

GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Service of Worship June 8, 2025 Pentecost Sunday

Gathering

PRELUDE

"On the Road with God"

WELCOME/ANNOUNCMENTS

THEME SONG

"Road Trip"

CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader: From every road and every direction, we come.
- People: The Spirit draws us to this place!
- Leader: We come from the north and the south, the east and the west.
- People: The Lord our God is with us wherever we go!
- Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come!
- All: Fill us with fire, send us out in love!

HYMN OF PRAISE 283 "Come, O Holy Spirit, Come"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us come before God in prayer — opening our hearts to the Spirit who has moved through time and across generations, and who is still moving among us today.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Spirit of the Living God, you have led your people through wilderness and wonder, through exile and homecoming, through birth, death, and resurrection. You have moved through wind and fire, through stillness and storm, through every road that leads toward your promise. But we confess — we have not always followed where you lead. We've taken wrong turns, gone in the opposite direction, or stopped moving altogether. We have clung to comfort instead of courage, fear instead of faith, and the familiar instead of your call.

Forgive us, O God. Set our feet on your path again. Give us ears to hear the rushing wind, eyes to see the flames of your Spirit, and hearts ready to follow — wherever you take us. By your mercy and in your power, send us out renewed, strengthened to speak, to serve, to love, as people filled with your Spirit.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The Spirit has not given up on us. Even when we falter, God is faithful. Even when we wander, God walks beside us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

| Hymn 291 | "Spirit" | |
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Equipping

| DAY 1: SONG | Abraham and Sarah Follow God "Road Trip" (VBS Theme Song) | Genesis 12:1–9 |
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| DAY 2: SONG | The Israelites Take the Scenic Route "God's With Us on the Journey" | Exodus 13:17–22 |
| DAY 3: SONG | Mary and Elizabeth's Family Reunion "Now and Always" | Luke 1:39–56 |
| RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION | | |

| DAY 4: | Jesus Visits Zacchaeus | Luke 19: 1-10 |
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| SONG | "Because of You" | |

Road Trip to Jerusalem

A WORD FROM YOUR TRAVEL GUIDES

Navigators Karen and Emily

| DAY 5: | On the Road with Paul | Acts 18:1–11 |
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| SONG | "Wherever You Go" | |

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS MISSION MOMENT — Humane Society Donations

OFFERTORY

VBS Slideshow

Sending

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Shine a Light" (Grab your cell phones, turn on your flashlight, and join in the fun!)

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

Everyone is invited to our cookie reception in Heartland Hall (next to the Sanctuary) right after worship to celebrate our awesome VBS week!

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Acts 2:1–21



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