

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH AT CALDWELL

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*Our Mission: Shining God's light by ...
Knowing Christ, Growing in His love, Going where He leads.*

**Sunday, May 28, 2023
9:30 am
Day of Pentecost**

REFLECTION

"Acts does not regard Pentecost as an entirely singular occurrence. This scene introduces a sequence of occasions in which the Spirit mobilizes Jesus' followers and inaugurates new directions for ministry and community."

Rev. Matthew Skinner

PRELUDE

"Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers"

Wilbur Held

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Through growing pains and awkward phases, we wondered...

...am I always going to feel this way?

Before we came to this community, we wondered...

...where could I find a spiritual home?

We all come from different backgrounds and hold different views, and we wonder...

...how can we faithfully hold space for so many differences of opinion?

We look to the future of our church and our world, and we wonder...

...where will God call us to go next?

Then the Spirit of the Divine reminds us,

**“You are all a part of me. You are wind for soaring
and you can emerge to renewed life. Again and again.” Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 289

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

MUNICH

1. On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ’s disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.
2. The people all around them were startled and amazed
to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.
3. God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
on women, men, and children who would God’s grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.
4. O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us in all life’s ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

On this Pentecost Sunday, we confess to You, O Lord –

*** our division, for we are not gathered together as Your people in one place;**

*** our fear of the rush of your Spirit in our lives and what it might call us to do or to be;**

*** our desire for a monolingual society, even when you allowed the early church to transcend all language, not favoring one over another;**

*** our actions that can be like the crowds that taunt and torment, mocking those who are filled with your Spirit that burns like fire and rushes like wind.**

On this Pentecost Sunday, O Lord – help us to let down our barriers to your Spirit; guide us to live with joy, abandon, and faithfulness; and create in us new hearts to be new people who worship only You. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The prophet Joel declares that in the last days God's Spirit will be poured out “All it shall be that whoever calls on God shall be saved.”

As we call on God's name, Christ intercedes and delivers us in his righteousness, blameless before God.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 582 “*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*” GLORY TO GOD

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST LESSON Joel 2:28-32 Page 798, OT

SPECIAL MUSIC “*Holy Spirit, Come to Us/Veni Sancte Spiritus*” Taize: Jacques Berthier

SECOND LESSON Acts 2:1-13 Page 111, NT

SERMON “*The Answer Is Blowin’ In the Wind*” Rev. William Schram

*HYMN NO. 291 “*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*” SPIRIT

**Refrain: Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

1. You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”
Refrain
2. You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand;
and you goaded your people with a law and a land.
When they were confounded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.
Refrain
3. You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.
And down in the city, you called once again
when you blew through your people, on the rush of the wind.
Refrain
4. You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.
Refrain

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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 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.

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE

*HYMN NO. 66

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

PENTECOST

Refrain: 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.

1. 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.

Refrain

2. 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.

Refrain

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

Wilbur Held

* Please rise in body or spirit



The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God....
....in memory of Sp4. Ross Applegate and Sgt. Robert Parker by Ray Liptak

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram

Valerie Shondel, Interim Director of Music

Chancel Choir

Connor Dombrowski, Acolyte

Ray Liptak, AV Engineer

Michael Sperrazza, & Matthew Califf AV Team

✚ We are glad you have chosen to worship here today! Please come again!

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