

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
May 19, 2024
Pentecost



Gathering As a People of God

Prelude

Come Down, O Love Divine
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Kristina Langlois
based on *Down Ampney*

Acolyte

Alex Juarez

Introit

Claire Mayhew, Emma and Nina Royo
Peace, love, hope, and joy; reach out your heart and touch someone.
Peace, love, hope, and joy; these are the things that make us one.

Invitation to Our Shared Ministry

Andrew Mayhew

Welcome New Members

Jill Schaberg

*** Call to Worship**

Lucas Meland

the congregation will respond, not in word, but in action, as noted in the italicized words.

One: On the day of Pentecost,
the church was gathered together in one place.
Could it have looked something like this?

Look around; notice the people who sit near you or online with you.

One: On the day of Pentecost,
the Spirit of God blew through the church like a howling wind.
Could it have sounded something like this?

Respond by making wind noises with your mouth and rubbing your hands back and forth.

One: On the day of Pentecost,
differences were minimized as people came together seeing and hearing one another.
Could it have felt something like this?

Respond by holding hands with someone close to you or reaching your hand out.

One: On the day of Pentecost,
the Spirit of God fell down like rain on everyone gathered there that day.
And children prophesied.

If you are someone's child, no matter your age, place one hand on your heart.

One: And young people saw visions,
and old people dreamed dreams.

If you consider yourself wise in years, place a second hand on your heart.

One: Thanks be to God for bringing us together in this place for worship.
May we, like those before us, worship God with our whole hearts. Amen.

* Hymn #291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness, vs. 1-4

Prayer of Confession

Connor Haskel

One: Let us join together in conversation with God about the things we have done - and not done - that hurt neighbor, stranger, and friend. We do this together because we all fail sometimes as individuals and as a community, and because we remember together that God longs for relationship with us anyway. Let us pray.

All: Dear Lord, we confess we do not always put full faith in you. Too often we tell secrets, spread rumors, lash out at and bully others. Sometimes we lie, we are mean, we are cynical, judgmental, and impatient with ourselves and with others. God, we do not always love you with our whole heart, love our neighbors, or love ourselves. We are often wasteful of your resources, fail to welcome others, and ignore the pain and suffering of those around us. We don't think before we speak so our words are not intentional, but betray our biases. Remind us, Holy Spirit, that we are loved even when we don't feel loved and help us to show your love to others. Remind us that you are always with us, even when we mess up, and help us to forgive one another and ourselves even as you forgive us. *Silent prayer. Amen.*

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace

Connor Haskel

One: People of God, there is good news: Despite our failings, God is here, and God has poured out God's spirit on all flesh.

All: We are united, we are made clean, and we are free to dream new dreams for this broken world. Thanks be to God!

One: As a forgiven people, let us greet each other, sharing the peace of Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you. *Please greet your fellow worshippers in ways you feel comfortable.*

* Act of Praise #582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Choir Director Westin Sorrel will sing through vs. 1, congregation join to sing vs. 1 and 2.

1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever
shall be. Amen.

2 World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever
shall be. Amen.

The Word

Prayer of Illumination

Emma Roya

Children's Message

Lizzie Conroy-Krutz

Old Testament Scripture

Psalm 104:24-34, NRSV

24 *Turkish:* Stephanie Nawyn
27 *Macedonian:* Judi Harris
30 *Chinese:* Mary Hahn
33 *Hebrew:* Rebecca Mattern

25 *Wolof:* Jeff Conroy-Krutz
28 *German:* Westin Sorrel
31 *Italian:* Westin Sorrel
24-34 *English:* Alex Juarez

26 *French:* Lucas Meland
29 *Spanish:* Juan Carlos Royo
32 *Greek:* Pastor Lisa Schrott

New Testament Scripture

Acts 2:1-21, CEB

Evan Haskel

Senior Meditation

Intermezzo

Aleksandras Kačanauskas

Andrew Mayhew, euphonium
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, piano

Moment of Silent Reflection

Pentecost Reading

The Fire, the Wind, the Water

Lizzie Conroy-Krutz, Spencer Locke, Claire Mayhew

Responding to the Word

*** Affirmation of Faith**

Nina Royo

God made us, and everything.

God loves us unconditionally.

God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit want the best for us and are a part of everyone and everything even when we don't recognize them.

The Lord loves us, is everywhere, is forgiving, never forgets us.

God is almighty, powerful, kind, saving.

God keeps God's promises, is never ending, and is the alpha and the omega.

God loves us and our enemies, no matter what.

We cannot escape God's love and are always included in God's family.

The Church is a place to worship God, a way of life, and a place to love and be loved.

Anthem

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

by Peter Scholtes,

Youth Ensemble:

arranged by John F. Wilson,

adapted by Sarah Mayhew

Lizzie Conroy-Krutz, violin
Claire Mayhew, French horn
Evan Haskel, viola

Emma Royo, viola
Connor Haskel, cello
Nina Royo, cello

Andrew Mayhew, euphonium
Spencer Locke, tuba

Minute for Mission

Intergenerational Mission Week

Lucas Meland

**Offering & Collection of the Pentecost Offering
Invitation**

Emma Royo

Offertory

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling
Dutch Folk Tune

Kristina Langlois
based on *In Babilone*

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Nina Roya

Prayers of the People

Spencer Locke

One: Spirit of the Living God

All: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

in unison

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.

Sent Out As a People of God

*** Hymn #539**

We Will Go Out with Joy, vs. 1-3

*** Benediction**

Claire Mayhew

*** Sending Hymn #853**

We are Marching in the Light of God

March in place as you sing.

1 We are marching in the light of God;
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God;
We are marching in the light of God.

Dance in place as you sing.

2 We are dancing in the light of God;
We are dancing in the light of God.
We are dancing in the light of God;
We are dancing in the light of God.

Youth will recess.

3 We are singing in the light of God;
We are singing in the light of God.
We are singing in the light of God.
We are singing in the light of God.

*Continue singing as you leave
the sanctuary.*

4 We are praying in the light of God;
We are praying in the light of God.
We are praying in the light of God;
We are praying in the light of God.

Adult Education Time: Intergenerational Fellowship and Education

Ushers: Zachary Nawyn-Hellinga, Justin Fiske, Ron and Barbara Dorr, Morrie and Barbara Hoevel

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Thank you to the Parish Life Committee for supplying birthday cake, the Education Committees for supplying ice cream, and to Edward Ennen and Gary VanKempen for taking care of the coffee.

Next Week May 26, 2024 Trinity Sunday/Memorial Day Weekend

Scripture: John 3:1-8

No Sunday School for children, youth and adults.

The Call to Worship, The Promise of the Gospel, and the Prayer for Illumination come from the PC(USA) Pentecost Special Offerings worship resource:

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/resource/2024-po-worship-resources/>

The Prayer of Confession and Affirmation of Faith are crafted from statements of the youth.

The Pentecost Reading is adapted from *The Fire, the Wind, the Water: A Dramatic Reading for Pentecost* by Doug Porter

<https://www.reformedworship.org/article/march-2002/fire-wind-water>

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