

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

June 4, 2017

DAY OF PENTECOST

Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel. Empower us with that same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love and draw all people to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall exult in my God;

People: **For he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,**

Leader: For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

People: **So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.** Isaiah 61:10-11

All: **Let us worship God!**

*Hymn: *Come, Thou Almighty King* #2

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Filled with the riches of your Spirit, we cling to the old ways. In spite of your promises we seek self-assurance. You sent the Holy Spirit to enliven our existence. The darkness of doubt dispels the new light the Spirit brings. We are afraid to admit what it might mean if we surrendered ourselves to you. So we continue to pursue our flights of fancy and pretend that we can go it alone. Thus, we call upon you to touch our hearts and minds and change us into a people who live for your glory.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: *O Lord, Have Mercy* #578

O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy;
O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.
O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy;
O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and he will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel!

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

*Gloria Patri: *Glory Be to the Father* #581
**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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

Offertory

*Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #606
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

In the beginning was the creative power of your word, O God. And now in these moments when we encounter that same powerful Word, may it create within us a new and deeper life, committed to your purpose, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 135** para. Michael Morgan
(Tune: *Aurelia* #321: *The Church's One Foundation*)

**O Praise God's name together, You servants of the Lord;
O LORD, for all Your favor, to us, You are adored!
Within Your holy temple, before Your sacred throne,
The chosen heirs of Jacob proclaim You God alone!**

**O LORD, no mind can measure the greatness of Your might;
You give the earth its orbit, and set the stars for flight.
The clouds You raised in heaven, give to the fields their rain;
Your Word lifts waves from oceans, and mountains from the plain.**

**False gods may rise before us, their vanity display;
But as the hands that made them, they, too, shall fade away.
Your Name, O God Almighty, endures for endless days;
And newborn generations, unite to sing Your praise.**

Scripture Reading: **Acts 2:1-21**

Anthem: *Hymn to the Holy Spirit* Randolph Currie

Time for Young Disciples

(Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.)

Scripture: **Genesis 11:1-9**

Sermon: **The Tower of Babel**

*Affirmation of Faith: 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 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!

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

RESPONSE: *The First Song of Isaiah* Isaiah 12:2-6
**Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And he will be my Savior.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

RESPONSE: *Holy, Holy, Holy* Argentine folk song
**Holy, holy, holy, My heart, my heart adores You!
My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!**

RESPONSE: *Spirit of the Living God* #288
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

RESPONSE: *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen* #553
**Christ has died; Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD TOGETHER AND SHARING THE CUP

CLOSING PRAYER:

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: **And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: **And forget not all God's benefits**

All: God of all might and power, we praise you that you forged your church in the fire of the Spirit, and breathed life into your people that we might be the body of Christ. By your Spirit, baptize us again with your flame of faith, fill us with the breath of zeal, inspire to be witnesses of your love and grace, and send us forth into the world to live for the glory of our savior Jesus Christ. May we who have received this Sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn: *On Pentecost They Gathered* #289

*Benediction

Closing Voluntary

*Please stand if you are able

Westminster Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

Westminster Presbyterian Church exists to declare God's love for all through Jesus Christ, to nurture and encourage spiritual growth, to maintain the integrity of divine worship, and to share the love and joy found in Christ by giving ourselves to our community and to the world.

THE SESSION

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers: Al Hejl Rick Bock
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Preparing Communion: Clarence and Barbara Bahs

Serving Communion: Kristi Hachtel James Allums
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Hosting Reception: Nominating Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 4

12:00 noon Communion Reception

Sunday, June 11

9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

MINISTERS:

All the Members of the Congregation

CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor Steve Newton
Director of Music Deborah Dalton
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TODAY'S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God in loving memory of Jim Dickson by his wife Martha and his son John.

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Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." ⁵ The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. ⁶ And the LORD said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." ⁸ So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹ Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Genesis 11:1-9