

# W CELEBRATION OF ORSHIP

Day of  
Pentecost  
May 23, 2021

**Welcome! We are glad you joined us for worship this morning!**

We are thrilled to be back together in the sanctuary! Because we want to help keep everyone safe and well through the pandemic, we are taking extra precautions to prevent the spread of illness in our community:

- \* We ask that everyone wear face masks throughout the worship service.
- \* The pews have been cleaned and disinfected prior to the service and will be cleaned again following the service. For everyone's safety, please only sit in the designated pews.
- \* Hymnals and Bibles have been removed from the pews to avoid spreading germs. The hymns and scripture are printed in the worship bulletin.
- \* Feel free to sing softly with the hymns as long as your mask covers both your nose and mouth.
- \* We will not pass offering plates, but they are available at the exits to receive your offerings. You can also give directly at [www.faithpcusa.org/give](http://www.faithpcusa.org/give).
- \* At the conclusion of the service, ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows to allow for safe distancing as we exit. Please remain seated in your pews until the usher indicates it is time for your row to exit.
- \* Upon exiting the sanctuary, please proceed directly outside before pausing to speak with other congregants.
- \* Please refrain from visiting any other parts of the church campus, as only the sanctuary, nursery, and restrooms are currently open.
- \* Don't forget to look for the email on Monday to register to attend next week's service!

Can't make it, but don't want to miss the experience? Join us for virtual worship online!

You can watch our service on YouTube, find the weekly bulletin online, and listen to the sermon via your favorite podcast platform or from our website ([www.faithpcusa.org/sermon-audios](http://www.faithpcusa.org/sermon-audios)).

Nursery is available for children preschool and younger. Trained nursery staff will greet your little ones with open arms! Every member of our childcare team has passed a background check, received CPR/First Aid certification and completed our children and youth protection training course. If you would like your child (preschool and under) to visit the nursery, please ask an usher for directions to the playground or breezeway.

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome

Brad Clayton

Prelude

Adam Ravain

\*Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Linda Pitts

A wind breathes among us, calling us to gather in the name of the Holy One.

**A fire burns within us, calling us to service, calling us to prayer.**

A spirit moves around us, calling us to turn in joy toward the sorrows of the world.

**Burning, breathing, Spirit of compassion, we bring our lives to You.**

\*Hymn 289

*On Pentecost They Gathered*  
*see hymns at back of bulletin*

Call to Confession

Linda Pitts

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

**We do not know how to pray as we ought, and we know too well our constant failures to do as You have commanded and to hold fast to Your word. Forgive us for the divisions we nurture, guide us to Your way, keep us in Your care, and lead us into faith.** (*silent confession*)

Holy God,

**We trust Your word that the Spirit of truth will show us all things and grant us courage and peace. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Linda Pitts

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

\*Gloria Patri

**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.**

## Proclamation of the Word

Prayer With Our Young Disciples

Mary Steen

*For everyone's safety, children should remain in the pews with their family for the service.*

Sacrament of Baptism

Blake Tinsley Scott

Brad Clayton

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;  
born of the Spirit, we are God's children, faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

Scripture Lesson

Acts 2:1-13

Brad Clayton

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."

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Pentecost Connections*

Brad Clayton

## Response to the Word

Offering

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

Prayer of Dedication (*responsive*)

Linda Pitts

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Linda Pitts

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Linda Pitts

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 Out Into the World

\*Hymn 66

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit  
see hymns at back of bulletin*

\*Charge & Benediction

Brad Clayton

Postlude

Adam Ravain

*At the conclusion of the benediction, please remain seated in your pews  
until an usher directs your row to exit, allowing space to socially distance.  
Please take your bulletin with you. There are recycle bins at the exits.*

*Live Simply, Love Generously, Serve Faithfully, Speak Truthfully, Pray Daily,  
and Leave Everything Else to God*

## 289 On Pentecost They Gathered

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,  
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed  
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,  
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.  
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.  
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.  
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,  
 What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?  
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.  
 O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.  
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.  
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.  
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

This narrative and interpretive text was written to fill what the author perceived as an unfortunate gap in available hymns concerning the Holy Spirit in general and Pentecost in particular. The setting of a 17th-century German tune is from Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*.

# 66 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*Refrain*

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my

heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the

Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray. *Fine*

1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's  
2 Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the

mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me, it looked so  
bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train up - on this

fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.  
track. It runs to heav - en and then right back. *to Refrain*

Like many African American spirituals, this one mixes the language of biblical narrative with veiled but effective allusions to the hope of escape from slavery, either by crossing rivers into free states or by participating in organized efforts like the Underground Railroad.

**Thank you for joining us for worship today!**

**Coming up:**

**(for full details please visit [www.faithpcusa.org/upcoming-events](http://www.faithpcusa.org/upcoming-events))**

**Pentecost Offering.** Today is Pentecost Sunday and we have the opportunity to participate in our denomination's annual Pentecost Offering. This offering helps youth begin life with a strong start, a solid foundation of faith formed in the years from childhood through young adulthood. To give to this special cause, you can visit [pcusa.org/donatepentecost](http://pcusa.org/donatepentecost), text PENTECOST to 91999 or go to our own giving page, [faithpcusa.org/give](http://faithpcusa.org/give).

**Sealey Partnership.** If you would like to help with Teacher Appreciation Week at Sealey Elementary, our partnership school, please visit [faithpcusa.org/sealey](http://faithpcusa.org/sealey) for a list of needs and links to signup.

**Vacation Bible School.** We are excited to offer VBS **June 21-25** this year. To make that happen we need a lot of supplies. If you would like to donate any of the supplies, see the list and sign-up link at [faithpcusa.org/vbs](http://faithpcusa.org/vbs). Thank you for the boxes; we no longer need additional boxes. For a list of VBS teacher training dates and times, as well as CYPP training and work dates, and the sign-up links, visit the VBS page at [faithpcusa.org/vbs](http://faithpcusa.org/vbs). If you have any train décor or toys that we may borrow, please bring them in to the office. We also need a few more volunteers; contact [mary@faithpcusa.org](mailto:mary@faithpcusa.org) if you can help.

**June Book Study.** Join us on Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m. in June for a discussion of *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown. Angela Madden will lead this eye-opening account of growing up Black, Christian, and female that exposes how white America's love affair with "diversity" so often falls short of its ideals. You can sign up at [bit.ly/bookclubbrown](http://bit.ly/bookclubbrown).

**Church Office Closed.** The church office will be closed on Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day.

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Budget YTD: \$ 514,717

Received YTD: \$ 481,892

Spent YTD: \$ 472,333

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