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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 24, 2026

Pentecost

11:00 am

(* *You're invited to stand as you are able.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Give Me Jesus arr. Michael Ware

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

Susan Tarr

Prayer requests are listed in the bulletin. You're invited to share prayer requests aloud.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Shani McIlwain

One: O God, how manifold are your works!

All: In wisdom, you have made them all. The earth is full of your creatures.

One: We gather in awe of the Creator, breathing with all that you have made.

All: When you send forth your Spirit, life is renewed. Creation rejoices in your presence.

One: May our worship rise with joy and gratitude.

All: We will sing to the Lord as long as we live.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

All: Praise the Lord!

***OPENING HYMN #280**

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Shani McIlwain

Spirit of the living God, you pour yourself out on all people without distinction, yet we confess that we have resisted your movement among us. We have silenced voices you called to speak, held too tightly to fear and control, and failed to live as a community shaped by justice, mercy, and love. Forgive us for the ways we divide what you have made one. Renew us by your Spirit, so that our lives may bear witness to your liberating power...*silent prayer.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Shani McIlwain

***RESPONSE #582**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

Shani McIlwain

One: May the love and peace of Christ be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Paul Vogel

FIRST SCRIPTURE	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Paul Vogel
Leader: The word of the Lord.	People: Thanks be to God.	
TIME WITH CHILDREN		Kent Hamaker
SECOND SCRIPTURE	Acts 2:1-21	
SERMON	"A Fire Still Burns"	Shani Mcllwain
*HYMN #279	<i>Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove</i>	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (<i>Unison</i>) <i>adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.20</i>		
God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER		Shani Mcllwain
<u>EUCHARIST</u>		
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING		Shani Mcllwain
*DOXOLOGY #607	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		Shani Mcllwain
<u>SENDING</u>		
*CLOSING HYMN #286	<i>Breath on Me, Breath of God</i>	
*BENEDICTION		Shani Mcllwain
POSTLUDE	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i> arr. Ruth Elaine Schram	

Thank you for sharing in this time of worship with us. Thanks to Shani Mcllwain for being our guest preacher and worship leader. The Usher is Susan Tarr and the Liturgist is Paul Vogel. Coffee Hour is hosted by Bill Murphey. The worship service is recorded and available on YouTube and the church's website.

Large print hymn books, individual seat cushions, and children's activity packets are available from the usher at the entrance. Children of all ages are welcome to stay in the sanctuary for all parts of the worship service. There is also childcare available in the room off the front of the sanctuary.

Bathrooms are located outside of the sanctuary to the right, through the narthex, and up the small set of stairs in the foyer. A diaper changing station is in the "Teen Lounge," which is past the bathrooms, through the double doors, on the left past the library. An ADA-accessible bathroom is located in the fellowship hall. To access the fellowship hall, drive around to the parking lot and enter through the double doors.

PRAYER LIST

For those recovering from surgery.

For **Debbie, Pat's sister**, who's recovering from an automobile accident.

For **graduates** as they discern and prepare for what's next while celebrating their recent accomplishments.

For **unity in our country**.

For **all those in the midst of transitions**.

For **students** who are taking final exams and completing final projects.

Prayers for **peace in the Middle East**; for **cessation of hostilities between Israel, Iran, & USA**.

Lola

Othow and his ministry in South Sudan.

**If you have prayer requests you'd like added to this list, email covenantpastorpcusa@gmail.com. Prayers remain on this list for two weeks unless we hear otherwise.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Rev. Culp will be out of the office from Tuesday, May 19th - Monday, May 25th.** Call her with urgent pastoral care concerns.
- To receive church emails, email covenantpastorpcusa@gmail.com
- **Live Music in the Lot - Saturday, May 30th, 5pm-6pm, Covenant's Parking Lot - live music with Generation Jones**
- **Summer 10:00am Worship begins Sunday, May 31st.**
 - We'll worship at 10am from May 31st through Rally Day, Sunday, September 13th.
- **Young Disciples Sunday - June 7th, 10:00am**
 - Covenant's kiddos will lead us in worship & song

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

MMQB Men's Group, Mondays, 10am
Bible Study, Tuesdays, 10am, Zoom
Choir Rehearsal, Wednesdays, 11:30am, Fellowship Hall
Devotional Time, Thursdays, 12pm, Zoom
Godly Play, Sundays, 10am, Godly Play Room
Choir Rehearsal, Sundays 9:45am, Sanctuary
Worship, Sundays, 11am, Sanctuary, Zoom



280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
 grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
 words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
 In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

This 20th-century text was written by a Presbyterian layperson and poet, who in her later years became interested in writing hymns for the seasons of the church year and prepared a collection of them for her congregation. It pairs effectively with this sturdy Welsh tune.

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Cor - ner - stone,
 all the way;
 mys - ter - y!

still
 still
 We

the church is called to
 pres - ence move -
 sing our loud ho -

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb) and a 4/4 time signature. It features a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, Bb4) and another triplet of eighth notes (C5, Bb4, A4). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, featuring a whole note chord (G2, Bb2, Eb3) and another whole note chord (G2, Bb2, Eb3).

mis - sion that
 fore us, fire
 san - nas now

God's love shall
 by night and
 and through e -

be made known.
 cloud by day.
 ter - ni - ty.

Detailed description: This system contains the second two staves of music. The top staff continues the melody with a triplet of eighth notes (C5, Bb4, A4) and another triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, Bb4). The bottom staff continues the bass line with a whole note chord (G2, Bb2, Eb3) and another whole note chord (G2, Bb2, Eb3).

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
 un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

TEXT: Edwin Hatch, 1878
 MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

TRENTHAM
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Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove 279



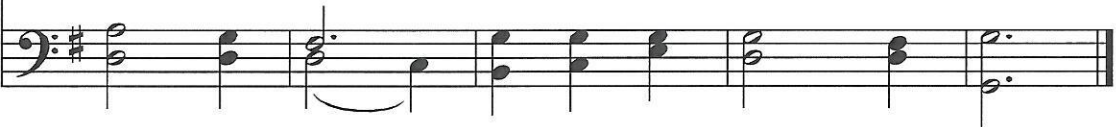
1 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven - ly Dove,
 2 In vain we tune our for - mal songs;
 3 Dear Lord, and shall we ev - er live
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven - ly Dove,



with all thy quick - ening powers; kin - dle a flame of
 in vain we strive to rise; ho - san - nas lan - guish
 at this poor dy - ing rate? Our love so faint, so
 with all thy quick - ening powers; come, shed a - broad a



sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.
 on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.
 cold to thee, and thine to us so great!
 Sav - ior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.



In contrast with many hymns to the Holy Spirit, this one is notable for being in the plural, a valuable reminder that the Holy Spirit has been bestowed on the whole Church, not just on a few individuals. The tune was composed for "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" (no. 629).