
 DAY OF PENTECOST

Opening *Come to Me, says God's Son (BuxWV 201)*

Dietrich Buxtehude

Call to Worship

One: Wind of God, who awakened creation and stirred dry bones to life—

All: sweep through this us and enliven our worship.

One: Wind of God, who descended as tongues of flame and gave birth to the church—

All: sweep through us and ignite our hearts.

One: Wind of God, who guides our ministry and equips us for service—

All: sweep through us and empower our witness.

Hymn #280 *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; come with Pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision; help us face each crucial hour.

Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known.

We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yesteryears;
for tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.

In the church's pilgrim journey you have led us all the way;
still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame.

Help our feeble lips to praise you, glorify your holy name.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: what mystery!

We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.

Prayer of Confession

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. We rejoice in the gifts you have given us. Yet, we confess, we do not always use them to glorify you. For using the gifts of your Spirit for selfish gain instead of using them for the common good, forgive us, O God. For thinking too little of ourselves, not trusting that you have given us gifts for your service, forgive us, O God. For believing some gifts to be better than others, ignoring how we each build up the body of Christ, forgive us, O God. Spirit of the Living God, melt us, mold us, fill us again with your power and use us for your work so that our lives may glorify you. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.
4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.
6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.
7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?
8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?
9 Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes,
11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”
12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”
13 But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”
14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.
15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.
16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
17 ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.
21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Second Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 12:3b-13

3b No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.
4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;
6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.
7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,
9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,
10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.
11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.
12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.
13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Homily “The Essentials”

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

Affirmation of Faith *From A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit
everywhere the giver and renewer 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 people 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!"

Anthem *Spirit, Come Down*

Mark Hayes

Marilyn Wilkins, soprano

Spirit, come down like the days of old.
Spirit, come down and fill my soul.
Lord, I want to be used by You, to feel Your power in all I do.
Spirit, come down and fill my soul.
Now on the day of Pentecost the disciples of the Lord were in one place
when suddenly from heav'n on high came the sound of a mighty wind.
that mighty wind then filled the place, and the Spirit appeared like tongues of fire.
It took control of ev'ryone, filling them with pow'r!
Spirit, come down like the days of old.
Spirit, come down and fill my soul.
Lord, I want to be used by You, to feel Your power in all I do.
Spirit, come down and fill my soul.
There were people there from ev'ry land, yet they heard God's word in their native tongue,
for the Spirit had helped them understand the mighty word of the Lord.
Spirit, come down like the days of old.
Spirit, come down and fill my soul.
Lord, I want to be used by You, to feel Your power in all I do.
Spirit, come down and fill my soul.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Postlude *Fanfare Fugue in G Major (BWV 550)*

J. S. Bach

Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Health concerns: Louis McCaleb; Jimmy Gilchrest; Luis Alvarez; Donna Morrison; Bill McPhail; Jane Christopher; Dave Askine; Joyce DeLoach; Roy Kreitz; Will Grant (grandson of Linda Ross)

FPC Announcements:

Pentecost Sunday is today, May 31, where we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rushing wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower mission and ministry to the world.

As part of the celebration, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), takes a special offering to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. This week we will be collecting the Pentecost Offering with 40% staying locally. Mail or drop your checks by the church OR pay with PayPal and send Kimberly an email (kimberly@fpcpasadena.org) designating the donation for the Pentecost Offering.

DRIVE-IN WORSHIP

On Sunday, June 14, at 9:00 am, we will worship together in the parking lot from the safety of our cars. Bring your cell phone and Communion elements. The rain date is June 21. Watch for more details during the week of June 7!

BAYWOOD CROSSING MINISTRY

Many residents of nursing homes are experiencing isolation and loneliness. Some have no family to encourage them via phone or mail. Staff members are working hard to safely care for residents. Since we have had a ministry at Baywood Crossing from its opening and have a member, Dave Askine, residing there, the Mission & Outreach Ministry, with session approval, is asking members to write notes or cards of encouragement to the 95 residents and 137 staff members. Please take the time to write a few. These may be mailed to or dropped off at the church in the mailbox. When we have collected one for each resident and staff, they will be mailed in one package to Baywood Crossing, since nothing is allowed to be hand-delivered. Notes will be distributed by the staff. When writing, please make your notes warm and encouraging. Remember many residents and staff have no religious affiliation. Please sign your name with First Presbyterian Church below it.

If you drop them off at church, please write Baywood Crossing Resident OR Baywood Crossing Staff on the front. If you mail it to the church, please address it as follows:

First Presbyterian Church
ATTN: Baywood Crossing Resident (or staff)
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If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Askine at 713-515-9248. Thank you for your help with this project.