

First Presbyterian Church and Comunidad de Esperanza
Las Cruces, New Mexico
Day of Pentecost
May 31, 2020 - virtual
Enter to worship – Leave to serve



PRELUDE

WELCOME, GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

“Fanfare for Pentecost”

John Purifoy

Larry Hill, Trumpet

Michael Martinez, Trumpet

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rachel Breck

(Luke 4:18-21)

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

HYMN OF PRAISE

#280 “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

EBENEZER

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. I bind unto myself the Name, the strong Name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three. By Whom all nature hath creation, Eternal Father, Spirit, Word: Praise to the Lord of my salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord.¹ **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**

CALL TO CONFESSION

“Holy Spirit, Come to Us”

TUI AMORIS IGNEM

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Our Heavenly Father and Creator of all things, you breathed the breath of life into each of your children. You know our every need and care for us faithfully. Yet, too often we fail to follow your call and your guidance. We confess that we have not loved as you would have us love. We have not always been peace makers in our families, our communities, and in our world. Loving God, forgive us that our love for you has not been more passionate; that our dreams and vision have fallen short of your expectations of us. Send your Spirit upon us so that we may witness to the Good News of your love and fill us with joyful hope so that we live more Christ-like lives. Hear our prayer, O God of everlasting love.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Hear and believe the Good News! If anyone is in Christ, there is a new beginning; what was old is past and gone; everything has become alive with new possibilities. Step forward into fullness of life with the certain knowledge that in Christ we are forgiven and freed. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God, amen.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

Michael Burkhardt

Congregation to join on verse 3

¹ St. Patrick's Breastplate, 385-461 A.D.

3. Holy spirit, ever working through the Church's ministry.
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving, setting captive sinners free.
Holy spirit, every binding age to age and soul to soul.
In communion never ending, you we worship and extol.

DECLARATION OF FAITH

The Westminster Confession was written in the 1640's, and this passage is about gracious love through Jesus Christ that enables us to answer God's call.

God in infinite and perfect love, having provided in the covenant of grace, through the mediation and sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ, a way of life and salvation, sufficient for and adapted to the whole lost race of man, doth freely offer this salvation to all men in the gospel. This effectual call is of God's free and special grace alone, not from anything at all foreseen in man, who is altogether passive therein, until, being quickened and renewed by the Holy Spirit, he is thereby enabled to answer this call, and to embrace the grace offered and conveyed in it.

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Lon Anderson

CALL TO PRAYER

#286 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

TREANTHAM

PASTORAL PRAYER *Oracion Pastoral*

PRAYER RESPONSE

"The Lord's My Shepherd"
Ryan Fellman, Cantor
Bells of Praise

Setting by John Behnke

The Congregation follows the cantor each time

Music here

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Lecturas de la escritura*

Acts 2:1-21

Philippians 4:4-8

Acts 2:1-21 (New Revised Standard Version)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and

began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷“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. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

Philippians 4:4-8 (New Revised Standard Version)

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Norm Story

CLOSING HYMN

#279 “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

ST. AGNES

GO IN GOD’S NAME
VAYAN EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

POSTLUDE *Postludio*

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck