

## WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thanks for worshipping with us. Whether you are with us from the pew or with us via your computer screen, we are so glad you're here. Remember, worship is about God and we focus our eyes and hearts on the One who is before all things. At the same time, we know that when we gather, we receive gracious gifts and experience the love of Christ as one church. To prepare for worship, read the Words of Preparation; read and reflect upon the Scripture passage for today. Be intentional about connecting with God in your worship.

**WORDS FOR PREPARATION:**

*“God our creator, earth has many languages, but your gospel proclaims your love to all nations in one heavenly tongue. Make us messengers of the good news so that, through the power of your Spirit, all the world may unite in one song of praise; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

— *Prayer of the Day from the Book of Common Worship*

## PRELUDE

## “Trio on”

## Allein Gottt

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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!**

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

Holy Spirit, Power,  
you came as fire to Jesus' disciples:  
you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.  
**Come, Holy Spirit!**

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.  
**Come, Holy Spirit!**

**\*HYMN # 126**

## “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Jesus says: Let anyone who is thirsty come to me. Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**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 love, or live as 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.**

*(Period of silence for personal confession)*

### \*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.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.**

## SPECIALMUSIC

## “We are Here to Worship”

## Handbells

## PRAVERS OF THE PEOPLE

## PRAAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Old Testament - Psalm 104:24-34, 35b,  
New Testament - Acts 2:1-21**

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

## “What Does Pentecost Mean for Us?”

**Rev. Lynette Solomon**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**(Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**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, men, and people to all ministries of the Church. 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!" Amen.**

## OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

The Lord is indeed good, for God has blessed us richly. Let us offer back a portion, in gratitude and love.

## GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*(Please use this time for silent prayer and reflection as you consider ways to offer your life, your gifts, time, and commitment to God. You may give online at [uptx.org/giving](http://uptx.org/giving) OR as you enter or exit the church sanctuary today. There are two offering boxes available.)*

## \*THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Holy God, take the gifts that we have offered this day, and use them to ignite the world with the fire of your presence. Take the prayers that we have offered this day, and use them to breathe life into the valleys of dry bones. Take the gifts of our offering and use them to teach and nurture all people that they might share their visions with the world and proclaim to all your wondrous deeds. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #130**

## “Let Every Christian Pray”

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**

**“Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.”**



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**Guided by the Word of God, led by the Holy Spirit, and motivated by the love of Christ and all his people, United Presbyterian Church, in intergenerational community, celebrates God's Glory by fostering Christian Growth.**

**Therefore, we value:**

- ❖ **Inviting and welcoming fellowship**
- ❖ **Bible-centered messages, music, and faith expressed through worship**
- ❖ **Commitment to our community**

## POSTLUDE

## “Come Holy Spirit”

## J. S. Bach