



# GRACE COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship May 23, 2021 10:00am  
Pentecost Sunday

### Gathering

PRELUDE "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Conrad Kocher  
Bob Dover, clarinet – Linda Dover, piano

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP (*video*)

A violent wind blew filling the house where the disciples gathered.  
Tongues of fire fell, rested upon them.  
The Holy Spirit had come.  
God's power shone.  
Thousands believed.  
The Church was born.  
Today God is still pouring out his Spirit to comfort us, teach us, guide us,  
empower us to share the good news, to help others see and believe.  
The Holy Spirit is upon us, let us worship!

### SONGS OF PRAISE

### "With Music"

by Ruth Elaine Schram

Joy! (4s-1<sup>st</sup> graders) – Emily Hussey, director based on Psalm 21:13  
Kamden Frye, Charlotte Hearn, Mallory Hearn, Aidan Hussey,  
Liam Hussey, Brynnley Krug, Evie Schmidt,  
James Schmidt, & Max Soule

*With music and singing we praise you, we praise you, we praise you.*

*With music and singing we praise you, we praise you God!*

*With music and singing we love you....*

*With music and singing we thank you....*

“Sing Praises to the Lord”

by Ruth Elaine Schram

Celebration! (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders) – Pam Kelly, director

Xander Circo, Caitlyn Hussey, Morgan Krug,

Conor Schesser, Ethan Stromberg, & Harrison Stromberg

***Let ev’rything that breathes sing praises to the Lord. Praise the Lord!***

*The birds in the trees, the bugs and the bees, the fish in the sea, and you and me!*

***Let ev’rything that breathes sing praises to the Lord. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!***

A TIME WITH STEWART

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Abigail Schmidt, daughter of Hilary and Jake Schmidt, sister of James and Evie*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*video*)

On this Pentecost Sunday, we confess to you, O Lord –  
the division of your Church, for we are not gathered together as your people in one place;  
our fear of the rush of your Spirit in our lives and what it might call us to do or to be;  
our desire for a monolingual society,  
even when you allowed the early church to transcend all language,  
not favoring one over another;  
our actions that can be like the crowds that taunt and torment,  
mocking those who are filled with your Spirit that burns like fire and rushes like wind.

On this Pentecost Sunday, O Lord –  
help us to let down our barriers to your Spirit;  
guide us to live with joy, abandon, and faithfulness;  
and create in us new hearts to be new people who worship only you. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE & SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(Please remain at your place and share the peace from where you are.)*

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you and all others!**

HYMN 288

“Spirit of the Living God”

LIVING GOD

*(Sue will teach sign language for congregation to participate)*

## Spirit of the Living God 288

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.

## KOREAN

살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서  
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서  
 빛으시고 채우소서  
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서

## SPANISH

*Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.  
 Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.  
 Tóname, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.  
 Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.*

Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

## Equipping

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1–18

(ICB)

*(Presented by the SMASH children)*

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a noise came from heaven. It sounded like a strong wind blowing. This noise filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw something that looked like flames of fire. The flames were separated and stood over each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak different languages. The Holy Spirit was giving them the power to speak these languages. There were some religious Jews staying in Jerusalem who were from every country in the world. When they heard this noise, a crowd came together. They were all surprised, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were completely amazed at this. They said, “Look! Aren’t all these men that we hear speaking from Galilee? But each of us hears them in his own language. How is this possible? We are from different places: Parthia, Media, Elam, Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, the areas of Libya near Cyrene, Rome (both Jews and those who had become Jews), Crete and Arabia. But we hear these men telling in our own languages about the great things God has done!” They were all amazed and confused. They asked each other, “What does this mean?” But others were making fun of them, saying, “They have had too much wine.” But Peter stood up with the 11 apostles. In a loud voice he spoke to the crowd: “My fellow Jews, and all of you who are in Jerusalem, listen to me. Pay attention to what I have to say. These men are not drunk, as you think; it is only nine o’clock in the morning! But Joel the prophet wrote about what is happening here today: ‘God says: In the last days I will give my Spirit freely to all kinds of people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams. Your young men will see visions. At that time I will give my Spirit even to my servants, both men and women. And they will prophesy.’

### ANTHEM *(video)*

\*“I’m Gonna Sing!”

by Mark A. Miller

Chancel Singers III based on an African American spiritual

Bob Dover & David Sutherland, soli

Karen Kesler, Lauren Bond, Susan Sutherland,

Susan Hayden, Linda Bruns, & Paul Bruns

*I’m gonna sing when the Spirit says sing! Sing for the joy our voices bring,*

*I’m gonna sing, sing, sing when the Spirit says sing!*

*I’m gonna pray when the Spirit says pray. I’m gonna pray when the Spirit says pray,*  
*pray that justice comes today. I’m gonna pray, pray, pray when the Spirit says pray.*

*Hallelujah! Hallelujah! I’m gonna sing when the Spirit says sing!*

*Hallelujah! Hallelujah! I’m gonna pray, pray, pray, when the Spirit says*  
*sing, sing, sing when the Spirit says sing!*

*I’m gonna stand when the Spirit says stand. I’m gonna stand when the Spirit says stand.*

*I’m gonna stand on freedom’s side, gonna draw the circle wide!*

*I’m gonna stand and sing! I’m gonna pray, pray, pray! I’m gonna shout, shout!*

*I’m gonna shout when the Spirit says shout! Shout on the day that Love wins out!*

*I’m gonna shout, shout, shout, when the Spirit says shout!*

*Hallelujah! Hallelujah! I’m gonna sing when the Spirit says sing!*

*Hallelujah! Hallelujah! I’m gonna pray, pray, pray, when the Spirit says*  
*stand and shout, when the Spirit says sing, when the Spirit says, sing!*

SERMON

“A Time of Rebirth”

Revs. Sue and Mitch Trigger

GIVING THANKS FOR OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Sending

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN AS WE RE-GATHER “God, We Love This Congregation!”

HYMN TO JOY

**God, we love this congregation!  
On this day, we’re glad to see  
friends and neighbors, gathered, praying,  
as a church community.  
Young and old, we join in worship—  
some in-person, some online.  
We are drawn by faith and friendship  
to this blessed place and time.  
  
In this year with all its trials,  
there are things that we have missed.  
Still, in Christ, you’ve walked beside us;  
by your Spirit, we’ve been blessed.  
Love’s our history, love’s our vision,  
Love’s the work we’re called to do.  
Bless us as our congregation  
moves together, serving you.**

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This hymn was written for churches as they have in-person worship and also online worship.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Books of the Bible”  
By Request of the SMASH Kids

North Point Kids

*Please wait to be dismissed by the ushers and go directly outside where we will continue our celebration of our staff and volunteers.*

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

*\*Today's anthem, "I'm Gonna Sing!" by Mark A. Miller was donated by Darryl & Rebecca Prater in memory of Rebecca's sister, Kathy Hovis (November 16, 1948 – February 17, 2020).  
"And through eternity she'll sing on!"*

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