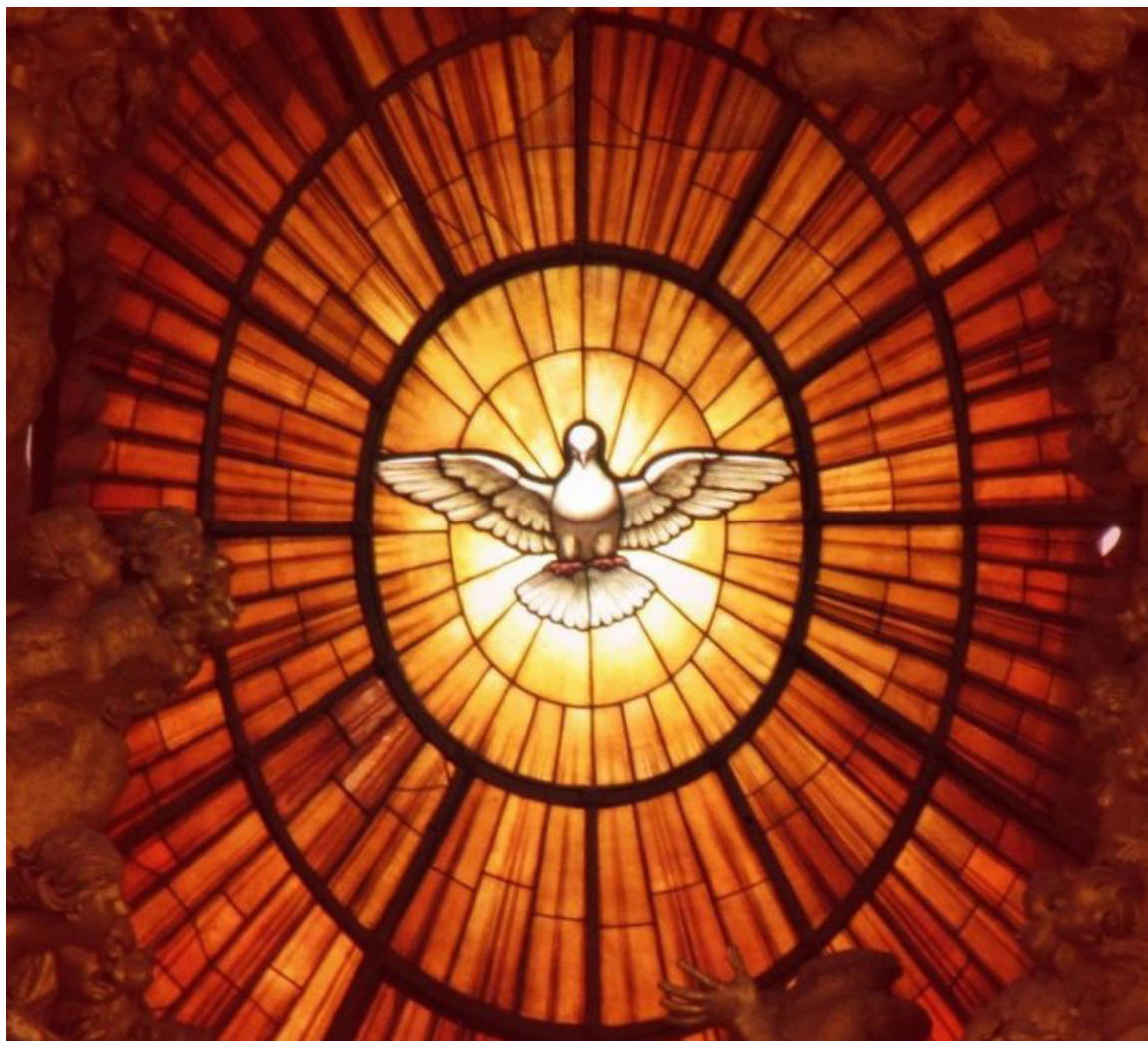


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Welcome to worship this morning!

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

** indicates please stand, if able*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Do you hear it, the sound of rushing wind beginning to fill this house?
Do you see it, the glowing pillars of fire reflecting in every pair of eyes?
Do you feel it, God moving in this place, calling us to worship?

The Spirit has come! The church is born!

Let us worship God with thanksgiving.

*OPENING HYMN GTG 408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place

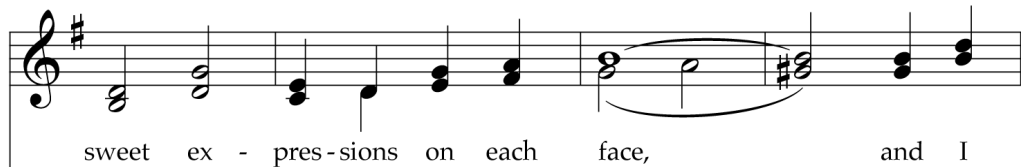
vs. 1



1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I



know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are



sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I



know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.

Refrain



Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here



with us, fill-ing us with your love; and for these bless-ings we

with us, fill-ing us with your love; and for these bless-ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-4, 16-18, 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.

As it 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... Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 104:27-34

The eyes of all beings look to you,
and you give them their food in due season;
when you give to them, they gather it up;
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 their dust.
When you send forth your Spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

May your glory, Beloved, endure forever;
may you forever rejoice in what you have made—
You look on the earth and it trembles,
You touch the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to you as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God with my last breath.
May my meditation be pleasing to you,
for I rejoice in the Spirit alive in all creation.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Berceuse, Op. 16
by Gabriel Faure

Bri McDonough

GOSPEL READING

John 15:26-27, 16:12-13

“When the Spirit of truth comes, she will guide you into all the truth; for she will not speak on her own, but will speak whatever she hears, and she will declare to you the things that are to come.”

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Spirit, Come to Us (Veni Sancte Spiritus)
(congregation repeats at direction of cantor)

Ostinato (repeated continuously)

Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.
 Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

SERMON

Seen and Unseen Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 693 *Though I May Speak* *(all three verses)*

1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;

and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.

and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in one God, Creator,
who brought everything, seen and unseen, into existence
as an act of overflowing love,
and who still supports and sustains all that is.**

**We believe that this infinite love
entered earth history through a woman's body,
as a brown-skinned member of an occupied nation.
Jesus sought and taught communion with the Creator,
restoring harmony to humanity,
healing and giving freely to all,
bowing to no boundaries of race, gender, or origin.
He was crucified by a society that could not tolerate
his liberating love for those on the margins of power.**

**Therefore, just as death became eternal life in him,
the ongoing life of his Spirit set loose in the world
negates death for all who desire life,
and enters every time and place
speaking a peace that undoes violence,
and a joy that overthrows despair,
revealed in many lands, tongues, and faiths,
and also through the faith of the church
which we claim today. Amen**

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAVERS 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.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

O God, in you there is no distinction of race and origin;
in you we are all one.

Empower us to break down the barriers that still divide us,
so that by your Spirit we may work in harmony
with each other and with you.

May God bless you and keep you,
may God's face shine on you and give you grace,
may God's eyes light on you and bring you peace.

AMEN.

***POSTLUDE**

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, May 23 Pentecost Sunday

9:30 am Return to In-Person Worship,
Online Worship also available

10:30 am Book Discussion Group

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Tuesday, May 25

12:00 pm Conference Call *

12:00 pm Bulletin Items due

6:30 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, May 26

Last Day of School Year for Children's Place

6:30 am Prayer Group

Thursday, May 27

Stephanie's vacation begins, office closed

Sunday, May 30

9:30 am In-Person Worship
Online Worship also available



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
especially daughter Jenny

Connie Holst

MariLynn Johnson

Glenna Muir and her mother

Sue Chipman's daughter,
Sue Hendrickson

***To be added to the prayer list,
please contact the church office at
507-280-9291 or***

email office@cpcrochester.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>

+1 575-305-4527 PIN: 652 821 468 #

* **Tuesday's Conference Call**

<https://meet.google.com/kee-rcys-sdh>

+1 413-889-2244 PIN: 433 818 991#

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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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