

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Northampton Presbyterian Church

*Day of Pentecost*

*May 28, 2023*

*10:00 AM*

# PRELUDE

*It Is Well With My Soul*

Lee Rogers

# WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bible Study for Everyone, Tuesday (5/30) at 10 AM.
- Road Rally Event, Saturday (6/3) at 10 AM
- “Monica Platt” Day, Sunday (6/4) at 10 AM, a reception will follow a special worship service in honor of our Preschool Director’s retirement.

# **SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

*ST. AGNES*

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,*

*With all thy quickening powers;*

*Kindle a flame of sacred love*

*In these cold hearts of ours.*

**Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,**

**With all thy quickening powers;**

**Come, shed abroad a Savior's love,**

**And that shall kindle ours.**

# PRAYER OF INVOCATION

## HYMN

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

*EBENEZER*

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us,  
Come with Pentecostal power;  
Give the church a stronger vision;  
Help us face each crucial hour.  
Built upon a firm foundation,  
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,  
Still the church is called to mission  
That God's love shall be made known.**

**We would raise our alleluias  
For the grace of yester years;  
For tomorrow's unknown pathway,  
Hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.  
In the church's pilgrim journey  
You have led us all the way;  
Still in presence move before us,  
Fire by night and cloud by day.**

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;  
Give us words of fire and flame.  
Help our feeble lips to praise you,  
Glorify your holy name.  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Three in One: what mystery!  
We would sing our loud hosannas  
Now and through eternity.**

# **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God, You who are always doing a new thing, we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change. God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns. Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts. Open up our lives, and let your Spirit blow through. Amen.**

*(We pause for a moment of silent, personal confession.)*

## **ASSURANCE PARDON**

# HYMN

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*      *GLORY TO GOD*

**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.**

**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.**



# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## READER'S THEATER

*The Promises of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-21)*

READER 1: On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus promised,

JESUS: *(John 14:16, 17, 26; 16:13, NRSV)*

I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth... 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... When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth.

READER 1: On the day in which he ascended to heaven, Jesus promised,

JESUS: *(Acts 1:5-8 NRSV, selected verses)*

John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

READER 1: Ten days later, Jesus fulfilled his promises.

READER 2: *(Acts 2:1-21, NRSV)*

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

READER 2: 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,

READER 1: 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.

READER 2: All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

READER 1: But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

READER 2: But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

PETER: 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.

PETER: 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.'

## **SERMON**

*Failure Is Not an Option?*

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

# HYMN

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

**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 on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glow 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.**

# **CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

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# **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*



Doris Mae Akers



# **DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

# **PASTORAL PRAYER 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 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

# **HYMN**

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

*PENTECOST*

**Every time I feel the Spirit  
Moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit  
Moving in my heart, I will pray.**

**Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,  
Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,  
Till I asked my Lord if all was mine.**

**Every time I feel the Spirit  
Moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit  
Moving in my heart, I will pray.**

**Jordan River, chilly and cold,  
It chills the body, but not the soul.  
There is but one train upon this track,  
It runs to heaven and then right back.**

**Every time I feel the Spirit  
Moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit  
Moving in my heart, I will pray.**

# RESPONSIVE COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

ONE: Come out! Jesus commands,

**MANY: And calls us from the tombs of our existence into the  
brightness of a new day.**

ONE: Come out! Jesus cries,

**MANY: And unbinds us from the chains of our past.**

ONE: Come out! Jesus calls,

**MANY: And entices us into a world filled with grace and possibility.**

ONE: So: Go out!

**MANY: Into a world that needs our life, our breath, our spirit!**

ONE: Go out!

**MANY: Into a world that needs the Spirit of God, carried on our lips  
and in our loving arms.**

ONE: Go out!

**MANY: Into the world to live as God's resurrected people!**

ONE: Go out: and go on the breath of God's holy wind!

## **POSTLUDE**

*Festive Piece*

Denis Elliot



# **FUTURE VISION FOR NPC ROAD RALLY**

**SATURDAY 6.3.23  
10 AM**



Please join us on **Saturday, June 3rd from 10 am - 12 pm** for a fabulous, fun time! We will be having a neighborhood scavenger hunt to spy interesting landmarks in the Hillcrest Farms neighborhood.

Our goal is to learn more about the neighborhood and its people by observing and completing a Road Rally Scavenger Hunt. Just as Jesus sent out his disciples, you will be sent out to share peace with our neighbors and find a list of items. If you meet people, be encouraged to ask them, "What it would look like for God to be in the midst of them," (Luke 17:21). We will venture forth into the neighborhood in small groups, with designated drivers available to help you find a list of 10 items.

We will come together for light refreshments and to share the results of our Scavenger Hunt. The next phase is to introduce brainstorming future visions for Northampton Presbyterian Church. We will break into small groups and encourage people to dream big and share their thoughts using a "What If...?" and "Yes, and...!" format. We will then come together for each group to share their ideas with the larger body.

Please sign up using the sign up sheet in the narthex or contact the church office ([npchurch@comcast.net](mailto:npchurch@comcast.net)) to let Melissa know of your interest. Thank you for participating and dreaming about the future of our church!

Respectfully yours,

Session



# THREE WAYS TO GIVE

*Your support is important to our work at Northampton Presbyterian Church. There are many ways you can contribute towards our causes, and every little bit that you commit goes a long way in helping us fulfill our mission.*

1

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A NOTE FROM ADAN MAIRENA:

*Adan was with us a year ago in the pulpit and is working with West Kensington Ministries to assist the asylum seekers arriving in Philadelphia via bus.*

Dear Partner Churches,

WKM continues to work with The New Sanctuary Movement and the city of Philadelphia in welcoming asylum-seekers. Although the majority of asylum seekers move on to other destinations some stay here at The Welcome Center, a secured city site that is operated by Catholic Social Services and other agencies. And, this is where you can help! Help is needed in their clothes closets. Because of our close and consistent presence we have an open invitation to provide volunteers for as little as 2-3 hours at a time, or more if that's possible. All we have to do is provide a day or two notice and give our names and present an ID.

I pray you consider this opportunity. If you are interested please let me know. Again since there are security issues and this is a city site I cannot provide an address but will let anyone know if you decide to go help.

En Cristo, Adán

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## WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Prayer of Invocation** is posted on the Third Space website. <http://thirdspace.org.uk/blog>

The **Prayer of Confession** is posted by Teri on the RevGalBlogPals A Place for Prayer blog.  
<http://revgalprayerpals.blogspot.ca>

The **Prayer of Illumination** is from a collection of prayers posted on the Worship@North website.  
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The **Pastoral Prayer** is written by Rev. Joanna Harader, pastor of Peace Mennonite Church in Lawrence, KS. She blogs at SpaciousFaith.com. This prayer was posted on RevGalBlogPals.<https://revgalblogpals.org/2018/05/19/saturday-prayer-speaking-in-tongues>

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