



Old Presbyterian Meeting House

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

DAY OF PENTECOST

May 28, 2023 | 10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Joe Utterback
(b. 1944)

WELCOME

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us worship God!

Rev. Katherine Stanford

INTROIT

Even Me (“Lord I hear of showers of blessing”) William Bradbury (1816-1868)
arr. by Michael Reid

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 104

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
May my meditation be pleasing to God, for I rejoice in the LORD.
Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

▲ HYMN 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Pentecost, your Spirit came to disciples all those years ago, equipping them for bold witness in the world. And you promise the Spirit will be with all the faithful. Yet we are often timid and hesitant witnesses to your love. We imagine that we are somehow not enough to be a critical part of the body of Christ. Forgive our timidity and fear, O God. Let us feel your Holy Spirit washing over us, that we may each play our indispensable part in the work of the church.

Please join in silent prayer.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 441

O Lord, Have Mercy

ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ

O Lord, Have Mercy; O Lord have mercy; O Love, have mercy, have mercy on us.

O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

▲ ACT OF PRAISE 591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

GOD'S WORD TO US

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

ANTHEM

Every time I feel the spirit

traditional Spiritual
arr. Steven Seigart (b. 1990)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

May God be with you there. May God be with us here. May God be with everyone, everywhere. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 451, V. 1

OPEN MY EYES

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

SERMON

You Are Indispensable

Rev. James Sledge

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

▲ HYMN 288

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, 1991

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

You Can Tell The World
Suzanne Karpov Seigart, soprano solo

traditional Spiritual
arr. Margaret Bonds (1913-1972)

▲ DOXOLOGY 607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ PASSING THE PEACE

You are invited to welcome those around you, saying "Peace be with you," responding, "And also with you." Continue in fellowship as you depart the sanctuary following the Benediction.

▲ HYMN 287

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA

▲ OUR LIFE TOGETHER

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 600 Amen

AMEN

▲ POSTLUDE

Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne, BuxWV 137

Dieterich Buxtehude
(c. 1637-1707)

▲ Please stand as you are able

Congregation reads the "**bold**" text

MUSIC NOTES

On Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit which inspires, creates, and enlightens. Today's music is diverse and traverses several centuries of creative inspiration: Firstly, the postlude is a very Trinitarian voluntary by one of Bach's major influences (so much so, he is said to have skipped work to trek 250 miles on foot to visit him), Dieterich Buxtehude; two spirituals in arrangements by yours truly and by African-American composer and pianist Margaret Bonds. And for the prelude, an arrangement of a powerful Pentecost hymn by organist and bodybuilder Joe Utterback, followed by a famous hymn by William Bradbury, rearranged in modern gospel style by Jamaican-born but Maryland-based composer and singer Michael Reid.

Today

Duty Elder is Chris Pommerer and Duty Deacon is Karen Waller.

Join us for Fellowship Hour in the Courtyard following worship hosted by the Deacons.

Today's flowers are arranged by Lea Shuba.

Today's image: Veni Sancti Spiritus, ca. 1965, Adam Kossowski, mosaic in the Roman Catholic Church of St Aloysius, London

Live worship today is available at 11:00 AM at opmh.org/livestream.

Assistive listening devices and large print hymnals are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher for assistance.

Recordings are available at vimeo.com/showcase/opmh

Upcoming

Sundays:

- Summer Worship at 10:00 AM begins this week.
- 9:45 AM-11:15 AM, Childcare for infants and toddlers in the Nursery (Room 14 – Education Building).
- Children's Sunday School and Sunday Adult Education classes will take a break for the summer. Contact Noelle Castin, ncastin@opmh.org, to learn more about education offerings for all ages.
- Contact Mary Pratt Perry, mpratt@opmh.org, for Middle School and High School Youth Group schedule.

Ordination and Installation of new Elders and Deacons, June 4 during worship

Youth End of Year celebration (for all youth families and volunteers), June 4, 5:30-7:30 PM. RSVP to Mary, mpratt@opmh.org.

Annual Church Picnic, June 11, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM, RSVP at opmh.org/picnic

Vacation Bible School, June 26-29, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Register by May 31, opmh.org/2023vbs.

Session Update

At its May 22 meeting, Session:

- heard the faith statements of and examined the recently elected ruling elders and deacons and found them ready to be ordained and installed on June 4;
- approved the following individuals to serve as members of the coordinating group to shepherd the chancel redesign process as it proceeds: George Bostick, Dan Bradfield, Anna Davis, Joe McCoy, Ryan Murphy, Meredith Check, Morgan Jones, Wendy Matney, Tom Tuttle.

WAYS TO GIVE

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