

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**Sunday, May 31, 2020
DAY OF PENTECOST**

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC SET

*“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”
‘Spirit of the Living God’
“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”
“Spirit”
“In His Time”
“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”
“Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“The Quest of the Holy Spirit” (Paxton)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 104, Selected Verses

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

**Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.**

These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;
when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

**When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.**

When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

**May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works—
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

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 him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.**

***OPENING HYMN #32** *“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”* (Herzog)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of the living God, you have poured out over us your gifts: skills and talents and abilities unique to each one of us, which we are to employ for the common good of the body of Christ, that is, his church. We confess that we often do not do the work necessary to identify our gifts, or we neglect them, or we are too busy, or we hoard them for our own purposes rather than the benefit of the body.

Forgive us, we pray, Spirit of God. Blow over us and through us anew, today and each day, reminding us of these precious, bountiful gifts. As you inspired the prophets, so inspire us to be about the labor and witness of the Lord, the Risen One. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 2:1-21

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

1 Corinthians 12:4-13

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

John 20:19-23

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“When You Send Forth Your Spirit”

***HYMN #288**

“*Spirit of the Living God*” (Iverson)

Two times. First time: “me.” Second time: “us.”

***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!**

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING TO GOD OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

MUSICAL OFFERING

“*Dwell, Spirit, in Our Hearts*” (Shea)

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Mighty God, creator of the cosmos and everything in it, you continually send forth your Spirit to renew your creation. Your Spirit has moved in prophets in all times and in all places, driving them to speak your word. Your Spirit moves in us, compelling us to speak and act in order to renew and witness and love in the name of the living Christ.

We affirm our dedication to you and to your purposes for us, disciples of Christ, led and gifted by your Spirit, your ambassadors of peace and hope in the world. Amen.

***OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,
holy is your name;
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #291** *“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” (omit vs. 3) (Manley)*

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

*Please stand if you are able where asterisks are printed.

Words in **bold print** are spoken by the congregation.