

Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church
“*Learning, Glorifying, Celebrating, and Following ...*”

Sunday Morning Worship
May 23, 2021 – Day of Pentecost

**Please stand if comfortably able to do so*

GATHERING ...

Prelude

The Ringing of the Bell
Words of Welcome

PREPARING ...

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Do not give easy or unthinking responses to this day’s call to worship, for today we ask God’s Spirit to fill us.

People: So that we may prophesy, dream dreams, and have visions.

Leader: The call to worship today is a summons to be touched by holy fire!

People: Even now the flames dance above our heads!

ALL: WE WOULD BE PROPHETS, VISIONARIES AND DREAMERS! LET US WORSHIP WITH COURAGE AND WITH HOPE!

***Opening Hymn**

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

*On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
A band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
And tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.*

*The people all around them were startled and amazed
To understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.*

*God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
On women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.*

*O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
Rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
So folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.*

Call to Confession and Prayer (*unison*)

Almighty and ever gracious God, we confess that we have failed to open our hearts to the power of your Spirit. We continue the divisions of Babel, speaking in tongues that confound rather than clarify, hurt rather than heal, and separate rather than unite. Though we are not deserving, we pray for the gift of fellowship that confirms your presence among us. Restore our fractured lives that we, with one voice, may ever give you thanks and praise. In Christ’s name, hear our silent prayers ... (*A Time of Silence for Personal Confession*)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: There is no greater joy in the heart of God than the moment that a son or daughter opens to the gift of forgiveness.

People: God’s Spirit reaches out to assure us of welcome in Christ.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ we are God’s by grace, forgiven and redeemed.

People: With great joy we are made alive. Alleluia!

ALL: AMEN.

Sacrament of Baptism (*moving outside to the Sanctuary Patio*)

Albert Henrik Hall-Faul, infant son of Keaton and Madri Hall-Faul

Josephine Joy Frentz, infant daughter of Will and Kacie Frentz

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;
One with His rising, freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God's praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children,
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.*

SENDING ...

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

This Week's Birthday:

Allen Morris

May 23

This Week's Anniversaries:

Brad & Betsy Warren

May 25

Mitch & Jenny Williams

May 27

Matt & Hope Gardiner

May 29