



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship ❖ May 23, 2021 ❖ 11:00 AM

Day of Pentecost

† *For those who are able, please stand*

— GATHERING —

Introit	“Veni Sancte Spiritus” <i>Based on the 17th century French carol, PICARDY</i>	Arr. by Matthias Young
Prelude	“Piano Concerto No. 2, Op. 102: II. Andante” Dmitri Shostakovich (1906-1975)	Ryan Sawyer
Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Barrett Abernethy
Minute for Mission		Stan Williams
Prayer of Invocation		Rev. Barrett Abernethy
Call to Worship		Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

For 100,000 Sundays...

The Church has celebrated the son of God, Jesus Christ!

For 25,000 Sundays...

The Church has reformed, and continues to reform, according to the Word of God.

For the last 52 Sundays...

The church lived into the resilience that the same church lived into in 1918 and 1817 and many other previous pandemics.

For this Sunday...

The church declares, “Come, Holy Spirit!” Let us worship God!

† **Hymn #464**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o’er us, Joining all in heaven’s plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

Lord God, thank you for this day of Pentecost

when we celebrate the coming of your promised Holy Spirit.

We give thanks that in generations past you poured out your Spirit on the earth, fashioning people in your image to enjoy the wonders of nature you had created. Week after week, Sunday after Sunday you kept rescuing us from ourselves despite our foolish ways and our lack of understanding of what it means to be your children.

Lord of mercy, we give you thanks that you have kept your promises throughout the ages, even in those seasons where we felt distant from you and hid our faces from your sight.

At Easter, through your Son, Jesus the Christ, you were glorified.

At Pentecost, through your Holy Spirit,
you set the early church on fire
and led the disciples into the world to preach your Word.
May all praise and worship be yours!...

Assurance of Pardon

† Response #126

“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

ST. AGNES

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, With all Thy quickening powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love In these cold hearts of ours.

† Passing of the Peace

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

(Please greet each other with the peace of Christ, in a manner comfortable for one another)

— **THE WORD** —

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Scripture

Acts 2:1-21

Homily

Pentecostal Pandemonium

— **RESPONSE** —

† Hymn #131

“Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow”

ABERYSTWYTH

Wind who makes all winds that blow—Gusts that bend the saplings low,
Gales that heave the sea in waves, Stirrings in the mind’s deep caves—
Aim Your breath with steady power On Your church this day, this hour.
Raise, renew the life we’ve lost, Spirit God of Pentecost.

Fire who fuels all fires that burn—Suns around which planets turn,
Beacons marking reefs and shoals, Shining truth to guide our souls—
Come to us as once You came: Burst in tongues of sacred flame!
Light and Power, Might and Strength, Fill Your church, its breadth and length.

Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame, Move within our mortal frame.
Make our hearts an altar pyre, Kindle them with Your own fire.
Breathe and blow upon that blaze Till our lives, our deeds and ways,
Speak that tongue which every land By Your grace shall understand.

† **Affirmation of Faith** (*The Nicene Creed*)

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Rev. Abernethy & Rev. Toney-Schmitt

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest,

Hosanna in the highest.

...We proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Prayer Over the Elements & *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.

Words of Institution & Communion of the People

Post Communion Prayer

— SENDING —

† **Song of Dismissal**

“Light the Fire”

Matthias Young

I stand to praise you But I fall to my knees
My spirit is willing But my flesh is so weak

Refrain

So light the fire in my soul Fan the flame make me whole
Oh Lord you know where I've been So light the fire in my heart again

I feel your arms around me As the power of your healing begins
You breathe new life right through me Like a mighty rushing wind (*to refrain*)

† **Benediction**

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Postlude

“Suite Gothique, Op. 25: I. Introduction-Choral”

Ryan Sawyer

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

*We thank you for worshipping with us today.
If you are so moved and would like to give a tithe or offering,
there are collection boxes in the narthex.*

Leading Today's Worship Service

Rev. Barrett Abernethy: Pastor & Head of Staff

Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt: Associate Pastor of Faith Formation

Matthias Young: Director of Music

Ryan Sawyer: Organist Apprentice

