

**Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – May 31, 2020**  
**Pentecost!**  
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**Greeting**

**Call to Worship** [*responsive*]

Today we ask God's Spirit to fill us,

**Giving us peace and the assurance of God's presence with us.**

Today we ask God's Spirit to enliven us,

**Raising us from doubt and despair to new life and renewed commitment.**

Today we ask God's Spirit to give us joy,

**Filling us with hope in the God who lives and loves.**

On this Pentecost Sunday, we give thanks for the Holy Spirit among us,

**and for the same Spirit who leads us out into the world.**

Come, Holy Spirit, come! Let us worship God!

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Confession**

God has promised mercy and grace to all who call upon his name. Let us pray, first together, and then in a moment of silence.

**Prayer of Confession** [*together*]

Almighty God, you blew your Spirit upon gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith.

We confess that we have forgotten the flames of fire. We have been slow to speak of your grace, we have been deaf to your Word of love, we have forgotten that we are part of a global, caring community of faith. Forgive us, we pray.

Send your Spirit once more. Though we are scattered in our homes, make us one household of faith again. Fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

**Assurance of Pardon**

**We Listen to God's Word**

**Scripture Reading**

Acts 2:1-21

<sup>2</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> '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.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Leader: This is the Witness to God's Word. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**  
Beth Lawrence

*Privileges, Responsibilities, and Cake!* Rev. Mary

## **We Respond to God's Grace**

### **Invitation to Generosity**

#### **Prayers of the People and 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.

## **We Depart for Service**

### **\*Announcements**

#### **Passing the Peace**

Greeting: "The peace of Christ be with you."

Response: "And also with you."

### **\*Commission & Benediction**