



Pentecost Sunday
May 19, 2024
Worship begins at 11 a.m.



Before the Fire, Lisle Gwynn Garrity

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service
Geneva Bell Choir

Arr. Michael Helman

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Ringling of the Bell

As the tower bell rings, may it call out to the city and the world that Central Presbyterian Church is worshiping God.

✠ Call to Worship Rev. Kate Culver
Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!
Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action.
Come, Holy Spirit. Energize our lives to work for God.
Let your wind of hope swirl around us, moving us from complacency.
Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your blessing on us.
Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God's presence and love in everything we say and do.
Let us worship.

✠ Hymn 282 DOWN AMPNEY
Come Down, O Love Divine

✠ Call to Confession

✠ Prayer of Confession
Spirit of God: You come, on fire with new life, but our apathy threatens to douse your passion. You come, on fire with love, yet we limit our affections to a select few. You come, surging with new dreams and new hopes, but we still cling to the old ways of living. You come, glowing with the vision of the kingdom, yet we close our eyes to your future. Forgive us, Spirit of Truth, forgive us. Come to us, anew, this day: Shatter our hardened hearts with your tenderness; Set our souls on fire with your love; Send us into a world which aches for the new joy, the new hope, the new life offered in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior ... (Silent Confession) Amen.

✠ Assurance of Pardon
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✠ Passing of the Peace

✠ Hymn Response 288 LIVING GOD
Spirit of the Living God
**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.**

During the hymn response, the children are invited to come forward for A Time with Children.

Proclaiming the Word

A Time with Children

Courtney Anne Henry

Prayer for Illumination

Philip Covin

First Lesson

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Anthem

Holy Spirit, Living Breath Of God
Chancel Choir; Rae Baker, Cello

Keith Getty, arr. Lloyd Larson

Second Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon

Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn 300 *We Are One in the Spirit* THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

✠ Affirmation of Faith Susan Landrum
FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FATE, PC(USA)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the Giver and Renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us all together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks, and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus."

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

Ev'ry Time I Feel The Spirit
Chancel Choir; Elizabeth Daly, Soloist

arr. Moses Hogan

✠ At the Presentation *Doxology* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!**

✠ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

TRADITIONAL PC(USA)

**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.**

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Hymn 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

✠ Postlude

Grazioso
Geneva Bell Choir

Arnold Sherman

Special Participants in Today's Worship

Lector: Philip Covin
Choir Guild: Anita Carwile
Tower Bell Ringer: Ed Carwile
Chancel Choir
Dean Hammond, Volunteer Technology Director
Geneva Bell Choir
Rae Baker, Cello

Hospitality Team

Beth Grashof
Becky Battle
Philip Covin
Liz Burkhardt
Sandy Hoke
Linda Massengill

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