

sins that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation. Lord, hear our silent prayers.....Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance. Accept God's grace, repent of your sin, and be restored to abundant life.

PRAYER RESPONSE

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Hymn

PASSING OF THE PEACE (Can stand but please remain in your pew and wave to greet those around you)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (Please remain in your pews)

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2: 1-11

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"In a Different Voice"

Rev. Mary Jo Sims

SPECIAL MUSIC

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

***GLORIA**

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Hymn 583

THE RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

THE OFFERING (The offering will also include the Cents-ability hunger offering – please don't pass the plate or basket – the ushers will come to you)

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

Hymn 606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Leader: Almighty God, we have opened our hands to you, and our hands have been filled with good things. Receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your care for us, and help us to bless you with dedication of our lives; through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord,

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

LITANY FOR PENTACOST

People: For the church throughout the world, Almighty God, hear our prayer.

Leader: Inspire the sons and daughters of your church for prophetic witness to your truth, and upon old and young give clarity of vision to acknowledge your saving power in the world.

People: For nations of the world and its leaders, Almighty God, hear our prayer.

Leader: Overcome the babble of misunderstanding among the nations, and let all people hear in their own language and recognize in their own culture your unifying message of love.

People: For planet Earth, our home, Almighty God, hear our prayer.

Leader: By your Spirit, renew the earth, make us good stewards of its resources, and teach us to enjoy its abundance rightly.

People: For those in need of healing, Almighty God, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send you healing Spirit upon those who are sick in body or mind, restore them to health, and restore to them the joy of salvation.

People: For our neighbors and members of our civic community, Almighty God, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach us to be good neighbors, to live in peace with one another, and in friendship share the joys and burdens of daily life.

People: For our children, Almighty God, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bless our children, protect them from danger, and help parents and caregivers nurture them so that they may mature in wisdom and grow in grace.

People: For our enemies, Almighty God, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bless our enemies and show us how we may do good to them for the sake of Jesus Christ.

All: In your mercy, Almighty God, receive our prayers and, according to your wisdom, provide all that we need; through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN 318**

In Christ There is No East or West

***CHARGE**

Leader: Be witnesses of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead, who sits at the right hand of God in glory, and who send the Holy Spirit to empower us for service in his name.

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: May the grace of God the Father bless you with peace, may the love of Christ, God's son, sustain you in joy, and may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with courage, this day and forevermore. Bless the Lord! Alleluia!

***INSTRUMENTAL AMEN**

Please put your mask back on and remain seated until the layleader dismisses you by pew.

****congregation stands as able***

We extend Christ's blessing to all in our church's worship and programs. If you have any questions or would be interested in joining this church, please, don't hesitate to speak to the minister or one of the members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many things have changed due to COVID-19. Hopefully everyone here today has received the letter that explains our new guidelines. The letter and guidelines are also posted on all doors. These guidelines will change as needed and we will do our best to keep everyone informed of the changes. Our layleader will go over some of our guidelines during the announcements this morning.

Thanks to all who have sent in offerings to allow us to continue to keep our church going. Thanks to all who have given their time and talents to help the church. Even though we have not been here, bills still needed paid and other things need done for the church to continue to run smoothly and we genuinely appreciate everything you do.

Hopefully you have noticed changes inside and outside our sanctuary. Thanks goes out to Kevin North and his company, 3-Clovers Construction, for their wonderful and caring repairs and painting. There is still a little more to do before it is complete. We will be sharing before and after pictures once the job is complete. Also, thanks to the congregation for the approval of the monies needed to fund this much needed project.

Happy Birthday to Ian Helmick and Joshua Glass.

Offerings received: 3/15/20 - \$5,702. 3/22 and 3/29/20 - \$1,350. Month of April - \$1,710. 5/3 – 5/24/20 - \$2,830. To meet the budget for 2020, we need to receive on average \$1,204 for each of the remaining weeks of the year.

After our search for an interim minister was put on hold due to COVID-19, our Interim Search Committee will now continue to review matching candidates. Our Interim Search Committee consists of the following members: Judy Weber, Mary Lou Stottlemeyer, Ian Helmick, Adrienne North and Raynette Mock.

Please Consider the Berkeley Springs Presbyterian Church in your will or estate planning

Pentecost's Divine Disorder

Don't contain the daring Spirit of God, embrace it

Samuel Son – Presbyterians Today

After the 50 days of Easter, followed by the Ascension of our Lord, comes the celebration of Pentecost. It's a day on the liturgical calendar that is often played out in churches by a sea of red in the pews, as churchgoers are invited to wear something red, symbolizing the "divided tongues, as of fire" in Acts 2:3 that appeared over the heads of Jesus' followers who waited prayerfully for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is a day that marks the surprising and explosive start of the church. The day is not for us to just sing "Happy Birthday" to the church, marveling at how long the body of Christ has been around. Rather, Pentecost is a day to remember our identity as God's beloved and return to the core values of discipleship. And so, the issue we should be wrestling with is not how to "celebrate" Pentecost Sunday. Rather, the question should be: How can every Sunday be a Pentecost Sunday, filled with the surprising – and at times chaotic ---Spirit?

The first Pentecost worship started spontaneously on a side street in Jerusalem. It wasn't sanctioned by religious officials. It was a tailgate party that became bigger than the main event itself. Devout Jews had traveled to observe Pentecost – Shavuot in Hebrew – which was the festival of the gathering of sheaves. Galilean preachers – Jesus' followers – were now preaching the Good News boldly. They preached in different languages so that all could understand. Just a few weeks earlier, Jesus' followers had locked themselves in an upper room, afraid they might share the same fate as Jesus if they even spoke his name. Pentecost reminds us that with God's Spirit, worship isn't necessarily about following the traditional worship order, and meetings aren't all about following "Robert's Rules of Order." Pentecost means that churches should learn to see disorder as a new way of doing things. Pentecost also invites us to consider how many truths have been shushed for the sake of decency. Pentecost is not merely asking us how to make that one Sunday of worship a little bit out of order. It challenges us to always be open to the reordering of the Spirit in every part of our lives.

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Service for the Lord's Day Day of Pentecost

May 31, 2020

11:00 am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS PRELUDE

APPROACH TO THE WORD

OPENING WORDS (Responsive)

Leader: Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Let your heart overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth.

People: Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. Together we pray as you taught: "Our Father"...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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***HYMN 279**

Come Holy Spirit Heavenly Dove

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: God has promised that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Therefore, let us call upon the Lord, confessing our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of a new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet, we hoard earth's resources and refuse to share your gifts. We dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies. We disregard your compassion by severely judging the sins of others. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit renew our hearts and free us from