



First  
Presbyterian  
Church  
Henderson, Texas

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020

# DAY OF PENTECOST

— *Gathering* —

## WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

## OPENING SENTENCES

Wind of God, who awakened creation and stirred dry bones to life—  
***sweep through us and enliven our worship.***

Wind of God, who descended as tongues of flame and gave birth to the church—  
***sweep through us and ignite our hearts.***

Wind of God, who guides our ministry and equips us for service—  
***sweep through us and empower our witness.***

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

## LITANY FOR PENTECOST

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

## HYMN #336 (559)

***“We Gather Together”***

Valerius, 1626

*(Alternate hymn numbers are for the old blue hymnals.)*

## CONFESSION

Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

***Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.***

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! ***Thanks be to God.***

— *Word* —

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE

Our first reading for Pentecost Sunday is from the book of Acts, chapter 2, verses 1-21. We will speak of God’s deeds of power in our own language. Hear the word of the Lord.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

Our gospel reading from the gospel according to John, chapter 20, verses 19 through 23.  
The word of God for the people of God.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. ***Thanks be to God.***

## SERMON

**“Breath, Wind, and Fire”**

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## DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

### HYMN #288 (322)

**“Spirit of the Living God”**

Iverson, 1926

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In the communion of the Holy Spirit, we call on the name of the Lord, saying:  
By your Spirit, O God, **transform our lives.**

Gracious God, continue to pour out your power in the church, in the world, and in our daily lives, so all will know that you are at work among us; through Jesus Christ, our living Lord. **Amen.**

## LORD’S PRAYER—UNISON

*Our Father who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name, .....*

— *Eucharist* —

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

Even though we are connecting differently, we are still doing the work of the church. We are thankful that you continue to support the church and our ministries. Thank you!

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

While we tune in from many places, we are united at the Lord’s Supper. We are bound together by love across time and distance, for this table is not my table or your table...

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### BREAKING THE BREAD

We give you thanks that on the night of his arrest Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *“Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”*

In the same way he took the cup, saying: *“This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”*

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

~ ~ ~ **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.** ~ ~ ~

Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

## COMMUNION

### COMMUNION MUSIC

**“One Bread, One Body”**

Foley, 1978

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Holy God, by the gift of your Spirit you have nourished and filled us. Now send us out to share the vision of new creation you have begun; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

— *Sending* —

## BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the love of the holy triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—abide with you forever. **Alleluia!**

Now go forth in Jesus’ name, remembering his new commandment to love one another, just as he has loved us. **Amen.**

### HYMN #175 (333)

**“Seek Ye First”**

Lafferty, 1971

*(Alternate hymn numbers are for the old blue hymnals.)*

**“Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences”**

