for our daily bread; with love for our neighbors and for ourselves; and with courage for the journey set before us.

Come, Holy Spirit. We await your transformation. Send us out with power to love those whom the world calls unlovely, to strengthen those who have faltered along the way, to bind up the brokenhearted, to employ your gifts in the struggle for justice, to offer refuge of one kind or another, food of one kind or another.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Be our Helper as we help the neediest among us.

Be our Comforter as we comfort those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

Be our Strong Courage as we encourage those languishing in body, mind, or spirit.

Be our Advocate as we advocate for the voiceless and the parentless.

Change us, we pray. Move us and send us into the world under your power, for your glory. May the wind of the Spirit blow across what is dry and dusty in this world; may the breath of the Spirit breathe life into these bones of ours, and of this world; and may the fire the Spirit guide and forge our way.

We ask this, and all the prayers of our lives and of this world that are too deep for words, in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together with bold courage,

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.

*portions adapted from *A Prayer For the Day of Pentecost*, Presbyterian Outlook, May 18 2021;

Hymn

Go to the World!
Glory to God Hymnal, # 295

Charge and Benediction

Beloved of God, Jesus did not leave us without hope, but sent the Holy Spirit to nurture faith and love in this world. To enliven and breathe life into our dry dusty bones and structures; and to carry us into his world.

Come, Holy Spirit, breathe the love of God the Father, and the grace of Jesus the Son, and your fellowship into our lives, that we may be strengthened, encouraged, and guided, now and forever more. Amen.