


Pentecost
June 8, 2025

GATHERING: *God invites us to enter His presence*

PRELUDE *Adagio, Opus 13* *Kuhlau*
Trio #3- West Chester Flute Trio - Robin Herman,
Cindy McManus, Pamela Johnson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *(Time for Silent Preparation)*

 **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsively)* *Susan Obenschain*


The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;
we dwell in him and he in us.
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him,
and speak of all his marvelous works.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!

—based on Psalm 105:1-2; Romans 5:5; Revelation 4:8

 **INVOCATION** *(Responsively)* *Susan Obenschain*

Come, Holy Spirit, renew the whole creation.
Send the wind and flame of your transforming life
to lift up the church in this day.
Give us wisdom and faith, that we may know
the great hope to which we are called.
Come, Holy Spirit.
Giver of life, sustain your creation.
Confront us with our greedy consuming of your gifts.
Stand before us as we pillage and destroy.
Call us forth into new harmonies of care
for all who live and breathe and have their being.
Come, Holy Spirit.
Spirit of truth, set us free to emerge as the children of God.
Open our ears, that we may hear the weeping of the world.
Open our mouths, that we may be a voice for the voiceless.
Open our eyes, that we may see your vision of peace and justice.
Make us alive with the courage and faith of your prophetic truth.
Come, Holy Spirit.
Spirit of unity, reconcile your people.
Give us the wisdom to hold to what we need to be your church.
Give us the grace to lay down those things that you can do without.
Give us a vision of your breadth and length and height
to challenge our smallness of heart and bring us humbly together.
Come, Holy Spirit.
Holy Spirit, transform us and sanctify us
as we take up this task in your name.

Give us the gifts we need to be your church in spirit and truth.
Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

 **OPENING HYMN 92** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

CONFESSING: *God invites us to be honest with Him*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Susan Obenschain

Do not marvel that Jesus says to us, "You must be born again."
What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.
The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it,
but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes;
so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit,
who convicts us of sin and leads us into all righteousness.
Let us confess our sin to God.

—based on John 3:6-8; 16:8, NRSV

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Susan Obenschain

Generous God, you send us the Spirit of courage,
but we have been afraid. You send us the Spirit of truth,
but we cling to our illusions. You send us the Spirit of healing,
but we cannot let go of our hurts. Holy Spirit of forgiveness,
come to us again: shake our hearts, set our souls on fire with your love:
send us out into the world rejoicing in your power. We hold out to you
all our particular burdens of guilt and sin, and we ask for your help
to live the way of your justice and love. **Amen.**

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Susan Obenschain

All the promises of God find their "Yes" in Christ.
That is why we utter the "Amen" through him, to the glory of God.
It is God who has put his seal upon us
and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.
In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are redeemed.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

—based on 2 Corinthians 1:20-22

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord
All: 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.
A-men, A-men*

 **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with You
All: And also with you

OFFERING: *Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him*

INVITATION Remember the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

—from Acts 20:35, NIV

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Allegro Con Moto, Opus 13
Trio #3*

Kuhlau

 **DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

 **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of wind, word, and fire, we bless your name this day for sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit. We give you thanks for all the gifts, great and small, that have been poured out upon your children.

Accept us with our gifts to be living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth, through Jesus Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. **Amen.**

PREPARATION HYMN 249 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

PROCLAIMING: *God speaks to us through His Work*

SCRIPTURE READING *John 14:15-17*

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. ¹⁷ He is the Spirit of truth. The world is unable to receive him because it doesn't see him or know him. But you do know him, because he remains with you and will be in you.

SERMON *"Another Comforter"
Rev. Paul Toms*

SONG OF RESPONSE *Revelation Song (See Screen)*

RESPONDING: *We respond to God's Word*

PROFESSION OF FAITH *(In Unison)*

In his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit,
Christ is not absent from us for a moment.
By the Spirit's power
we make the goal of our lives not earthly things
but the things above where Christ is,
sitting at God's right hand.
Through the Holy Spirit
Christ pours out his gifts from heaven upon us his members.
The Spirit, as well as the Father and the Son, is eternal God.

**The Spirit has been given to us personally
so that by true faith
the Spirit makes us share in Christ and all his blessings,
comforts us, and remains with us forever.**

—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 47, 49, 51, 53

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE*(Responsively)*

God of rushing wind, coming from where it wants
and going to where it wants,

pour out your Spirit upon us.

God of fire, flaring on gathered disciples
and burning away their stubborn pride,

pour out your Spirit upon us.

God of miraculous speaking and hearing,
amazing the faithful

and riveting their attention to what is about to happen,

pour out your Spirit upon us.

God of the young who see visions,

of the old who dream dreams,

of male prophets and female prophets,

pour out your Spirit upon us.

God of wonders above and signs below,

God of blood and fire and billowing smoke,

God of blackened sun and bloodied moon,

pour out your Spirit upon us.

You raised up Peter to prophesy on Pentecost,

Peter to preach straight truth to a crooked generation,

Peter to accuse people he loved of complicity in the death of Jesus;

pour out your Spirit upon us.

God of wind and fire and tongues,

God of visions and dreams and prophecies,

God of signs and wonders,

pour out your Spirit upon us.

You raised up Peter to preach Jesus to a skeptical audience,

and with the two-edged sword of Peter's word

you cut through the armor of a crooked generation,

you pricked their hearts and saved them.

Great God, send your Spirit to save us too.

You sent your Spirit to assail hard hearts.

You sent repentance and faith,

baptism and forgiveness,

teaching and fellowship, communion and prayer.

Great God, send your Spirit to save us too. Amen.

COMMISSIONING: *God sends us out into the world as His witnesses*



COMMISSION HYMN 375

Jesus Calls Us!

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

POSTLUDE



Please stand if you are able.