



Church of the Hills
Presbyterian Church (USA)

Pentecost Sunday

“The Presence of the Holy Spirit”

Acts 2:1-21

John 14:8-17 (25-27)

Pastor Richard Aylor

June 8, 2025

We are a vibrant family of faith rooted in God's Word, gathering together to worship and equipped to share the love of Christ in the world.

Prelude

****Opening Chant**

“Holy Spirit, Come to Us”

Purple Hymnal 284

“Holy Spirit, come to us; kindle in us the fire of your love.
Holy Spirit, come to us. Holy Spirit, come to us.”

Welcome

Pastor Richard Aylor

****Call to Worship**

Leader: How manifold are your works, O Lord!

People: In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Leader: You send forth your spirit, and they are created;

People: and so you renew the face of the earth.

Leader: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

People: I will praise my God while I have my being.

****Opening Hymn**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Purple Hymnal 610 (v. 1, 2, 4)

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God’s grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner’s ears, brings life, and health and peace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

**** Please stand if you are able**

****Invitation to Confession**

Siobhan Green

Leader: “All people who shall be saved, while we are in this world have in us a marvelous mixture of both well-being and woe.

People: We have in us our risen Lord Jesus; we have in us the misery of the harm of Adam’s falling and dying.

Leader: We are steadfastly protected by Christ, and by the touch of his grace we are raised into sure trust of salvation.

People: And by Adam’s fall our perceptions are so shattered in various ways, by sins and by different suffering, that we are so darkened and blinded that we can hardly find any comfort.”*

Leader: In the strong assurance of pardon, let us confess our sin.

****Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Without your power, O God, we are lost.

People: We have done the things we would avoid, and what you desire, we have not done.

Leader: By your purifying fire transform our lives; guide us into honesty and compassion so that filled with your peace our dreams and visions may be one with yours; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Julian of Norwich, Revelations of divine Love, trans. Elizabeth Spearing (New York: Penguin Books, 1998), 125.

**** Please stand if you are able**

**** Declaration of Forgiveness and the Peace of Christ**

Leader: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

People: By the power in whom we live and move and have our being, we have the complete forgiveness of all our sins, through the holy Trinity, one God, whose mercy is everlasting.

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with those gathered here and those watching from home.

People: And, also with you.

Leader: Share the Peace of Christ with one another.

****Response to Forgiveness**

“Spirit of the Living God”

Purple Hymnal 288

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

All: Holy Wisdom, you are the pillar of fire that leads us into each new moment of our lives. By the power of your Spirit, settle now into our hearts and illumine your will through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**** Please stand if you are able**

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

² When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Second Reading

John 14:8-17 (25-27)

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Sermon**“The Presence of the Holy Spirit”**

****Response to Sermon**

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

Purple Hymnal 688 (v. 1, 3, 4, 5)

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth; though all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;
all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh.
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh.
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the baptism of the heaven descended Dove,
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

****Doxology**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Purple Hymnal 307 (v. 1)

God of grace and God of glory, on they people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

**** Please stand if you are able**

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.

****Closing Hymn**

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Purple Hymnal 408

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

(Refrain)

**Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for those blessings we lift our hearts in praise,
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.**

There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know him in his fullness and believe;
you're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

(Refrain)

****Charge and Blessing**

Leader: And the people of God say

People: Alleluia. Amen.

Postlude

**** Please stand if you are able**

Please join us for Fellowship Time in the Narthex immediately following the Worship Service. To all of our visitors, you are welcome to join us, and we look forward to getting to know you during this time.

For Pastoral Care:

Please contact Pastor Richard at 303-828-8263

A General Note regarding Financial Solicitations:

Please remember that a church leader will never directly solicit you for funds or the transfer of funds. We will only ask for your support of the church through the traditional process of filling out pledge cards and fulfilling that pledge accordingly.

Office Hours:

The Church Office is open Tuesday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Peg and Toby normally go to lunch between 12:30 and 1:00 and are back by 2:00). Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Deadlines:

The deadline for all Church Communication Publications and notifications is Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

Additionally, please provide advance notice for any special projects you may have, so that time can be accurately allocated, supplies ordered, and quality and fairness can be provided for all parties concerned.

Please be aware that any items received after the deadline will go into the following week's communication publications and job tasks.

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