



# CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pentecost Sunday  
May 24, 2026

## GATHERING

### Prelude

"Spirit fo God, Descend Upon My Heart"

Craig Curry

Tune: Morecambe by Fredrick C. Atkinson  
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### Welcome and Announcements

### Passing of the Peace (L: Leader; P: People)

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you**

### \*\*Call to Worship

Liturgist Sue Ashman

One: Come, Spirit of joy!

**All: Fill us, and send us out with good news.**

One: Come, Spirit of peace!

**All: Fill us, and make us a blessing across barriers.**

One: Come, Spirit of gentleness!

**All: Fill us, and empower us to live your kingdom way.**

### \*\*Hymn -290

"O Day of Joy and Wonder "

Call to Confession, with Silence for Reflection and Prayer

Prayer of Confession (L:Leader **P: (bold) People**)

L: God On the Move, your holy wind pushes us out your holy fire lights the way,  
your holy breath gives us the words:

**P: We confess that we are a people reluctant to move.**

**We like our familiar house, our gathering of friends, our comfortable rituals.**

L: You are at work out there, reaching across barriers, speaking their language, making connections.

**P: We admit we want to grow your kingdom--but on our own terms.**

L: For standing firm against the wind of your Spirit: **In your mercy, forgive us.**

L: For keeping your word to ourselves: **In your mercy, forgive us.**

L: For remaining well within the boxes we have built

While lamenting that others won't join us in them: **In your mercy, forgive us.**

**All: God on the Move, rush in here again today and re-create us:**

**Re-form us as your Body, to live your life anew.**

**We ask in the name of Christ who breathes the Spirit upon us. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Rejoice in this Good News! In Christ---crucified and risen--- and by God's Spirit there is a new creation!

**All: Trusting that God's Spirit will live with us and be with us, we go forward into new life.**

**Thanks be to God!**

\*\*Response - # 443, v. 1

"There is a Redeemer"

There is a Redeemer: Jesus, God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.  
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son  
And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

GROWING IN GOD'S WORD

Word in Music

"The Flame"

S. Boersma & D. Lantz III  
Alfred Music, 2012

Time for All God's Children

Chad Board

*\*Please note that any children who come forward to the chancel will likely be seen on the worship livestream.*

*Children ages preschool—third grade are dismissed to Sunday Experience.*

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist Sue Ashman

Gospel Text for the Day

John 14:15-17, CEB

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Acts 2:1-21, Philippians 1:27-28, CEB

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God**

Sermon

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

Hymn of Response - # 291

**"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"**

**\*\*Affirmation of Faith Hymnal p. 38, s.4,5 "We Trust in God the Holy Spirit"**  
A Brief Statement of Faith, PC-USA, 10.4

Prayers of the People Concluding with the Lord's Prayer, Hymnal, p. 35

## EUCHARIST—OUR GRATITUDE AND TRUST IN GOD'S PROMISES

Invitation to the Offering

Liturgist Sue Ashman

Offertory

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

E.Rentz  
Heritage Choral, 2002

We invite you to use the time of the Offertory to reflect and to pray silently, offering thanks for God's goodness, and commitment of ourselves for declaring that the God who creates also re-creates. making all things new.

**\*\*Doxology- #608**

**"Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow"**

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

**\*\*Prayer of Dedication and Discipleship**

Liturgist Sue Ashman

## SENDING

Hymn— #539

**"We Will Go out with Joy"**

Blessing and Charge

Postlude

"Breathe On Me, Breath of God" with "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

Arranged by Lloyd Larson  
Tunes: "Trentham" by Robert Jackson and "Mercy" by Louis M Gottschalk  
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There are numerous ways to give to the work of CMPC. Offering plates will be passed through the pews during the offertory for checks or cash to be left today. Cards with a QR code that will direct you to our online giving page are located in the pew racks. Donations can always be mailed to the church at any time using the address on the back page of the bulletin. Thank you for your support!

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## **Congregational Meeting**

On Sunday, June 7, following our worship and shared celebration of communion, there will be a brief congregational meeting to approve the updated bylaws of Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church. A commission completed their revision earlier this year to more effectively reflect our current practices and to coincide with the denomination's Book of Order. Both the old bylaws and the revised bylaws approved by Session are available for your review here:



## **Fifth Sunday Offering**

Our Fifth Sunday offering, next Sunday, May 31st will be for Rise Against Hunger.

## **Graduation Sunday**

Please join us next Sunday, May 31st, to celebrate our graduates! This is a very large group who have accomplished wonderful things. Congratulations!

# Texts for the Week

Most important, live together in a manner worthy of Christ's gospel. Do this, whether I come and see you or I'm absent and hear about you. Do this so that you stand firm, united in one spirit and mind as you struggle together to remain faithful to the gospel. <sup>28</sup> That way, you won't be afraid of anything your enemies do. Your faithfulness and courage are a sign of their coming destruction and your salvation, which is from God.

Philippians 1:27-28

## Acts 2:1-21(CEB)

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

<sup>5</sup> There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. <sup>7</sup> They were surprised and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them?" <sup>8</sup> How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!" <sup>12</sup> They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> Others jeered at them, saying, "They're full of new wine!"

<sup>14</sup> Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, "Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! <sup>15</sup> These people aren't drunk, as you suspect; after all, it's only nine o'clock in the morning! <sup>16</sup> Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> *In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.  
Your young will see visions.  
Your elders will dream dreams.*

<sup>18</sup> *Even upon my servants, men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.*

<sup>19</sup> *I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.*

<sup>20</sup> *The sun will be changed into darkness,  
and the moon will be changed into blood,  
before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes.*


<sup>21</sup> *And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

## John 14:15-17

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can't receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you.


## O Day of Joy and Wonder! 290

Capo 3: (D) (G) (Em7) (A)  
F B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C




1 O day of joy and won - der! Christ's prom - ise  
2 The world, in sheer a - maze - ment, the truth must  
3 We too may know your pow - er; your cour - age

(A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (Em7)  
C7 F C F B<sup>b</sup> Gm7



now ful - filled: the com - ing of the Spir - it that  
now de - clare: that those who once were cow - ards are  
makes us strong. Your love, your joy, your pa - tience can

(A) (Em) (A) (D) (G) (A7)  
C Gm C F B<sup>b</sup> C7




ho - ly love has willed. Our Lord in hu - man  
brave be - yond com - pare; and tongues, which could not  
all to us be - long. Come now and dwell with -

(D) (Em7) (D) (Em7) (A) (D)  
F Gm7 F Gm7 C F



bod - y to mor - tal eye is lost, yet comes in  
ut - ter their faith in Je - sus' name, de - fy all  
in us, O Com - fort - er di - vine. Come to our

(G) (Em7) (A) (Em) (A) (D)  
B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C Gm C F



flame up - on us at bless - ed Pen - te - cost.  
per - se - cu - tion God's glo - ry to pro - claim!  
hearts, and keep them; there let your bright - ness shine.

In a pattern common to many hymns, the first two stanzas here declare how the coming of the Holy Spirit gave strength and courage to the early church, and the final stanza becomes a corporate prayer for a sense of the presence of the Spirit, addressed as "Comforter divine."

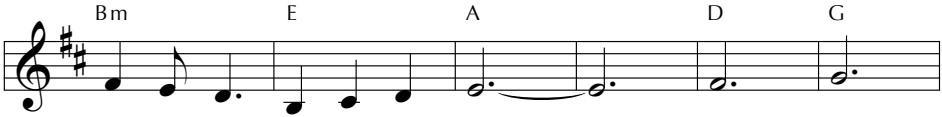
# 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

## Spirit

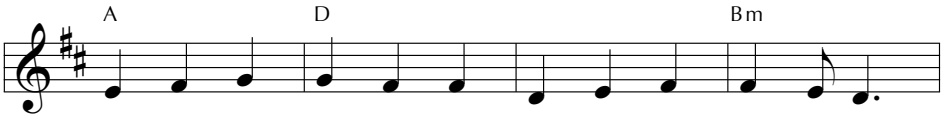
Refrain



Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the



wil - der - ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,



spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id - ness,



wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
- 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
- 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient



deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a  
 hill; then you whis - pered in si - lence when the  
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.



# We Will Go Out with Joy 539

*Leader* C F/C C G7 C

1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.  
 2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.  
 3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

*All* C F/C C C/G G7 C *Fine*

We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.  
 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.  
 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

*Refrain* F#sus2 C F G C

Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.

F#sus2 C E#sus2 Dm7 G#sus G *to Stanzas*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Drawing on the phrasing of Isaiah 55:12, this joyful sending hymn was created by a musical Canadian father and daughter, beginning with the tune that emerged from a four-hand piano improvisation. The completed hymn later served as the recessional music for her wedding.