

May 28, 2023

Pentecost

Our PCAS Vision: "To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning,
and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Order of Worship

*(*Please rise in body and/or spirit)*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Holy is the Lord

Don Besig

***Call to Worship**

First Reader:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
The earth was without form and void,
and darkness was upon the face of the deep;
and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters.
(Gen. 1: 1-2)

Congregation:

**The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, upon many waters.** (Psalm 29:3)

Second Reader

The wind blows where it chooses,
and you hear the sound of it,
but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.
So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. (John 3: 8)

Congregation:

**The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in God's temple all cry, "Glory!"** (Psalm 29:9)

Third Reader:

When you send forth your Spirit all living things are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (Psalm 104:30)

Congregation:

**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and those who live in it. (Psalm 24:1)**

Fourth Reader:

I baptize with you water;
but one more powerful than I is coming
who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.
(Luke 3:16)

Congregation:

**The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. (Psalm 29: 7-8)**

Leader: May the Lord give strength to the people!

Congregation: May the Lord bless the people with peace!
(Psalm 29:11)

Written by John Paarlberg, pastor of First Church in Albany, New York.

***Hymn #279**

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

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Call to Confession

Leader: Let us pray now for ourselves and for others who have sheltered themselves and find it hard to embrace the blessings of God outside their walls. May we trust in God's grace to lead us to those blessings.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**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.**

Moment for Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: For those who welcome the Spirit of Christ into their lives, there is no fear of our human fallibility, because the Spirit of Christ is a renewing Spirit, offering forgiveness and directing us to new and better things.

People: Thanks be to the God of hope and life!

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Genesis 11:1-9

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

*If you share a joy today, please end by saying **“This is my joy”**
and the congregation will respond: **“May your joy increase”**.*

*If you share a concern today, please end by saying
“This I lay down”*

*and the congregation will respond: **“We stand with you in love”**.*

Prayers of the Church and the Lord’s Prayer

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Hymn #282 Come Down, O Love Divine**

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Second Scripture Lesson Acts 2:1-21,

reading from First Nations Version, an Indigenous Translation of the New Testament

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Sermon “A Universal Language of Hope”

Offering

Offertory

Spirit Like a River
Chancel Choir

David Lantz III

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication and Dedication of Per Capita Giving**

***Hymn #280**

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

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***Benediction**

Postlude Spirit of the Living God

T. Smith

The flowers today are dedicated by Steve Aquilina, for his friend Anthony, with prayers that he would get his daughter back.

Worship Leaders

Pastor:

Rev. Katja Gruening

Director of Music Ministries:

Marcello Velame

Liturgist:

George Kustka

Worship leaders:

Heather Palframan,

Ken Gibbons

Music Ministry:

Chancel Choir

Ushers:

Brian Sergeant

Zoom Hosts:

John Palframan

Jim Wright

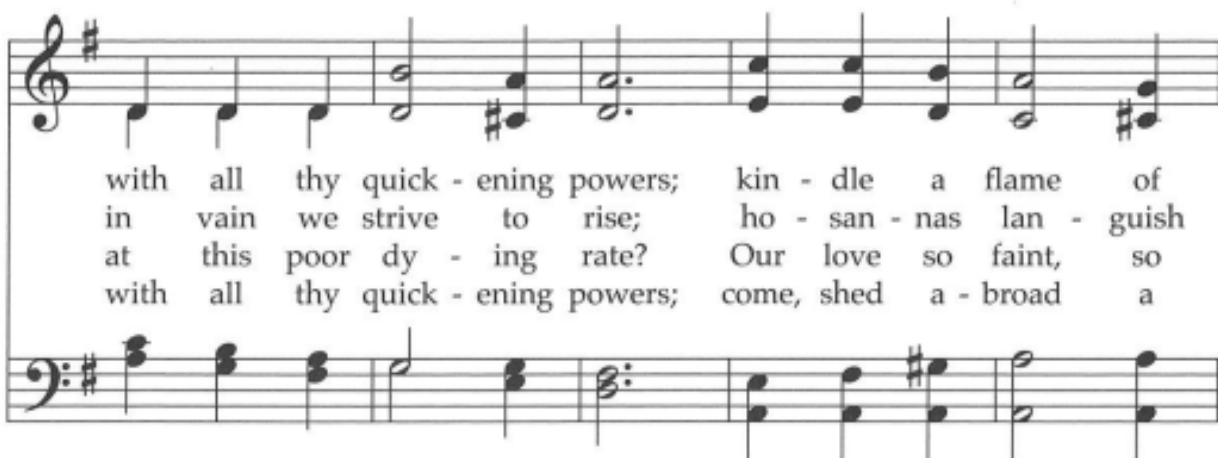
Coffee Hour:

Facilities Management

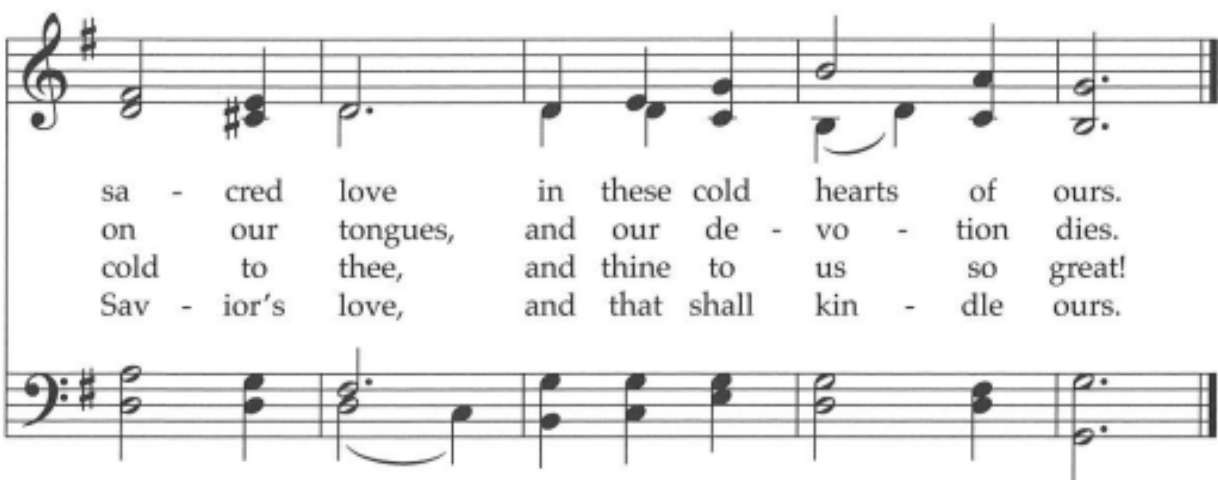
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1 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven - ly Dove,
2 In vain we tune our for - mal songs;
3 Dear Lord, and shall we ev - er live
4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven - ly Dove,



with all thy quick - ening powers; kin - dle a flame of
in vain we strive to rise; ho - san - nas lan - guish
at this poor dy - ing rate? Our love so faint, so
with all thy quick - ening powers; come, shed a - broad a



sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.
on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.
cold to thee, and thine to us so great!
Sav - ior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.

282 Come Down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

280 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



From now through May 31st, PW is collecting donations for the **Strawberry Festival** sale.

Beach/Picnic/Fashion Accessories: Beach hats and towels, cover-ups, like new flip flops, picnic baskets, coolers, new plastic ware, summer napkins/plates, sunglasses, handbags, small leather goods, and unused/new hair accessories. *Please place items in the collection box in the Church House lobby.*

Trash & Treasure: Useful and decorative home goods for Bath, Bed, Kitchen, Living and Dining Room: Lighting, Wall Art, Sofa Pillows, Clocks, Candlesticks, Wood, Ceramic, Crystal, and China. Items of good quality and in working order. Nothing damaged. *Please put items in the back left closet of the Terrace Room in the Church House.*

Note: Jewelry will not be sold at the Strawberry Festival, but saved for sale at the Christmas Bazaar. *Please bring jewelry to the church office.*

Help is also needed setting up booths and working a 2-hour shift at a booth at the sale on June 3rd.

Please contact Nancy Vodhanel (nvodhanel@gmail.com or 732-530-7641) or Susan Peterson (susanp.peterson@verizon.net) if you have questions about donations or if you can help.



Meeting Schedule Week of May 29nd

29	MAY, MON	● All day	OFFICE CLOSED
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
30	MAY, TUE	● 9 – 10:30am	Zoom Bible Study
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga - Chair Yoga Fitness(FH)
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Kids Bell Choir (SR)
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga - Gentle Floor Yoga(FH)
31	MAY, WED	● All day	Strawberry Festival Setup
		● 9:15 – 10:15am	Yoga Small Group - (FH)
1	JUN, THU	● All day	Strawberry Festival Setup
2	JUN, FRI	● All day	Strawberry Festival Setup
3	JUN, SAT	● 9:30am – 2pm	Strawberry Festival (FH)
		● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
4	JUN, SUN	● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 10:15 – 11am	Sunday School
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)
		● 12 – 1pm	Deacon's Meeting (O)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)