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The Presbyterian Church

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**Worship Planner**

**Day of Pentecost**

**Sunday, May 19th, 2024**

**Year B**

*Including a Communion Liturgy suitable for Pentecost*

**Colour** *Red*

**Scripture Readings**

Ezekiel 37:1-14 or Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

**Hymns**

277 – On this assembled host

475 – I am the church! You are the church!

276 – Come, O Spirit, with your sound

70 – All things I see (Psalm 104)

380 – Spirit, come, dispel our sadness

282 – Filled with the Spirit’s power Alternate tune: 507

529 – O holy Father, God most dear (Communion)

530 – I come with joy (Communion)

284 – Revive your work, O Lord

384 – O Breath of life, come sweeping through us

**Call to Worship**

Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,

**and inspire our worship with your truth.**

Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,

**and fill us with your love.**

Strengthen us, Holy Spirit,

**and move us to act with your power.**

Breathe in us, Holy Spirit,

**and receive our prayers and praise.**

**Prayers of Adoration** **and Confession**

God of power and possibility,

with the flame of your Spirit, you give us energy

to move into the world in Jesus’ name.

With the breath of your Spirit, you refresh us

to engage life in its complexity.

Your Spirit embraces us in the diversity and difference

you wove into our creationand unites us in your love.

We praise you for your presence with us in every time and place.

In this time of worship, send us the Holy Spirit once again.

Renew us to serve you in the world

that aches for the healing and wholeness you offer

through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord.

**God of mystery and mercy,**

**we confess we have not always paid attention**

**to the urging of your Spirit to follow your will and your way.**

**Too often we claim to belong to Jesus,**

**yet we ignore his teaching.**

**You created us to love one another,**

**but we resist loving those who differ from us.**

**Stir our hearts with your Holy Spirit.**

**Transform who we are,**

**and direct who we shall become**

**through Christ’s redeeming love.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

These words are worthy of our trust and acceptance: In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another. Thanks be to God for God’s steadfast love and mercy!

**Prayer for Understanding**

Holy Spirit, open our ears, our minds and hearts so that we encounter God’s Living Word in the Scriptures. May that Word inform and empower all our actions in the example of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Invitation to the Offering**

At Pentecost, God poured out gifts of the Spirit upon the Church, to equip Christ’s followers to bear witness to him throughout the world. We offer our gifts and our lives to God, so that the witness of the Church will continue with the blessing of the Holy Spirit in this generation and beyond.

**Prayer of Dedication**

Spirit of grace and power, bless the gifts we offer so that they may accomplish surprising things in Jesus’ name. Bless our lives, too, so that our words and actions bear witness to Jesus’ love and mercy each and every day. Amen.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession** *if Communion is not celebrated*

Wind of the Spirit, blow through your whole church

on this day of Pentecost:

Blow through us and renew our faith.

Re-awaken our love for God.

Let the flames of your love warm our hearts

with trust in Jesus Christ.

Dare us to do great things in his name.

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us

**and renew our faith and hope.**

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us

and give us energy to serve you

as the body of Christ working in the world.

Open our eyes to recognize needs for ministry and mission around us.

Open our hearts to welcome newcomers and meet those we don’t yet know.

Open our hands to share in tasks that need doing,

and open our lips in prayer and praise.

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us

**and renew our faith and hope.**

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us and give us understanding

for all those whose lives seem so different from ours *(brief silence)*

for those facing situations we’ve never encountered *(brief silence)*

for those with whom we’ve disagreed *(brief silence)*

for problems and challenges we face at home, at work,

and in the world facing so much turmoil

*(longer silence)*

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us

**and renew our faith and hope.**

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us and bring healing

for all who face pain or illness, discouragement or disappointment *(brief silence)*

for all who know sorrow, sadness or grief *(brief silence)*

for those who feel pressure in these uncertain times

*(longer silence)*

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us

**and renew our faith and hope.**

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us

and bring us the compassion we see in Christ Jesus

to serve the world you love in his name.

Blow through us and refresh us as his faithful followers.

Unite us across our differences

as together, we pray the words he taught us:

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Commissioning and Benediction**

On this Pentecost Day,

Go in the strength of the Spirit to serve with renewed energy

wherever the Spirit moves you.

And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

that you may abound in hope

by the power of the Holy Spirit,

and the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Communion Prayers**

**Invitation**

Here is the table of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

And we are gathered at his invitation to join him for this meal,

a foretaste of things eternal.

Come all of you, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Let us pray

**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God our Creator,

Your Holy Spirit swept over the face of the waters like a mighty wind,

and the world was born, full of mystery and wonder.

You breathed on the dust and humankind sprang to life,

made in your image

to share in community with you and one another.

By your Spirit, You gave us breath and speech

to sing your praise with all living things.

So now, with all your creatures great and small,

with your saints before us, beside us and beyond us,

we lift our voices to echo the song of creation:

*Spoken or sung: Suggested sung responses #303 or #829*

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord,**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

God our Companion,

In Jesus Christ, we have seen your loving face

smiling at those on the edge of the crowd,

weeping with friends in the depths of despair,

inviting little children to draw nearer,

offering new possibilities for each precious soul.

In this bread and this cup,

you hold out new possibilities for each of us, precious as we are.

Send down your Holy Spirit with power and grace

upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine.

With the flame of your Spirit,

let us taste the passion of Jesus Christ, baked into this bread,

and be moved to act with compassion in his name.

With the wind of your Spirit,

let us taste the renewing love of Jesus Christ

that refreshes us from this cup,

and be moved to greet each day with fresh hope.

As we eat and drink together today,

make us one with Christ and one with each other,

so that our unity and our diversity at this table

may be signs of your promise

that all things will be reconciled to each other through your love.

And so we pray together the words Jesus taught us, saying:

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**The Story of the Table**

Whenever we gather at this table,

we hear the story of how God’s love set this table for us,

to heal our past and set us free for the future.

On the night on which his friends betrayed him,

Jesus came to the table with those very friends.

He took bread and blessed it.

He broke the bread and said:

“Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body, given for you.

Do this to remember me.”

When the supper was ended, he took a cup of wine

and passed it among his friends and said:

“This is the cup of the new covenant,

sealed in my blood for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this to remember me.”

So now we do as Jesus did, as we take this bread and this wine.

In these, Jesus has promised to be present.

Through these Christ can make us whole.

And as Jesus offered thanks for the gifts of the earth,

let us also bless God for what we are about to receive.

**Prayer after Communion**

Spirit of God,

Blow through this world and our lives like the wind

to surround us with your presence

and give us the energy to go where you need us to be.

Push us to move like the wind and make a difference to the lives we touch.

Spirit of God,

you pray with us and within us.

Lift our hopes and our hurts to Jesus’ ears.

We pray for people in need today…..

For all those who are poor and just can’t make ends meet...

For those who in sorrow because someone has died or let them down….

And for those who are worried, facing a future full of uncertainty….

Spirit of God,

Surround all your people with love and courage to face tomorrow,

and make us good friends in Christ,

offering our support to each other in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP**

**MISSION MOMENT: Sunday, May 19**

Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support international partners through leadership development grants. In 2023, the National Council for Higher Education recommended that the position of Assistant Librarian at Zomba Theological University in Malawi should require at least a bachelor’s degree. So, the Rev. Dr. Takuze Chitsulo, Vice Chancellor, requested support from the PCC for Assistant Librarian Jane Mwalabu Makupete to upgrade her Diploma in Library Information to a Bachelor of Arts degree in Records Management. Jane was ecstatic and very grateful when she heard of the PCC’s support.

**DAILY PRAYERS**

**Sunday, May 19 (Pentecost)** Today on Pentecost Sunday we are reminded that we are one worldwide family in Christ. We give thanks for people in every generation who have spent their lives sharing the good news of Jesus with others.

**Monday, May 20** We pray for female students studying for ministry at Zomba Theological University in Malawi.

**Tuesday, May 21** We pray for peace in the Land where Jesus was born, lived, died and rose again. Praise God for Israelis and Palestinians who speak out for peace despite great personal loss. May the Lord grant peace among the nations.

**Wednesday, May 22** Calling God, when you call students from around the world to serve your church, give your church the grace to receive this gift, be taught by the global church and to give you praise.

**Thursday, May 23** We rejoice in the growing farm ministry at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre and pray for an abundant harvest of vegetables, flowers, herbs, honey, eggs and maple syrup this year.

**Friday, May 24** We pray for Winnipeg Inner City Mission’s Flora House programming that encourages children to learn through play and to find joy in discovery.

**Saturday, May 25** We pray for Knox College and its Class of 2024 as they convocate today. We pray for a joyful celebration of academic success and an affirmation of a call to serve.