



# GRACE COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship May 19, 2024 9:30am  
Day of Pentecost

### Gathering

PRELUDE

“Be Thou My Vision”

Linda Dover, organist

SLANE

arr. Paul Manz, Opus 21

*In worship following reflective music, we are requesting a response of quiet or a contemplative “amen.” Any music that elicits a response of applause is to the glory of God.*

WELCOME

Rev. Karen Wright

SHARING OUR SONG

“Blessed Are They”

by Carol Huffman Dickerson

Joy! Singers (4s – 1<sup>st</sup> graders)

Emily Hussey & Hilary Schmidt, co-directors and Caitlin Hussey, assistant

*Singers:* Rowan Cabe, Brody Frye, Henry Frye, Charlotte Hearn, Nathan Hearn,

Sophia Hearn, Aidan Hussey, Evie Schmidt, Bristol Sellers, Magnolia Sellers, & Zoey Wetzig

***(Refrain) Blessed, O blessed, O blessed are they that follow Jesus.***

***Blessed, O blessed, O blessed are they that follow him.***

*Jesus taught on the mountainside. People came from far and wide,*

*Jesus taught a diff’rent way to think and act and speak and pray.*

***(Refrain) Blessed, O blessed, O blessed are they that follow Jesus.***

***Blessed, O blessed, O blessed are they that follow him.***

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

written by Tim Graves

ONE: Come and worship.

**ALL: We will praise the One between, within, and over.**

ONE: Trust in the One who co-creates the was, the now, and the will-be.

**ALL: Our hope is in the One who creates expansive love  
Calling us to do the same.**

ONE: Follow the One who never breaks covenant.

**ALL: We follow the One whose extravagant love calls us  
to co-create justice for the oppressed,  
feed the hungry, unlock prisons,  
and welcome strangers, orphans, and widows.**

ONE: Praise the One whose justice is grace-full and inclusive.

**ALL: We praise the Spirit that spans the ages.**

\*HYMN 283

**“Come, O Holy Spirit, Come”**

Rev. Karen Wright, leader/soloist

***All Sing 3xs in English***

***Sing 2xs in Nigerian Language***

WA EMIMIMO

## Come, O Holy Spirit, Come 283

*Wa wa wa Emimimo*

*Leader*

Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
E - mi - o - lo - ye.

*All*

Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come;  
Wa wa wa E - mi - mi - mo;

al - might - y Spir - it, come.  
A - lag - ba - ra - me - ta.

Come, al - might - y Spir - it, come;  
Wa wa wa A - lag - ba - ra;

O Spir - it, come.  
E - mi - mi - mo.

Come, come, come.  
Wa - o, wa - o, wa - o.

This short gathering song from Nigeria was originally created in Yoruba, one of that country's three primary trade languages. Although it has a very different rhythm and feel, this is essentially the same sung prayer as the Taizé chant, "Veni Sancte Spiritus" (no. 281).

TEXT: Nigerian song; English trans. I-to Loh, 1986

MUSIC: Nigerian melody, taught by Samuel Solanke; transcr. I-to Loh, 1986

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WA EMIMIMO

Irregular

*(Children ages 4 through 1st grade may go to Awakening to Worship, our child-friendly worship time. Greeters at the back of the Sanctuary will go with children to Room 12 downstairs where parents may pick up their children following worship. Our Nursery welcomes young children and our ushers can assist families to the nursery located in the children's wing. Worship bags are available for children who stay in worship.)*

## BAPTISM OF WYATT GEORGE SCHENDEL

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Karen Wright

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

**Mighty God, you showed up in dazzling light and in a still, small voice. You showed up as a tiny baby lying in a manger. You showed up on a long dusty walk to Emmaus. You keep showing up in the most mysterious ways, so we should have known you might show up like a powerful wind, bringing with you the reminder of warmth, and the ability for us to hear one another.**

**We should have known, and yet we didn't. We don't. We doubt. Like the disciples on the way to Emmaus, we can't see you. Like the weary people of Bethlehem, we don't make room for you. And like members of the early church community, we look for excuses to explain your presence away. Loving God, forgive our weak hearts, because from the beginning you have been here, revealing yourself to us. And from the beginning, we have struggled to see that. Despite our bad track record, we come to you today, asking that once more you might give us a second chance; we ask that once more you might pour your Spirit out on us. For we are in desperate need of you and the mysterious ways you keep showing up. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**ONE:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

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

\*HYMN 280

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

EBENEZER

## 280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with  
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the  
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a  
 grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's  
 words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.  
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.  
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the  
 In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

This 20th-century text was written by a Presbyterian layperson and poet, who in her later years became interested in writing hymns for the seasons of the church year and prepared a collection of them for her congregation. It pairs effectively with this sturdy Welsh tune.



## Equipping

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:22–27 (CEB)

Terri Monrad

We know that the whole creation is groaning together and suffering labor pains up until now. And it's not only the creation. We ourselves who have the Spirit as the first crop of the harvest also groan inside as we wait to be adopted and for our bodies to be set free. We were saved in hope. If we see what we hope for, that isn't hope. Who hopes for what they already see? But if we hope for what we don't see, we wait for it with patience. In the same way, the Spirit comes to help our weakness. We don't know what we should pray, but the Spirit himself pleads our case with unexpressed groans. The one who searches hearts knows how the Spirit thinks, because he pleads for the saints, consistent with God's will.

### ANTHEM

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

arr. Michael Hassell

Chancel & Exaltation! Singers

Text by James K. Manley

Miles McDonald, alto saxophone

***(Refrain) Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.***

***Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.***

*You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing,  
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” (Refrain)*

*You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.  
And down in the city, you called once again  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. (Refrain)*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1–21 (CEB)

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. They were surprised and amazed, saying, “Look, aren’t all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans and Arabs — we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!” They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, “What does this mean?” Others jeered at them, saying, “They’re full of new wine!”

Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, “Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! These people aren’t drunk, as you suspect; after all, it’s only nine o’clock in the morning! Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

*In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.  
Your young will see visions.  
Your elders will dream dreams.  
Even upon my servants, men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.  
I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.  
The sun will be changed into darkness,  
and the moon will be changed into blood,  
before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes.  
And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“What Does This Mean?”

Rev. Karen Wright

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

#### A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

**“Adagio”**  
Bob Dover, clarinet

by H.J. Baermann  
(1784–1847)

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God, you have given us absolutely everything we have. You gave us sunsets and speckled eggs, tiny newborn hands and silver moons, so that we could know what beauty looks like. You gave us major keys and harmonies, forgiveness and poetry, so that we could know what love sounds like. You gave us hands to build, fire to warm, water to clean and food to fill, so that we could know what peace feels like. And you gave us hearts to give, minds to hope, hands to serve and mouths to pray, so that we know what your Kingdom loves like. So today we pray that you might be able to use these humble gifts to bring your kingdom here, so that more may know what beauty looks like, what love sounds like and what peace feels like, saying all the while, “thank you, thank you, thank you.” For you have given us everything we have. Gratefully we pray. Amen.**

Sending

\*HYMN 303

**“God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian”**  
Lindsay Callender, stanza 1 – All, stanzas 2-4

CHURCH UNITED



## 303 God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em) (D) (G)  
Fm Cm Fm E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>



1 God the Spir - it, guide and guard-ian, wind - sped  
2 Christ our Sav - ior, sov - ereign, shep-herd, Word made  
3 Great Cre - a - tor, life - be - stow - er, truth be -  
4 Tri - une God, mys - ter - ious be - ing, un - di -

(D) (Em) (A) (B7) (Em) (Bm)  
E<sup>b</sup> Fm B<sup>b</sup> C7 Fm Cm



flame and hov - ering dove, breath of life and  
flesh, Love cru - ci - fied, teach - er, heal - er,  
yond all thought's re - call, fount of wis - dom,  
vid - ed and di - verse, deep - er than our

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (Bm) (Em)  
Fm E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>m Fm Cm Fm



voice of proph-ets, sign of bless - ing, power of love:  
suf - fering ser - vant, friend of sin - ners, foe of pride:  
womb of mer - cy, giv - ing and for - giv - ing all:  
minds can fath - om, great - er than our creeds re-hearse:

(C) (G) (D)  
D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>



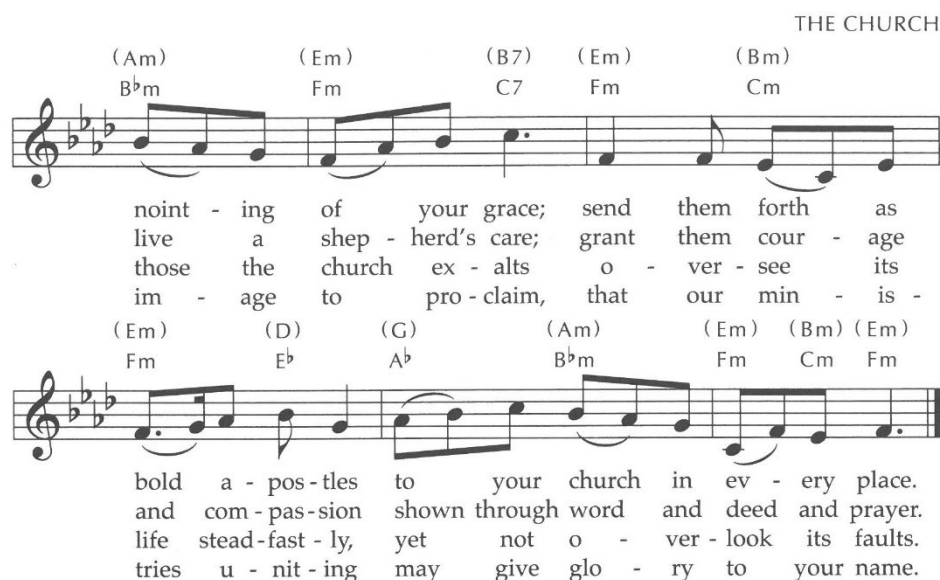
give to those who lead your peo - ple fresh a -  
in your tend - ing may all \*pas - tors learn and  
as you know our strength and weak - ness, so may  
help us in our var - ied call - ings your full

\*Or "elders" or "deacons"

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that the church's ministry is the combined witness of all its members. The first half of each stanza addresses either one of the divine Persons or the full Triune God, and the second half forms a prayer drawing on the attributes recalled in the first half.

THE CHURCH



noint - ing of your grace; send them forth as  
live a shep - herd's care; grant them cour - age  
those the church ex - alts o - ver - see its  
im - age to pro - claim, that our min - is -  
bold a - pos - tles to your church in ev - ery place.  
and com - pas - sion shown through word and deed and prayer.  
life stead - fast - ly, yet not o - ver - look its faults.  
tries u - nit - ing may give glo - ry to your name.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Karen Wright

## POSTLUDE

"Hymn to Joy"  
Linda Dover, organist

by Ludwig van Beethoven  
arr. Edward Broughton

## GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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