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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

Day of Pentecost

Order of Worship

11:00 a.m.

May 23, 2021

Prelude "Prelude In Classic Style" ~ Gordon Young

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Responsive*) (Source - Amy Loving)

The Spirit of God has brought us here.

**The Lord has set us down here,
though our bones are tired.**

Can these dry bones live?

Yes! The Breath of God will revive us!

The Word of God will awaken us!

Today, we come together to experience new life.

Let us give thanks to the Wild, Life-Giving Spirit of God!

Prayer of Invocation

*The Peace of Christ

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

People: **And also with you.**

*Opening Hymn "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" *See Insert*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) (Source - *Book of Common Worship*)

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered 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 a people made one in 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.

Silence is observed

Assurance of God's Pardon (*Responsive*) (Source - *John 20:22-23*)

Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Anthem "And Can It Be?" ~ Charles Wesley (1738) & Thomas Campbell (1825)

~ Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Ezekiel 37:1-14 (Common English Bible)

37 The Lord's power overcame me, and while I was in the Lord's spirit, he led me out and set me down in the middle of a certain valley. It was full of bones. **2** He led me through them all around, and I saw that there were a great many of them on the valley floor, and they were very dry. **3** He asked me, "Human one, can these bones live again?" I said, "Lord God, only you know." **4** He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, Dry bones, hear the Lord's word! **5** The Lord God proclaims to these bones: I am about to put breath in you, and you will live again. **6** I will put sinews on you, place flesh on you, and cover you with skin. When I put breath in you, and you come to life, you will know that I am the Lord." **7** I prophesied just as I was commanded. There was a great noise as I was prophesying, then a great quaking, and the bones came together, bone by bone. **8** When I looked, suddenly there were sinews on them. The flesh appeared, and then they were covered over with skin. But there was still no breath in them. **9** He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, human one! Say to the breath, The Lord God proclaims: Come from the four winds, breath! Breathe into these dead bodies and let them live." **10** I prophesied just as he commanded me. When the breath entered them, they came to life and stood on their feet, an extraordinarily large company. **11** He said to me, "Human one, these bones are the entire house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope has perished. We are completely finished.'" **12** So now, prophecy and say to them, The Lord God proclaims: I'm opening your graves! I will raise you up from your graves, my people, and I will bring you to Israel's fertile land. **13** You will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, my people. **14** I will put my breath in you, and you will live. I will plant you on your fertile land, and you will know that I am the Lord. I've spoken, and I will do it. This is what the Lord says."

Sermon

"Dry Bones"

~ Rev. Thomas Wesley Moore, IV

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

Prayer after Communion

*Closing Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

See Insert

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

“Passacaglia”

~ *Andre Raison*

Please rise in body or spirit / **Bold: Congregation Speaks*

Wednesday, May 26th 6 pm Light Meal and Bible Study

Monday, May 31st Memorial Day – Church Offices & Childcare Closed

Sunday, June 6th 5 pm Session Meeting

For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Daily Readings for May 23 – 29 use the following web link:

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/devotions/month-month-lectionary-reading-list/>

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Prayer List Additions as of 5/23/2021

The Family of Shirley Bell, Ed Edmondson, The Zimmermann Family, Pollocksville Presbyterian Church Childcare

Pray for those that have lost loved ones and are grieving.

Pray for those affected by the Natural Disasters & Human Tragedies throughout our country and around the world. Please pray for our world and the violence that is in it.

Our complete prayer list is available in the PollyPress. These names will remain on this list for 3 weeks.

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).

O Lord My God

How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me

all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then *I shall bow in

hear the *roll-ing thun-der, thy power through-out the
 loft-y moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook and
 bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, he bled and died to
 hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion, and there pro-claim, "My

Refrain

u-ni-verse dis-played:
 feel the gen-tle breeze: Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to
 take a-way my sin:
 God, how great thou art!"

thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my

Sav-ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

*Author's original words are "works," "mighty," and "shall I bow."

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This tuneful retelling of the salvation story began in Swedish and was translated into German and then into Russian before reaching its English form. Despite such linguistic and musical revisions, it continues to be a meaningful source of comfort to many people.

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HOW GREAT THOU ART

11,10,11,10 with refrain