

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Welcome to Christ's Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

June 5, 2022
Day of Pentecost



WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP! You are special, because God brought you here today. Together we celebrate and rejoice in God's blessings in our lives!

GATHER JOYFULLY

THE PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR PRAYER AND PREPARATION

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34; Romans 8:22-27

(Congregants are encouraged to read and reflect upon these passages as they prepare for worship.)

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

*HYMN OF PRAISE 289 *On Pentecost They Gathered*

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Minster: How many are Your works, O Lord!

In wisdom You have made them all.

Congregants: The earth and the sea are full of Your creatures.

Minster: When You open Your hand,
they are satisfied with good things.

**Congregants: When You send Your Spirit they are re-created,
and You renew the face of the earth.**

Minister: So come, let us worship God.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION (unison)

Startle us with Your Truth, O God.

**We are so busy and preoccupied,
anxious and worried about this and that,
that we miss Your miracles all around us--
miracles of life and love and beauty and strength.**

**So startle us and open our hearts and minds
to Your Word, Your presence, Your love and grace.**

Be with us now in worship, and hear our praise.

Hear these our silent prayers.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE HYMN 277 *Hail Thee Festival Day* (Pentecost Verse)

**Congregational Refrain: Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever;
day when our Lord was raised, breaking the kingdom of death.**

Choir Verse 1: Bright and in likeness of fire, on those who await his appearing,
he whom the Lord had foretold suddenly, swiftly descends: (Refrain)

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GROW SPIRITUALLY

THE FIRST READING OF GOD'S WORD Romans 8:22-27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song Hymn 285 'Bridegroom'

THE SECOND READING OF GOD'S WORD Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ "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. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the

coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Almighty God, God of grace and glory,
open our eyes, our hearts, and our minds
to hear, to see, and to know Your Word
as we consider the words of Your Scripture.
Empower us with the wisdom
to hear, to see, and to know
what the Spirit is saying to the Church,
to Northminster, and to each of us.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

THE SERMON

SPEAKING GOOD NEWS

Russ Merritt

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 282 *Come Down, O Love Divine*

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* (Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to The Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Dedication

GO FAITHFULLY

HYMN OF DEDICATION 286 and 288

Breath on Me Breath of God/Spirit of the Living God

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.

(musical interlude)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

OUR SERVICE

*Indicates the People Standing

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The flowers in the sanctuary are given by the Presbyterian Women to the glory of God and in memory of members who have entered the Church Triumphant.

Thought for the Month:

God created humanity in God's own image...and said to them, "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and master it. Take care of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, and everything crawling on the ground." Then God said, "I now give to you all the plants on the earth that yield seeds and all the trees whose fruit produces its seeds within it. These will be your food. To all wildlife, to all the birds in the sky, and to everything crawling on the ground—to everything that breathes—I give all the green grasses for food." And that's what happened. God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good. Genesis 1:27-31 CEB

Earth care:

Ways to Use Less Plastic: 1. Carry reusable bags to the grocery store. 2. Use a reusable water bottle every time. 3. Stop using plastic straws. 4. Buy powdered detergent (boxed).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To Northminster, your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated. Your kind and caring words have meant so much to me through this difficult time. I am so thankful that we were not hurt or worse. Houses can be fixed. God is good, all the time. Kay James

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated during this morning's service.

DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST, Sunday morning worship will begin at 10:30. The Minister will be offering a Sunday School class--"Pilgrimage"--each Sunday morning at 9:30. We look forward to seeing you with us throughout the summer!

We are collecting devotional material to be delivered to jails and shelters. If you have any that you are done with, don't throw it away, donate it! You can place your devotional material in the box located in the narthex.

The old Scout room located in the Sunday school hallway has been designated as a space to house donated coats and winter clothes for refugees. You can put your donations there.

The Red Sox baseball team is hosting their Faith and Family night on Wednesday, June 22nd. The Discipleship committee thought this would be a great chance to get families together for a night of fellowship. We will get a block of reserved tickets. Please let Susie know if your family is interested in attending. The tickets will be paid for and all you have to do is pick them up and join us at the ball field.

It's that time of year when you start thinking of putting away your "cold weather" clothes and getting out your "warm weather" clothes. If you have coats that you may be replacing next year or any children's winter clothing, please consider donating it to Blue Ridge Literacy. You can leave them in the narthex.

JUST A REMINDER: there are boxes in the narthex to recycle your bulletins.

Calendar

Today	9:30 am 10:30 am	Pilgrimage Sunday School Worship Service / Communion
Next Sunday	9:30 am 10:30 am	Pilgrimage Sunday School Worship Service

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Melissa Hudson, Music Director
Lauren Axelson, Nursery Attendant

If you or someone you know should be included in the list of those needing special prayer, please contact the Pastor. If prayers have been answered and we can celebrate God's goodness by removing your name from the list, let the Pastor know.

Let us keep those listed below in our prayers.

Members

Ann Bailey	Bill Bailey	Frances Bowling
Barry Ferrell	Maggie Hambrick	Jake Hayes
Barbara Jones	Dennis Kincer	Reba Kling
Bob Lancaster	Homer Linton	Chuck Lockard
Susan Lockard	Floyd Moretz	Ann Pace
Mac Pace	Ken Riding	Buddy Smith
Sandy Smith	JoAnn Threlkeld	

Friends and Family

Joaquin Bielawski	Annette Daughy
Shirley Basham	Terry Foss
Donna Betters	John Morris
Mabel Bowman	

***THE SESSION ***

Clerk of Session: Holly Woodson

Elders: Pam Claterbaugh, Richard Claterbaugh, Trent Cundiff, Matt Graybill, Joe Gwitt, Tom Hale, Gary Harris, Vee Hayes, Jyke Jones, Daniel Kirby, Lynn Kirby, Sherry Moses, Debbie Newman, Dora Slee, Gayle Wise