



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God
May 28, 2023

The Day of Pentecost

**Indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

SOLO

The Lone, Wild Bird

arr. Cutter

Elizabeth Campbell, soprano

Ruthann Arras, kite carrier

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight
Is still with Thee, nor leaves Thy sight.
And I am Thine! I rest in Thee.
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

The ends of earth are in Thy hand,
The sea's dark deep and far-off land.
And I am Thine! I rest in Thee.
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

How wonderful are God's works! In wisdom God made them all.

The sea, the creeping things, all living things both great and small show forth the glory of God.

May the glory of God endure forever.

We will sing praise to God as long as we live!

*HYMN 476 (V. 1-5)

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
The chariots of heaven the deep thunderclouds form,
And bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Spirit, how we need you. Our vision is dim, our dreams are too small. Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire and direct us. Our hearts are cold. Our faith is feeble. Come, Holy Spirit. Kindle a fire within us. Fill this place with songs of praise. Fill our lives with power and grace. Renew this world, we pray, that it might glow with the light of your love and show forth your salvation.

Silent prayer

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God brings us new life and hope when we are hopeless. God washes us in mercy and ignites us with the Spirit. By the grace of God through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free. Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Amen.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

Acts 2:1-21

SERMON

Speaking the Same Language

Rev. Dr. Alexandra Hendrickson

ANTHEM

Holy Spirit, Live in Me

text: Fanny J. Crosby

music: Charles Kirby, arr. Jack Schrader

Holy Spirit, live in me;
More like Jesus let me be:
Fill my soul with peace and love,
Make me gentle as a dove.

More like Jesus as I go –
Pilgrim in this world below;
Poor in spirit I would be,
Holy Spirit, live in me.

More like Jesus when I pray,
More like Jesus day by day;
He will teach me how to live,
All my sinful ways forgive.

Born of Him, by grace renewed,
By His love my will subdued;
Rich in faith I still would be,
Holy Spirit, live in me;
Holy Spirit, live in me.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and God's ministries through Christ's church.

Please leave your offering in the box at the front of the sanctuary or make your gifts online or via mail.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to witness to Christ's ministry in your world. Amen.

*RESPONSE

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 510 (V.1-5)

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts,
Thou found of life, Thou light of all,
From the best bless that earth imparts
We turn, unfilled, to heed Thy call.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
Thou savest those that on Thee call;
To them that seek Thee Thou art good,
To them that find Thee, all in all.

We taste Thee, O Thou living bread,
And long to feast upon Thee still;
We drink of Thee, the fountainhead,
And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee,
Where'er our changeful lot is cast,
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see,
Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay,
Make all our moments calm and bright;
O chase the night of sin away,
Shed o'er the world Thy holy light.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

A. Armsdorf

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Alexandra Hendrickson to the pulpit today. The Rev. Dr. Alexandra Hendrickson is a member of the Lehigh Presbytery and has served as Lafayette College's chaplain since 2012. She and her family live in Easton.

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Alexandra Hendrickson, Guest Preacher
Bud Martin, Guest Organist
Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director
The Chancel Choir
Peter Becker, Liturgist

Tech Support: Jacob Van Norman, Bill Bartlett, Rich Linnell, Pat Koefoed

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Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.
There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;
when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works—
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.
Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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

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

"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.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."