



Service of the Lord's Day

May 23, 2010

Pentecost Sunday

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Congregation responsively reads lines in bold text.

† Those able, please stand.

As the Opening Voluntary begins, listen quietly as we prepare to worship the Lord.

GOD CALLS US TOGETHER TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE

CHIMING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the red friendship pads down your row.

† GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

GATHERING SONG

Come and Fill

TAIZE COMMUNITY

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude

Gail Barber

REMEMBERING YOUR BAPTISM

† CALL TO WORSHIP (*Congregation Reads Responsively*)

Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

Come, Holy Spirit.

With tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

Come, Holy Spirit.

With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

Come, Holy Spirit.

With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

Come, Holy Spirit.

With power from above to make our weakness strong,

Come, Holy Spirit.

PENTECOST:

Pentecost is the great festival that marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST is when we become the embodiment of the "peace of Christ" that is offered to us with the forgiveness of sins.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The people are called to worship God. Words from scripture are spoken or sung to proclaim who God is and what God has done. We are thus reminded that our worship centers in God and not in ourselves. "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Ps. 124:8).

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 141 (Congregation Sings) *O God of Vision* LOBE DEN HERREN

*O God of vision, far greater than all human scheming,
gather us now in your presence, refreshing, redeeming.
Show us anew life in your breathtaking view,
lovely beyond all our dreaming.*

*Pour out your Spirit on all now assembled before you.
May our diversity here be a means to adore you.
Women and men, young, old, and youthful again,
make us as one, we implore you.*

*Grant to us insight, O God, for this time of decision.
May we dream challenging dreams of both depth and precision.
Speak through the dark. Dispel by lightning's spark
whatever clouds dim our vision.*

*Grateful, we come now by Christ's invitation clear spoken.
We seek the nourishment found in fruit crushed and bread broken,
Christ for us all! Come, let us answer the call, offering our lives as the token.*

1981 Jane Parker Huber

INVITATION TO CONFESSION OF SIN

SILENT CONFESSION

UNISON CONFESSION OF SINS (Congregation Prays Together)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION is intended to encourage people to lay down any burden of guilt or regret or any sense of failure and inadequacy, and to reaffirm their trust in Christ's unfailing love and forgiveness.

Our God, we come in humility, confessing who and what we are.
We are often unresponsive for we are afraid.
When your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears, for we fear what you might call us to do.
When your Spirit touches our lips, we close our mouths,
embarrassed to speak your Word.
When the wind of your Spirit blows, we close the windows of our hearts,
afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives.
When the fire of your Spirit touches us, we quench the flame,
afraid of the new life it might bring.
Forgive us, O Lord.

DECLARATION OF PARDON (Congregation Says Together)

† RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE (Congregation Sings) *We Are Forgiven*

Hal Hopson

All, unison

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for -
giv - en. Thanks be to God. — Thanks be to God.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*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.*

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

(Pew Bible, p. 9, Old Testament)

Genesis 11:1-9

One: This is the word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE YOUNGER CHURCH

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

(Pew Bible, p. 119, New Testament)

Acts 2:1-21

One: This is the word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Wendy Dewberry

SERMON

When the Bible has been read, its message is proclaimed in a sermon or other form of exposition of God's Word. The God who speaks in scripture speaks to us now. The God who acted in biblical history acts today. Through the Holy Spirit, Christ is present in the sermon, offering grace and calling for obedience.

† HYMN (Congregation Sings)

Pentecost Has Come

ARGENTINA

*Pentecost had come and in that time of grace,
Jesus' friends were gathered in a meeting place.
Suddenly the Spirit came in wind and flame,
Sending men and women out in Jesus' name.*

*Spirit, come upon us, too!
Give us gifts to share for you.
We live in a world in need;
Send us where you daily lead!*

*All around the city joy was in the air
People gathered in the streets from everywhere.
Soon they heard some preaching and the news was good!*

*There, in every language, they all understood.
Spirit, move through every land
Till all know and understand:
Jesus died and rose-- it's true!
Now we have new life in you.*

*Peter told the crowd to turn and be baptized;
Thousands heard the words he spoke and changed their lives.*

*Daily they sold what they owned to help the poor;
Day by day the church was growing more and more.*

*Spirit, change the way we live.
Teach us how to gladly give
Guide us, as we seek to be
Faithful in our ministry.*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

A time of silence will be offered during the Pastoral Prayer in which you may lift prayer concerns.

If you would rather not say your concern aloud, you may speak to the pastor or an elder following the service.

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.

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Mapuia Lalhruaitluanga Hmar and Leah Nicole Upshur

PASTORAL PRAYER

In response to the Word, prayers are offered. In these prayers, we acknowledge God's presence in the world and in daily life.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

is the response of the congregation to the proclamation and hearing of God's Word in Scripture and sermon and to affirm its faith in God and God's actions in Jesus Christ.

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Congregation Affirms Together*)

The Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

THE OFFERING

is also a significant part of our response to the Gospel. As we present the money which represents our commitment to the work of the church, we resolve to maintain this community of worship, fellowship and service.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me

Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and He shall give you another Comforter,
That He may abide with you for ever.

E'en the Spirit of Truth.

And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you,
and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless.

I will come to you.

John 14:15-18

THE DOXOLOGY is sung, ascribing glory to God. It usually reflects the Trinity — praising Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

† DOXOLOGY (*Congregation Sings*)

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below,
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Praise God, the source of all our gifts, praise Jesus Christ whose pow'r uplifts,
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit; Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

† HYMN (*Congregation Sings*)

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

CWM RHONDDA

*God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend!
Drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send!
Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross,
there with Christ to bear the cross!*

*God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your purpose, purge!
Through your church, Christ's living body, let your flaming Spirit surge!
There deceit conceals injustice, kindle us to speak your truth,
Kindle us to speak your truth!*

*God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy!
Break the chains of sin asunder, fro earth's healing set us free!
Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord,
Make us one in Christ our Lord*

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

CHARGE AND BLESSING

THE CHARGE

A charge to the people to go into the world in the name of Christ may be included. The charge renews God's call to us to engage in obedient and grateful ministry as God's agents to heal life's brokenness. By the power of the Spirit, we are to be in life and ministry what Christ has redeemed us to be. God calls the church to join the mission of Christ in service to the world. As the church engages in that mission, it bears witness to God's reign over all of life

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Tongues of Fire

Larry King

*You are welcome to remain seated for the playing of the Closing Voluntary
or to move quietly to the Narthex for a time of fellowship.*

WORSHIP LEADERS THIS MORNING:

Wendy Dewberry

Rev. Tom Hagood, Liturgist

David Flick, Organist and Choirmaster

Columbia Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

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This Week At Columbia Presbyterian Church

*Please remember to recycle your bulletin
in the recycle baskets in the narthex and breezeway entrance.*

Sunday, May 23

9:30 am Nursery opens
9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am Chancel Choir warm-up
11:00 am **Worship service**
12:30 pm Session meeting

Monday, May 24

7:30 pm Vacation Bible School planning meeting in the library

Tuesday, May 25

7:00 pm Taize worship

Wednesday, May 26

10:00 am Staff meeting

Friday, May 28

8:00 pm AA meeting

Saturday, May 29

8:00 pm AA meeting

Sunday, May 30

9:30 am Nursery opens
9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am Chancel Choir warm-up
11:00 am **Worship service**

Volunteers for this Week

Visitation Coordinator: Sharon Reardon

Ushers: Charlie Cromwell, captain, Wendy Cromwell, Richard Schulz

Sound System: Wesley Upshur, Arnie Van Wyk

Welcome! We are glad that you are here!

Columbia Presbyterian Church is a place where members and guests gather to worship and serve God in a caring, inspiring, mission-directed environment. We hope you feel a fresh expression of God's love for you here today.

- If you would like a large-print hymnal, please see an usher.
- Childcare is available in the nursery downstairs during worship and Sunday School.
- Children five and under may leave worship after Time with the Younger Church and go to the nursery. Children six and older are asked to stay for worship. Worship activity bags are available.

Today is Pentecost and Confirmation! It is a joy to welcome young people into our church family this morning on the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the early church.

The flowers in our sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William A. Calder, II, William A. Calder, III, and Frank and Mary Clark by the Calder family.

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School the evenings of June 21-25! This year children of all ages will explore the parable of the sower in ReNew -- The Green VBS. For adults, the Christian Education committee is joining forces with Earth Covenant Ministries of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta to look at issues of Creation Care through film, Bible study and conversation. If you are interested in joining the CE committee in planning, teaching children, or general help during the week of VBS, contact Wendy Dewberry at 404-284-2441 or wendydewberry@gmail.com. Those who want to plan, we will meet tomorrow, Monday, May 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the library.

Columbia Presbyterian Church Prayer List

Ned & Evelyn Boring	Dorothy Clark	Martha Clinkscales' mother
Tom Day (Kay Potter)	Gene & Michael Doi	Seige Erickson
Ethan (15 year old with cancer)	Dorothy Gartrell	Bernie Granger
Lloyd Grizzle (Dewberry)	Arkeya Harris	Gloria Harris
Eloise Jones (Woods)	Sarah Jones (in India)	Michael Lacey's father Elton
Earl S. (Sandra Love's brother)	Midway Presbyterian Church	The Mulrine family (Gartrell)
Teenie Peters	Earl Polk (Kay Potter)	Orlando Rachele
Rehoboth Presbyterian Church	Ruata's family	Ricky Summers (Cromwells)
Robin Upshur's father Earl	Jesse Wallace (Iraq)	Ruth Williams (Artopoeus)
Devon Wilson's mother	Arch Woodruff	Worldwide missionaries
The McGills (Malawi)	The Wellers (Ethiopia)	