

Growing together ...in Faith...Reason...Service...and Love

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Bower Hill Community Church (Presbyterian U.S.A)



**24 May 2026 -- Order of Worship
Day of Pentecost**

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Preparation for Worship:

*"We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life...
The Spirit gives us courage to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace."*

~A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church USA

Prelude

Spirit

Michael Bedford

Litany for Pentecost:

Leader: Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters. From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration the prophets spoke and acted in faith. You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples; you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God; you make us the living temple of your presence; you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you guide and make holy the church you create; you give gifts—the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety, the spirit of the fear of the Lord, that the whole creation may be transformed.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: True and only Light, from whom comes every good gift: Send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind. Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your wisdom. Loosen our tongues to show your praise, for only in your Spirit can we voice your words of peace and acclaim Jesus as Lord. Amen.

***Hymn 280**

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Call to Prayer

Jesus says: Let anyone who is thirsty come to me. Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living waters. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin:

Prayer of Confession

Mighty God, you poured your Spirit upon the disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as people made one with Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. [Silent prayers]

Words of Assurance

Through Christ, God has poured the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ: in him we are forgiven. Amen.

***The Gloria: Hymn 583**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest. Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

***The Peace**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

All children from preschool through eighth grade are invited to meet their teachers in the Narthex and go Summer Sunday School in room 110.

Prayer of Illumination

God of power and grace, fill us with the wisdom of your word and the understanding of your Spirit, so that we may be your church: a people with dreams and visions at work in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Pew Bible Page 119

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn 286**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Scripture Readings:

Acts 2:1-4, Spanish

Acts 2:1-4, Latvian

Acts 2:1-4, French

Mary Good

Andrejs Baumhammers

Deb Boisvert

Anthem

Spirit of the Living God

Sermon

“Crossing Borders”

Rev. Dr. Brian Snyder

***Affirmation of Faith**

“Credo for Christians”

**I worship and adore God, source, essence, and aim of all things,
Spirit that enlivens all beings.**

**I follow the way of Jesus, who found God in himself
and shared a way for others to find God in themselves.**

He was born through love,

He lived for love,

He suffered for love,

He died for love,

But love never dies.

**I submit myself to the leading of the love that is God,
that I may be compassionate toward all beings,
that I may live and serve in community with others,**

that I may ask for and offer forgiveness,
that I may praise and enjoy God forever. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer 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.

*Or "Mother" or "Parent"

Welcome and Next Steps

Offerings and Gifts of Self

Offertory

***The Doxology: Hymn 606, 607** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow** Old Hundredth
Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.
*For a gender-neutral version, use hymn 607.

*Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn 291** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* Paul Manz
Feel free to exit during the postlude, mindful of those who wish to stay and listen.

*If you have a prayer request, please write it on the white prayer request card located in your pew.
You may place it in the offering plate located in the narthex to be printed next week.
Prayer concerns will remain in the bulletin for three weeks unless otherwise requested.*

Prayers are requested for:

Matt Arner, Nancy Green, Sam Levine, Alex Lorber, Robert Olinger
The Family of Jett Owsley, Curt Philson, Antoinette Shanahan
Family of Angel Stazer, Resa Walsh, Lynne Wohleber