

ARCH STREET  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

Pentecost Sunday  
May 19, 2024 /10:45 a.m.

**"We are God's lighthouse:  
a compassionate and inclusive community  
that welcomes everyone to join us as  
we do justice, promote equity,  
show kindness, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with God."**

*ASPC's Revised Mission Statement*

## Order of Worship

**Prelude**

J. Donald Dumpson

**Work of the Community**

Carla Jones Brown

**\*Song of Praise**

Holy Spirit Come

Congregation

**Holy Spirit come (3x) and breathe on me (repeat).**

**Grace and mercy come (3x) and breathe on me (repeat).**

**Peace and healing come (3x) and breathe on me (repeat).**

**Call to Worship**

Tracey Smith

Leader: Come, sing a new song of worship.

**People: Come, sing a new song of praise!**

Leader: Today, we see a promise fulfilled!

**People: The promise of Pentecost is ours!**

Leader: Today is full of hope and inspiration.

**People: We sing because the Spirit gives us new life and new hope!**

**All: Come let us worship with hearts on fire  
and renewed spirits!**

**\*Hymn** (*see insert*)

On Pentecost They Gathered

Congregation

**Invitation to Tell The Truth**

Tracey Smith

**Prayer of Confession** (written by John Birch, and posted on Faith and Worship.)

**You call us to be your voices in this world  
and we stay silent.**

**You call us to be your hands in this world  
and we keep them hidden.**

**You call us to be your feet in this world  
and we go our own way.**

**When we meet those who are doubting  
and say nothing, forgive us.**

**When we meet those who need your touch  
and do nothing, forgive us.**

**When we are called to take up your cross**

**and carry nothing, forgive us.**

**Breathe life into these bones  
bring freedom to these lives  
that we might declare  
with heart and soul and voice  
that you are our Lord and our God.**

*A moment for silent reflection and confession*  
Leader: We entrust these prayers to you O God. Amen  
**All: Amen.**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Passing the Peace** Amen, Amen, Amen! Congregation  
Leader: Peace of Christ be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

**\*Sung Response of Thanksgiving** Thank You, Lord Congregation  
**Thank You Lord (3x), I just want to thank you Lord.  
Been So Good (3x), I just want to thank you Lord.  
Saved My Soul (3x) I just want to thank you Lord.**

### **Scripture Reading** Ezekiel 37:1-14 NRSV

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know."

Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."

I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

**Leader:** The Word of God for the People of God

**People:** **Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

An Upcycled Church

Carla Jones Brown

**\*Response to the Word**

Spirit of the Living God

Congregation

**Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me; mold me;  
fill me; use me.**

**Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.**

**Prayers of the People 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.**

**\*Offering of Self**

Carla Jones Brown

**\*Offering Music**

**Benediction**

Carla Jones Brown

***\*Please stand as you are able.***

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1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,  
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed  
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,  
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.  
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.  
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.  
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,  
 What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?  
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.  
 O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.  
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.  
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.  
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

This narrative and interpretive text was written to fill what the author perceived as an unfortunate gap in available hymns concerning the Holy Spirit in general and Pentecost in particular. The setting of a 17th-century German tune is from Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*.

### Letter Find Puzzle

Using the code at the bottom, fill in all the blanks to reveal a message from today's Gospel story.

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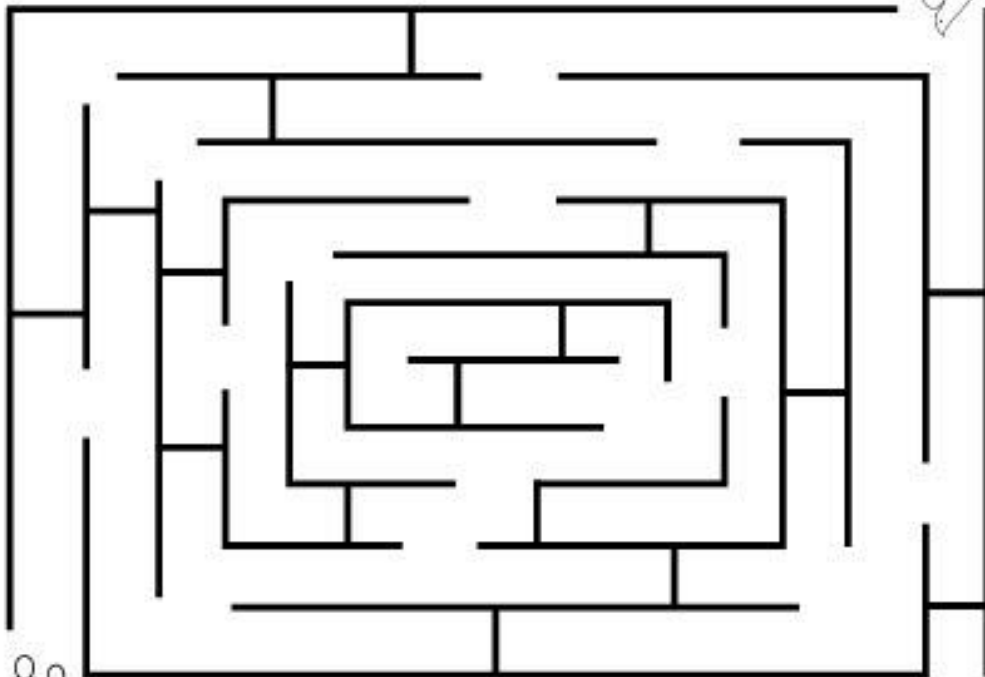
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### Maze Puzzle

Jesus went to live with the Father in heaven, but someone else came to take his place. The Holy Spirit lives with us and comforts us and looks after us. Draw a path from the Holy Spirit (the dove) to the picture of the people just like us who need his presence with them.





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**A free-will offering will be received.**



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