

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MASSILLON
ORDER OF ONLINE WORSHIP
Sunday, May 31, 2020 – The Day of Pentecost

It is our privilege to welcome you to the sanctuary of Central Presbyterian Church and an honor to be welcomed into your home to join together in worship of Almighty God. As we remember the Spirit's mighty acts in the lives of Christ's disciples, may we invite the Spirit this morning to join our hearts and minds as one, wherever we may be, for we are always and ever, one in the Spirit! We extend a warm welcome to Pastor Samantha Sibert who is serving as our liturgist on this Day of Pentecost. Now, enjoy worship!

Welcome and Gathering

L. The Lord be with you!

P. And also with you!

The Prelude

Call to Worship

L. What greater joy is there than to join our hearts as sisters and brothers in Christ?

P. Declaring our praise to Almighty God, for God alone is worthy of our adoration.

L. On this Day of Pentecost, we thank God for the very Spirit of Christ, promised as our Comforter and Advocate, as our Strength and our Shield, as the very Force of all good.

P. We now offer our highest praise and adoration as an offering of our hearts.

L. We cry, 'Come, Holy Spirit, Come!'

P. To energize us and shake us up, to the glory of Christ, and for the sake of His good news!

Hymn No. 128 – "On Pentecost They Gathered"

**On Pentecost they gathered, Quite early in the day,
A band of Christ's disciples, To worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, Filled all the swirling air,
And tongues of fire a-glowing, Inspired each person there.**

**The people all around them, Were startled and amazed,
To understand their language, As Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message, What great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen, To vanquish all our fear.**

**God pours the Holy Spirit, On all who would believe,
On women, men, and children, Who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, Bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, Responds in every hour.**

**O Spirit, sent from heaven, On that day long ago,
Rekindle faith among us, In all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen, And tongues aflame with praise,
So folk of every nation, Glad songs of joy shall raise.**

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Sometimes, Lord, we get stuck; mired down in sameness; over-accustomed to our traditions; comfortable in our routines; fearful of change; hesitant to dare. Yet Your Spirit calls us to the fresh and the new; to potential and possibility. We too often resist that call. Help us in these days which have shaken us to see new doors burst open, and to hear Your Spirit beckoning us to come and find out. We confess our reluctance, in Jesus' name.....

Silent Prayer.....**Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

L. I declare to you, in the name of the risen and living Christ, and by the power of His Holy Spirit, that we are a people redeemed, beloved, restored.

P. Praise be to God for so great a love as this, for in Christ, we are forgiven!

Response: "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.**

Children's Chat [*We encourage all children attending to gather close around the viewing device*]

The Pastoral Prayer
"The Lord's Prayer"

Special Music

Old Testament Lesson – Joel 2:28-29

Hymn No. 316 – "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will, To do and to endure.**

**Breathe of me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me, Glows with Thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life, Of Thine eternity.**

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New Testament Lesson – Acts 2:1-13

Sermon: “Breaking Out and Breaking Open”

Call to Giving and Prayer of Dedication

The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Hymn No. 130 – “Let Every Christian Pray”

**Let every Christian pray, This day and every day, Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Was not the church we love, Commissioned from above? Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

**The Spirit brought to birth, The church of Christ on earth, To seek and save the lost:
God never has withdrawn, Since that tremendous dawn, The gifts at Pentecost.**

**Only the Spirit’s power, Can fit us for this hour: Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Instruct, inspire, unite, And help us see Your light: Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

The Benediction

The Postlude

Our thanks to this morning’s worship team: Roger Sibert

Stephanie, John, Hollie and Will Beltz

Samantha Eubank

Kathy Bachtel

Sammy Kay Smith

Leigh Conti

David and Logan Rankl

Next Sunday, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Please have your elements of bread and juice or wine prepared to break and pour prior to the beginning of the service. The liturgy for the service of communion will be included in your online bulletin. See you then!