

Community Presbyterian Church

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Pentecost - May 31, 2020

Welcome to worship this morning!

*Bulletin Cue: **Bold** indicates congregational response.*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Help in using Google Meet for worship

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Wind of God, you awakened creation and stirred dry bones to life—

sweep through our homes and enliven our worship.

Wind of God, you descended in flame and gave birth to the church—

sweep through this body of believers and ignite our hearts.

Wind of God, you guide our ministry and give us gifts to serve you,

sweep through your people today and make our witness strong.

OPENING HYMN GTG 288

Spirit of the Living God

sing twice



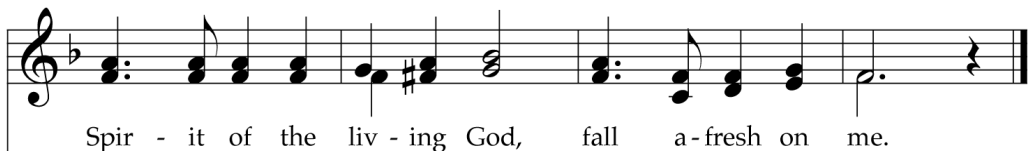
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.



Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

CONFESSION

Spirit of the Living God, 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 everyone's 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, use us, **so that our lives may glorify you.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of power and grace, fill us with the wisdom of your Word and the understanding of your Spirit so that we may be your church: a people with dreams and visions at work in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘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.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
 in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
 and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
 and signs on the earth below,
 blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
 and the moon to blood,
 before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 104 *(Adapted from The Iona Abbey Worship Book)*

Creator God, how great you are! You are wrapped in light and glory.

You have put the earth, sun, and stars in their orbits -

You live high above us, but you take tender care of our world.

In the valleys, you open springs of water, forming lakes and streams;
Wild animals drink from them; deer come to quench their thirst -
Birds of the air nest on the banks and sing in the trees.

You send rain on the hills, and the earth drinks its fill of your gift;
Cattle find pasture, our gardens flourish, your people are fed.
We cannot begin to count the wonderful things you have made.

Every living thing looks to you to give them their food at the right time:
All your creatures enjoy it and thank you in their own way.
When you open your hand, all of them eat their fill.

If you turn away from caring for them, they panic;
Your Spirit is the breath of life in them; when it leaves them, they die.
When you send forth your Spirit again, the earth is renewed.

Glory to God forever! May God rejoice in creation!
I will sing to God all my life, making music as long as I live.
Bless the Creator, O my soul!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Based on 1 Corinthians 12

The Spirit bestows gifts on each one of us, and everyone's gifts are needed for God's love to reach the world. The confirmation class presents a virtual skit illustrating Paul's message in this important chapter.

GOSPEL READING

John 7:37-39

The festival of Booths was held in the seventh week after the Passover festival. People stayed in tents, recalling how they lived when they escaped from Egypt. Each day, water was carried from a spring-fed pool to the Jerusalem temple in a golden pitcher, to remind people of how God had provided water for them to drink in the desert.

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

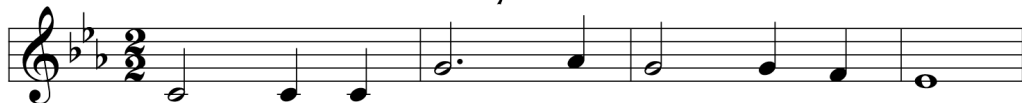
This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 21 Many and Great, O God Are Thy Works

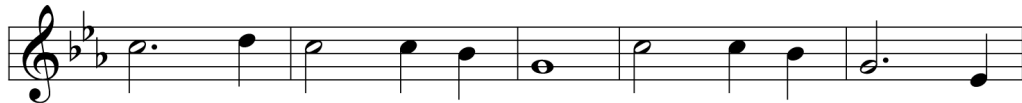
Many and Great, O God, 21 Are Thy Works



1 Man - y and great, O God, are thy works,
2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with thee,



Mak - er of earth and sky. Thy hands have
thou star - a - bid - ing One. Come un - to



set the heav - ens with stars; thy fin - gers spread the
us and dwell with us. With thee are found the



moun - tains and plains. Lo, at thy word the
gifts of life. Bless us with life that



wa - ters were formed. Deep seas o - bey thy voice.
has no end, e - ter - nal life with thee.

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,

hear our prayer.

THE 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.

OFFERING GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

(In lieu of a time of offering, people are invited to unmute one by one and share something that has inspired gratitude or given them hope in this past week; when all who desire to do so have spoken, we will collectively pray in response.)

PRAYER

God of life, of all life and of each life, we lay our own lives before you; we give our lives to you. In this time of global crisis, we give thanks for all your continued care, not for us alone, but for your whole suffering and precious world. We are yours, today and eternally.

Amen.

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

CLOSING HYMN GTG 295

Go to the World!

verses 1 and 3

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Almighty God, at Pentecost you sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel.

Send us out in the power of the same Spirit

to witness to your redeeming love and draw all people to you.

Thanks be to God.

May God the Creator bless you;

May God the Son walk with you;

May God the Spirit lead your lives with love.

Amen

Go to the World!

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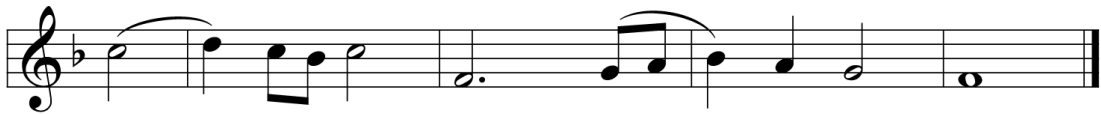
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

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When you get your June Newsletter you will find a list of books recommended by members of CPC for the Book Discussion Group to consider for next year, September

BOOK DISCUSSION
GROUP



to May. If you wish to join, if even for one session, please look them over and consider what your top 8 choices might be. If you would like to try it, please let Gwen (251-7874) or Marg (252-9398) know and we will send you a ballot along with those for regular members. You must return it by July 5th for those most chosen to be in the August Newsletter. Our first discussion will be Sept. 27th.

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, May 31

9:30 am Online Worship Service

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Tuesday, June 2

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

12:00 pm Conference Call *

7:00 pm Christian Education Committee

Wednesday, June 3

6:30 am Prayer Group

6:00 pm Online Confirmation Class

Friday, June 5

12:00 pm Conference Call *

Sunday, June 7

9:30 am Online Worship Service
with Communion

10:45 am Deacons Meeting



Judy Leal

Jane, Ed, Elissa and Burgstaler family

Connie Holst

MariLynn Johnson

Louis Bouchard and his mother

on the death of Louis' aunt

Gwen Riggins' niece and family

in the aftermath of the tragedy in

Minneapolis

***To be added to the prayer list,
please contact the church office at
507-280-9291 or
email office@cpchester.org.
For emergency pastoral care,
call Pastor Jan at 763-219-2927.***

Online Worship

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

<https://meet.google.com/vao-wjef-cbe>

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* **Tuesday/Friday Conference Call**

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Handbell Director	Judy Kereakos
Pianist	Glenna Muir
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Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

Serving in Worship Today

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