

### CHURCH SESSION

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## Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 11:00 a.m.

May 23, 2021

Fiftieth Day of Easter/The Day of Pentecost

### The Bell Calls Us to Worship

**Prelude** Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (from Cantata 147) J.S. Bach, 1723  
Bob Vawter, trombone; Rickie Cooke, baritone horn

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 130** Let Every Christian Pray Laudes Domini

### Easter Greeting

**Pastor:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**People:** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** **And also with you.**  
**Pastor:** Let us pray.

**Prayer for the Day** (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)  
Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent the 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and forever. **Amen.**

**An Affirmation of Faith for Easter** Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

**Pastor:** What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**Unison:** **That I belong, body and soul, in life and in death,**  
**not to myself, but to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ,**  
**who at the cost of his own blood, has fully paid for all my sins**  
**and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;**  
**that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven**  
**not a hair can fall from my head.**

**Indeed, everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.**  
**Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life**  
**and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready**  
**from now on to live for him.**

**Pastor:** The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

### Passing of the Peace

(Worshippers safely greet one another with the peace of Christ and then sit for the announcements.)

### Welcome, Announcements, and a Word to Children

#### Prayer for Illumination

##### Old Testament

Ezekiel 37:1-14

##### Psalm 104:24-27,28b-31,33

Unison

**O Lord, how manifold are your works!**

**In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

**Yonder is the sea, great and wide.**

**Creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.**

**There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.**

**These all look to you to give them their food in due season.**

**When you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

**When you hide your face, they are dismayed;**

**when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.**

**When you send forth your spirit, they are created**

**and you renew the face of the earth.**

**May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works.**

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.**

**I will sing praise to God while I have being.**

#### Musical Meditation

Amazing Grace

arr. Doug Talley

#### Gospel

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

#### Pentecost Lesson from Acts

Acts 2:1-21

#### Sermon

Catching God's Breath

Mike Krech

“Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.”

Ezekiel 37:5

The congregation stands to sing

#### Hymn 320

The Lone, Wild Bird

Prospect

#### Nicene Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 15, Ecumenical

#### Gloria for Easter Season

Refrain of Hymn 122

Judas Maccabeus

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son.**

**Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.**

The congregation sits.

#### Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The congregation stands to sing the

#### Doxology for Easter Season

(to the tune of Hymn 455) Lasst Uns Erfreuen

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The congregation sits.

#### Invitation to the Lord's Table

#### Words of Institution

#### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### The Lord's Prayer

(debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Please observe physical distancing of six feet as you come to the tables.

Please give the person in front of you plenty of time for a reverent Communion.

Carefully take a piece of bread and consume it safely, away from the bread tray.

If you choose also to receive the cup, drink away from the cup tray.

Place the empty cup in the basket provided.

All Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

**The pastor offers a prayer of spiritual Communion for those not receiving.**

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion and Benediction

The congregation stands to sing the

#### Hymn 131

Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

St. George's, Windsor

**Welcome to worship** at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today is the Day of Pentecost. The descent of the Holy Spirit upon believers in Christ seals their faith in the resurrection, fulfills Christ's promise of the Advocate who would come, and empowers the church for mission and witness. Pentecost was already a festival for Jews, marking the harvest of the early wheat crop. It was also celebrated as the day God gave the law to Moses. For Christians Pentecost's images include the wind or breath of the Spirit and the tongues of fire (thus the color red) as well as the miracle of tongues by which the apostles proclaimed the Gospel to all people. (JMK)

## Hymn Texts for Online Worship

### Let Every Christian Pray

Let every Christian pray, This day and every day, Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Was not the church we love Commissioned from above? Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
The Spirit brought to birth The church of Christ on earth To seek and save the lost:  
God never has withdrawn, Since that tremendous dawn, The gifts at Pentecost.  
Only the Spirit's power Can fit us for this hour: Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Instruct, inspire, unite, And help us see Your light: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1970;

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI; Joseph Barnby, 1868

### The Lone, Wild Bird

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight Is still with Thee nor leaves Thy sight.  
And I am Thine! I rest in Thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.  
The ends of earth are in Thy hand, The sea's dark deep and far off land.  
And I am Thine! I rest in Thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

Text: Henry Richard McFadyen, 1925, alt.;

Tune: PROSPECT; As in *Twelve Folksongs and Spirituals*, 1968;

Harm. David N. Johnson, 1968

### Wind Who Makes All Winds that Blow

Wind who makes all winds that blow – Gusts that bend the saplings low,  
Gales that heave the sea in waves, Stirrings in the mind's deep caves –  
Aim Your breath with steady power On your church this day, this hour.  
Raise, renew the life we've lost, Spirit God of Pentecost.  
Fire who fuels all fires that burn – Suns around which planets turn,  
Beacons marking reefs and shoals, Shining truth to guide our souls –  
Come to us as one You came: Burst in tongues of sacred flame!  
Light and Power, Might and Strength, Fill Your church, its breadth and length.  
Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame, Move within our mortal frame.  
Make our hearts an altar pyre, Kindle them with Your own fire.  
Breathe and blow upon that blaze Till our lives, our deeds and ways,  
Speak that tongue which every land By Your grace shall understand.

Text: Thomas Troeger, 1983;

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR; George Job Elvey, 1859