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11am Sanctuary Worship
Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021



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As a diverse community of believers, we strive to follow God – the Creator who calls us, Jesus who teaches us, and the Spirit who empowers us. We show God’s unconditional love by providing a refuge for spiritual growth, ardently pursuing justice, and extending Christ’s radical hospitality to all. (Strategic Vision mission statement, 2011)

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 23, 2021 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Festival Toccata”

Ethan LaPlaca, *organ*
Percy Fletcher

OPENING WORDS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **Y también contigo.**

And also with you.

PENTECOST CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: Holy Spirit, Creator,
in the beginning you moved over the waters.
From your breath all creation drew life.
Without you, life turns to dust.

Let the people say:

People: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Counselor,
by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith.
You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

Let the people say:

People: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Power,
you came as fire to Jesus’ disciples;
you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.

Let the people say:

People: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Sanctifier,
you created us children of God;
you make us the living temple of your presence;
you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

Let the people say:

People: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Giver of Life,
from whom comes every good gift:
Send your Spirit into our lives
with the power of a mighty wind.
Open the horizons of our minds
by the flame of your wisdom.
Loosen our tongues to show your praise,
for only in your Spirit can we voice your words of peace
and acclaim Jesus as Lord.

Let the people joyfully say:

People: **Come, Holy Spirit! Amen.**

* Indicates where to please rise in body or spirit.

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN #280**

“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 yesteryears;
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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: **En Jesucristo tenemos perdón!**
¡Alabado sea Dios!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Praise God!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Jess Duvall

When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

*** HYMN #288 (sing 3x)**

“Spirit of the Living God”

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. *Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.*
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. *Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.*
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. *Tómame, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.*
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. *Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.*

* Indicates where to please rise in body or spirit.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:1-18

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

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.'

SERMON

"Spirit Dreams and Visions"

The Rev. Woodworth

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

* HYMN #281

"Holy Spirit, Come to Us"

VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS

Ostinato refrain is repeated many times while the cantors sing the accompanying verses.

Holy Spirit, come to us. *Veni Sancte Spiritus.*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kathryn Ophardt, Español as Second Language Class

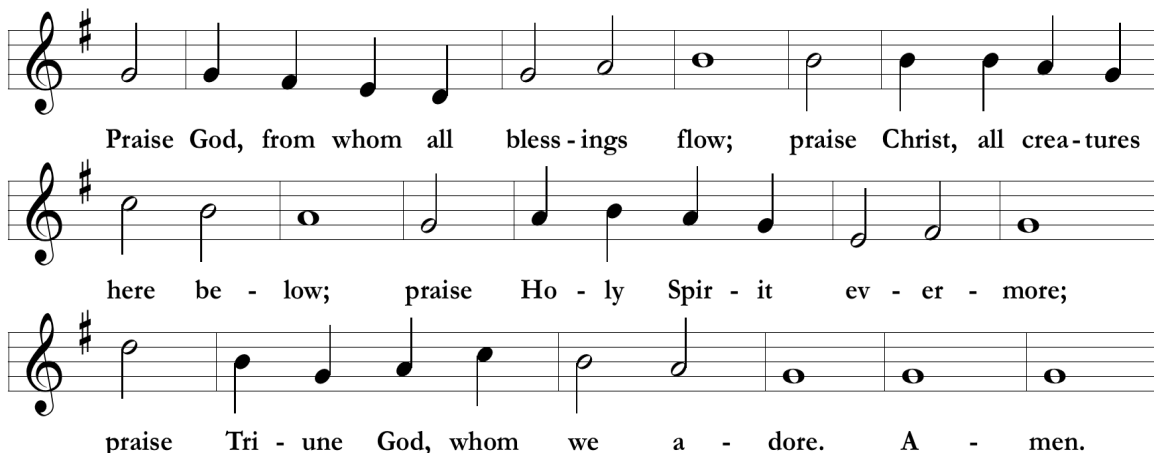
OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

We offer our gifts in response to God's love, and the grace of Jesus Christ, which we seek to make known through the ministries of this congregation. Please visit www.ELPC.church/donate if you would like to make a contribution.

* DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all crea - tures
 here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
 praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

* *Indicates where to please rise in body or spirit.*

* **RECESSIONAL HYMN #12** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” ST. DENIO
Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above; thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Woodworth

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare”

Ethan LaPlaca, *organ*
John Cook



PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preaching: The Rev. BJ Woodworth
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Jess Duvall
Musicians: Ethan LaPlaca, *Guest Organist*
Adrianna Cleveland, *Cantor*
Todd Farwell, *Cantor*
A/V: Tim Benedict
Wayne Gaines
Matt Stufft

As part of ELPC's mission to extend radical hospitality to all, our full worship service is also being livestreamed on:

Facebook

www.facebook.com/EastLibertyPresbyterian

YouTube

<http://tiny.cc/elpc-youtube>

and archived at www.ELPC.church

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COME, O SPIRIT, DWELL AMONG US

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
 grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
 words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
 In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

This 20th-century text was written by a Presbyterian layperson and poet, who in her later years became interested in writing hymns for the seasons of the church year and prepared a collection of them for her congregation. It pairs effectively with this sturdy Welsh tune.

Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to
all the way; still in pres - ence move be -
mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Sing 3 times in English or Spanish.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall afresh on me. Spir - it of the
Santo Espí - ri - tu de Dios, ven so - bre mí. Santo Espí - ri -

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liv - ing God, fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me;
tu de Dios, ven so - bre mí. Tóname, cámbiame, lléname,

12



use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall afresh on me.
úsa - me. Santo Espí - ri - tu de Dios, ven so - bre mí.

HOLY SPIRIT, COME TO US

Ostinato refrain is repeated many times while the cantors sing the accompanying verses.

Ostinato (repeated continuously)



Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.
Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

Like many other chants from the ecumenical monastic community at Taizé, France, this brief text is intended for repeated singing by the congregation while a soloist or choir sings a longer related text. These refrains often use Latin to avoid connection with any current nation.

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1979

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1979

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VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS

Irregular

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

WELCOME!

ELPC is very excited each of you is here so we can worship together!

If you need assistance during today's worship service, please see an usher.

They are:

Carla Depperman, Usher Captain
Frank and Paula Bauerle
Jan Herzer
Janet Pollard



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS



ELPC Garden Work Day

Please join us for some fresh air and fellowship as we prepare our gardens for the season. We will be removing tulip bulbs, planting flowers, weeding, and mulching on **Saturday, May 29 from 10 am-1 pm**. Please bring a mask, water, and any small hand tools. Families welcome and no experience necessary. Please contact Megan Leisher (MeganL@coh.net) if you plan to attend.



French Feast – ENCORE

ELPC's *Cathedral Concerts* series will present *French Feast – ENCORE* on **Friday, June 11 at 7 pm**. The special online performance will feature music from the 2019 *Cathedral Concert* with The Brass Roots, organist Dr. Ed Moore, and conductor Dr. Stephen Gage. The concert will be broadcast on YouTube and Facebook.

Summer Changes to Our Worship Schedule

As we move into the summer season and continue to re-open our building, please keep in mind the following adjustments to worship during the month of June.

- ♦ **Sunday, June 13**, we will shift to our summer schedule, offering a single service in the Sanctuary at 10 am.
- ♦ **Sunday, June 27**, our plan is to celebrate Youth Sunday and move worship outside to the Courtyard.

Pre-registration will continue to be available online for all the Sundays in June, so please visit **www.ELPC.church** for updates on both remote and on-site programs, as well as capacity limits for worship services.

Spiritual Life Offerings

As we all begin to adjust to life on the other side of our rigorous quarantine and slowly re-enter life in a bit of closer proximity to one another, the Spiritual Life Committee is offering a few opportunities to be together in silence and stillness.

Friday–Saturday, June 11–12: Contemplative Activism Retreat with Cole Arthur Riley

We are excited to bring in Cole Arthur Riley to lead a retreat on Contemplative Activism over the weekend of June 11–12. Join us as we learn how to adopt spiritual practices that suspend between the contemplative and pursuit of justice. In our activism, spiritual contemplation can feel more like a precursor to the work of justice, instead of a core part of it. Together, we will explore the gift of a contemplative spirituality that is marked by liberating habits of storytelling, emotion, and embodiment.

The cost is **\$50** (scholarships are available). Please register online by **Friday, June 4** at <http://tiny.cc/contemplative-activism>. Like our previous online retreats, we will gather via Zoom at scheduled times. Cole will speak and guide us in prayer, a reflection, and an embodied activity during each of these sessions, as well as give suggestions and prompts for our own solitude and contemplation in between each session.



Saturday, July 10: Silent Walk on the Butler-Freeport Community Trail 9–11:30 am

We will gather in Freeport at the Laneville Trailhead of Butler-Freeport Community Trail (100 Main St., Freeport, 16229), walk in silence along the path at our own pace, stop, linger along the stream, sit, read, be in nature in silence with God and one another. We will regather back at the trailhead to share reflections and observations at 11:30 am. RSVP to Norma (Norma@coh.net) by **Friday, July 9**.

Saturday, August 14: In Pursuit of Silence Film Viewing and Conversation 7–9 pm

In Pursuit of Silence is a documentary that meditatively explores our relationship with silence, sound, and the impact of noise on our lives. The film takes us on an immersive cinematic journey around the globe—from a traditional tea ceremony in Kyoto, to the streets of the loudest city on the planet, Mumbai, during the wild festival season—and inspires us to experience silence and celebrate the wonders of our world. RSVP to Norma Meyer by **Friday, Aug 13**.

Kiss the Ground Viewing and Discussion

What do climate stability, healthy eating, and beautiful landscapes have in common? They all depend on soil quality. Whether or not you've thought about what's underfoot, the documentary *Kiss the Ground* will give you a new appreciation for how critical it is to our health and well-being—and our planet's future.



Join the Environmental Team following the 10 am Sanctuary worship service on **Sunday, June 13** for an online viewing of *Kiss the Ground* (45 minutes), as well as a conversation moderated by Stefani Danes.

The film examines a revolutionary group of activists, scientists, farmers, and politicians who are leading a global movement of "Regenerative Agriculture." We'll see how dust bowls become Gardens of Eden, as well as other great examples of the ways we can balance our climate, replenish our vast water supplies, and feed the world.

Join us via Zoom at tiny.cc/kiss-the-ground or by calling **646.558.8656**. Meeting ID **822 2738 0701**; Passcode **558594**.