



*Virtual Worship Service for Pentecost Sunday  
Crossnore Presbyterian Church  
Sunday, May 23, 2021*

Welcome and Announcements (included as a PDF attachment)

**Choral Call to Worship # 469** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

**CHILDREN PRAYING**

<https://youtu.be/y51jrLWRtoE> - Sung by The Marble Choir, with soloist Anthony Rohr

Lord, listen to your children praying.  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to your children praying.  
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

**\*Call to Worship:**

Come, Holy Spirit,  
**The Wind of God, the Breath of Life.**  
Come, Holy Spirit,  
**Our Advocate, our Counselor.**  
Come, Holy Spirit,  
**Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.**  
Come, Holy Spirit,  
**Granter of forgiveness, Giver of peace.**  
Come, Holy Spirit.  
**May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise # 611** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

**HYMN TO JOY**

<https://youtu.be/MAkXHs9vOc> - Libera (a boy's choir from London) - From a live concert recording made at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC in the USA

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

Always giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,  
Let Your light upon us shine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

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Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
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fill us with the light of day.

**Call to Confession:**

When we don't know how or what to pray, the Spirit knows. When all we can muster are sighs and groans, the Spirit knows those also. When we feel that we aren't even worthy to approach God, the Spirit goes before us and with us and God welcomes us with arms open. Let us confess our sins together.

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**We confess to you, holy Lord, that we are afraid of the chaos your Spirit leaves in its wake; we do not like chaos and disorder. We are worried that you might ask of us things that we'd rather not do or say; we don't like to be uncomfortable. We fret about the way other people perceive us; yet you can see into our very hearts, O God. Those who sneered at the disciples, saying they were filled with new wine, did not understand the power of Pentecost and your Holy Spirit. Save us from ourselves, merciful God.**

(moment of silent confession)

**Spirit of new life and renewed life, remove our fears and inhibitions and fill us with strength and courage so that we may use your gifts to the fullest. May we feel your power within us so that we can live and love and witness and serve following your will for our lives. Forgive our selfish ways and righteous attitudes that we might return to a right relationship with you and all creation, sharing your forgiveness with all those whom you call your children.**

(moment of silent confession)

**Assurance of Pardon:**

This is the promise: "I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh—young and old, men and women, rich and poor—and all people will see." This promise is for you, and for us. No matter who we are or where we have been, the Spirit of the Living God falls fresh, with mercies new every morning.

**Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. May the Spirit speak to us and through us! Amen.**

**Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 246 *Christ is Alive!* (verses 1 & 4)**

TRURO

<https://youtu.be/AlAtSJcJQOc> - Westminster Presbyterian Church, Sacramento, (vs 1, 3, 5)

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**In every insult, rift, and war  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

### **First Lesson: Psalm 104:24-34**

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works— who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

### **Special Music: *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky***

**HERE I AM (Schutte)**

<https://youtu.be/K6fYAiqV-Bs> - Eric Tom

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide,  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them,  
Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.**

### **Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-18**

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: "The Spirit Comes, Ready or Not" (PDF attachment & Zoom link)**

**Rev. Kathy Campbell**

**Affirmation of Faith:**

In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

**\*Hymn of Meditation # 4 (Songs of Worship) *Spirit Song***

<https://youtu.be/9jbrbBW0OvM> - Gospel Blanc

**words & music by John Wimber**

Oh let the Son of God enfold you  
With His Spirit and His love  
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul  
Oh let Him have those things that hold you  
And His Spirit like a dove  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole  
  
Jesus oh Jesus  
Come and fill Your lambs  
Jesus oh Jesus  
Come and fill Your lambs

Oh come and sing the song of gladness  
As your hearts are filled with joy  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name  
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness  
Give Him all your years of pain  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name  
  
Jesus oh Jesus  
Come and fill Your lambs  
Jesus oh Jesus  
Come and fill Your lambs

**Prayers of the People:**

Loving God,  
We ask for the gift of your Holy Spirit  
to help us pray as we ought.

**Holy Spirit: Help Us.**

We ask for the energy and vision of your Spirit  
for those who are tiring in the battle against injustice and oppression:  
for those exhausted by the struggle with poverty and hunger.

**Holy Spirit: Help Us.**

We ask for the hope and comfort of your Spirit  
for those whose lives are overshadowed by illness or pain;  
for those whose lives are darkened by sorrow or grief.

**Holy Spirit: Help Us.**

We ask for the peace and joy of your Spirit  
for those living in the shadow of war and violence;  
for those eaten up by guilt and anxiety  
and whose Christian life has become hard and dry.

**Holy Spirit: Help Us.**

We ask for the guidance and strength of your Spirit  
for those uncertain how to use their time, talents and gifts;  
for those tempted to do what is wrong.

**Holy Spirit: Help Us.**

We ask for the love and courage of your Spirit  
for those reaching out to comfort the distressed;  
for those reaching out to others with the Good News of Christ.

**Holy Spirit: Help Us.**

Loving God, we ask for the assurance of your Spirit  
to know your presence with us in our daily lives:  
in our relationships; in our work and service;  
in our worship; in our times of joy and pain.

**Holy Spirit: Help Us.**

We offer all our prayers, spoken and unspoken  
in the name of Christ,  
who taught his disciples to pray: **Our Father...Amen.**

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:**

We glorify the Triune God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, by our lives outpoured in love and service. Let us receive this morning's offering and recommit our lives and our resources to God's ministry and mission.

**\*Doxology # 608**

Sing along with Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville, NC: <https://youtu.be/BKcnin5ilJI>

**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**

**Spirit of life, you long for the world's transformation. Your vision is grander than anything we can imagine, and so we thank you for the privilege of participating in your mission. May these gifts be a blessing that speaks the language of Christian love and may that blessing multiply out to every place. Breathe in us again this day, that our whole lives may be an offering for your glory. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn # 286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God***

TRENTHAM

<https://youtu.be/M5keJHZdWYM> - SE Samonte

**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  
glows 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.**

**\*Charge and Benediction:**

Go out into God's world filled with the spark of the Holy Spirit.  
Let love guide your actions. Listen for the Spirit of Truth.  
Spread the peace of Christ and remind everyone you meet  
that each one is a beloved child of God.  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you now and forevermore. Amen.