

**PRAYER SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, MAY 31
DAY OF PENTECOST
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

+ HYMN +

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

- 1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.
- 2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.
- 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
- 4 Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame:
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

+ ANNOUNCEMENTS +

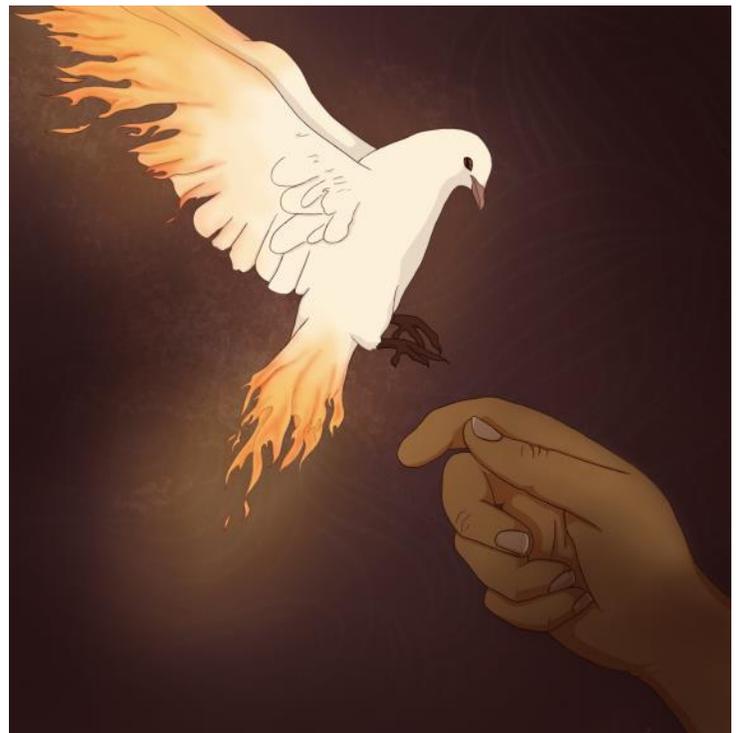
+THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM +

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we
are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We
give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning you created us in your
image and planted us in a well-watered
garden.



In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life. We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

+ GREETING +

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY +

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+ FIRST READING: ACTS 2:1-21 +

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and

Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.

¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+ PSALM 104:24-34, 35B+

²⁴How manifold are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.** ²⁶There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷**All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.** ²⁸You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away**

their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth. ³¹**May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works.** ³²You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.**

³⁴May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in the Lord.

^{35b}**Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

+ SECOND READING: CORINTHIANS 12:3B-13 +

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+ GOSPEL: JOHN 7:37-39 +

The holy gospel of John in the seventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁷On the last day of the festival [of Booths], the great day, while Jesus was standing [in the temple], he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

+ HOMILY+

+ AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM 2020 +

P Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Confirmation teachers present the confirmands: I present (name), who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism:

Hope, Kairi, Victoria, Jaime, Kaitlyn

P Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C **Amen**

Pastor addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. All may join in the responses.

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

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P Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Pastor addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism;

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Pastor addresses the congregation

P People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Pastor, teacher, and family may lay both hands on the hear of the confirmand and say:

P Stir up in (+ name) the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ Kaitlyn +Victoria +Kairi + Hope +Jaime

P Let us rejoice with these sisters and brother in Christ.

C **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

Together we will give thanks and praise to God

And proclaim the good news to all the world.

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION +

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We call on your spirit of unity, giving thanks for our different vocations. Activate and utilize the diverse gifts present in your church, that they reveal your love for all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of life, present in air, wind, humidity, storms, and oxygen in our atmosphere, breathing energy into all things. Heal with your breath the whole creation, especially those who struggle to breathe due to air pollution. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of righteousness. Wherever we as a people are divided, unite us. Wherever we are prideful, humble us. Give each one of us a heart for justice and empa-

thy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of healing. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who long for comfort (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We call on your spirit of friendship. As Elizabeth welcomed Mary to her home, give us a spirit of welcome to those whom we meet in this congregation and outside these doors. Surprise us daily with unexpected grace, that we rejoice in every blessing you send. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We call on your spirit of hope. As you have led your saints in all times and places, stir in us the desire to follow their example, leading us from death to new life in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

+THE LORD'S PRAYER +

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be 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**

+ BLESSING +

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and
turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty
God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you
now and forever.

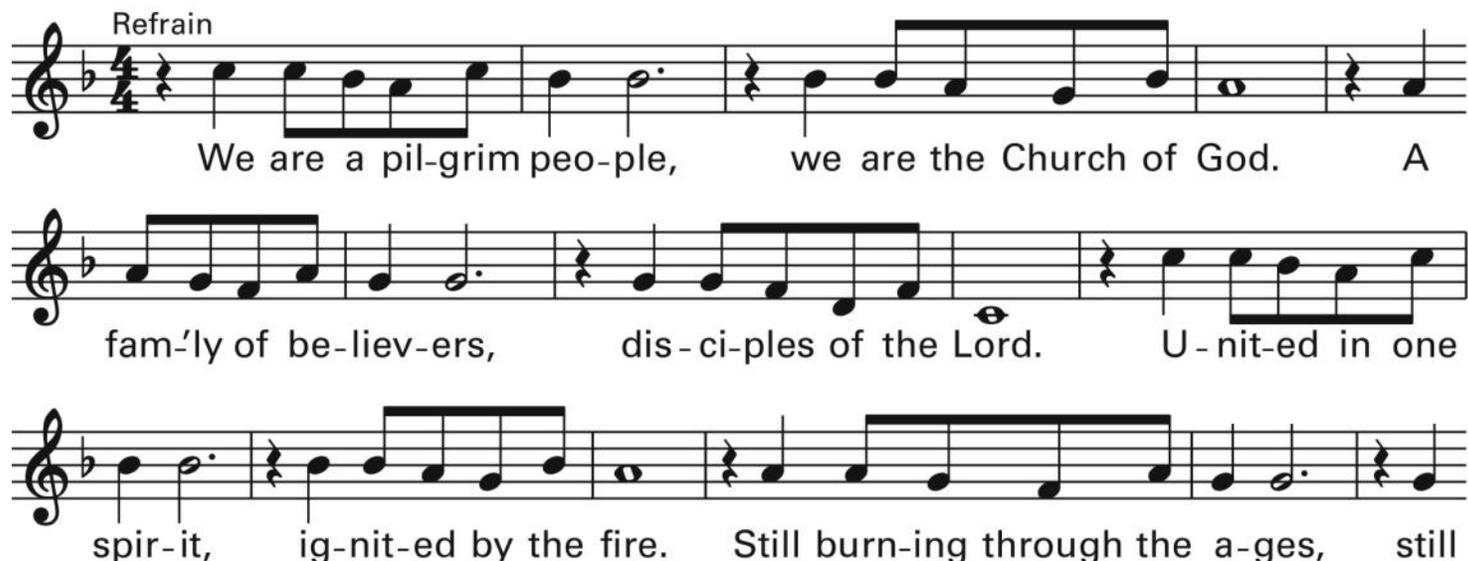
Amen.

+ SENDING +

Christ is risen, just as he said.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Refrain

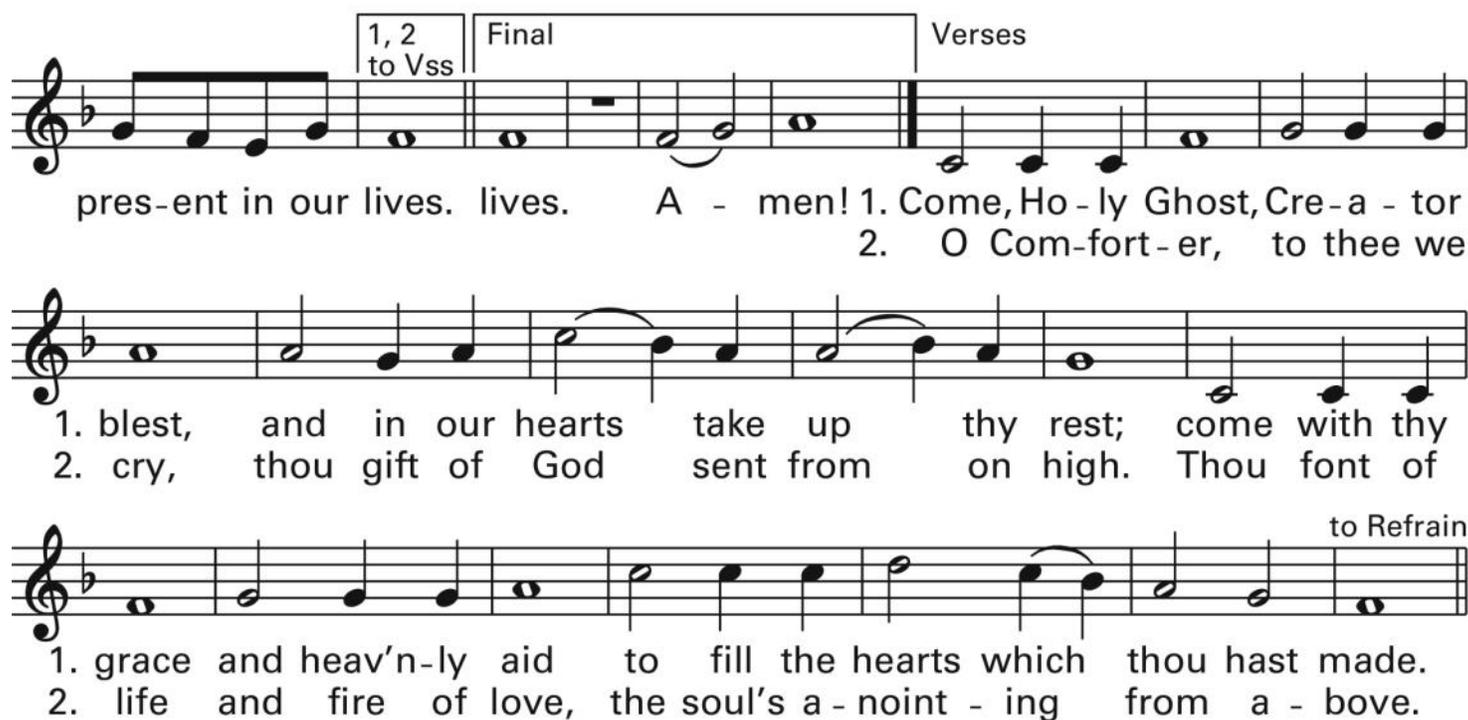


We are a pil-grim peo-ple, we are the Church of God. A
 fam-'ly of be-liev-ers, dis-ci-ples of the Lord. U-nit-ed in one
 spir-it, ig-nit-ed by the fire. Still burn-ing through the a-ges, still

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Final

Verses



pres-ent in our lives. lives. A - men! 1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor
 2. O Com-fort - er, to thee we
 1. blest, and in our hearts take up thy rest; come with thy
 2. cry, thou gift of God sent from on high. Thou font of
 to Refrain
 1. grace and heav'n-ly aid to fill the hearts which thou hast made.
 2. life and fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.

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+ HYMN +

One Spirit, One Church

Virtual Choir

Soprano

Nancy Wilson Cameron
Kaitlyn Dunfee
Abby Ehemann
Victoria Fuller
Carol Johnson
Lynne Luettgen
Rachel Stewart
Mandy Munson
Jane Teasley
Ampom Vasquez

Alto

Nancy Goyda
Barbara King
Tara Magoon
Mary Alice Thompson

Tenor

Debbie Fuller
Jordan Irazabal
Jay Snyder

Bass

Mike Mekailek
Mark Teasley

Clarinet

Hope Munson

Congratulations to our Confimands

This week you can see the Confirmation of our 5 young adults: Kaitlyn Dunfee, Victoria Fuller, Kairi Kettner, Hope Munson, and Jaime VanDuser. They also share statements of faith during this pandemic as part of the video sermon.

Remember our graduates!

We have 5 High School graduates and several college graduates that we celebrate and remember as we come into the second half of May and into June. We celebrate Michael Zunino and Jack Taylor both graduating from Cab Calloway School of the Arts, Jack and Sophia Taylor graduating from Sanford School, and Makayla Bloyer (granddaughter of John and Judy Olsen) graduating from Elkton High School. We also celebrate Ben Fickes graduating from Northeastern and Katie Zunino graduating from Maryland Institute College of Art.

Prayers of the Faithful

For the confirmands and their families.

For family and friends of Mollie Hench as they mourn her death on May 25—grandmother of Mandy Munson

For the safe arrival of Hannah Kathleen Lee, daughter of Katie and Chris Lee and granddaughter of Tim and Stacy Dambaugh on May 25.

For the safe arrival of Aubrey and Levi, daughter and son of Emily & Rob; and grandchildren of Bill and Sandy Betley.

For Lis Verbeck and family as they mourn the death of Arthur Verbeck on Monday

For Lena—daughter of Vera Wagenfuhr

For all those in our hearts and minds today.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Norman and Kobie

Ilse Grammel

Connie

Bill and Barbara Lind-Grabher

For Lora, Ciri, Daisy, Bianca, Freddie, Neila, Gino.

Scott Wycoff

The Fenner family

John Worrell—brother in law of Bill Baur

Mike Goyda

Lis Verbeck

Lois Snyder

Dave & Angie Wasgatt

Tyler

Eloise—friend of Joanne Deaton

Rich—Lynne Luetzgen's step-father

Dean and family -friends of Vera Wagenfuhr

Nancy & Mike Schuster -friends of Pam Berentson

Allen & parents; Cherie and Ken—Lynda Martinez' nephew

Kathleen Dandoy—grandmother of Audrey Day

Bill Howerin—friend of Pastor Tara

Marcia Burton—friend of Diane Teig

Gina Clay

Continued Prayer for:

Evelyn Pettit, Pastor David C. Mark, Dick Johnson, John Deaton, Alice McVaugh, Joan Sandstorm, Delores Sipe, Doug Price, John Maurer, Bob Waller, Bill & Barbie Monaghan, Kent Haddel, Gretchen Platz, Ellen Hall, Nanci Hunsinger, LouEllen Machin, Betty Magoon, Claire Schoening, Art Verbeck, Chris and Sherri Ann, Moira & Ed

For our bishops; Elizabeth Eaton, Bill Gohl

For the Dean of the Delmarva Conference; Barbara Melosh

For our staff; Pastor Tara, Susan Allen, Jordan Irazabal, Louis Jones

For leaders & congregations of the Delmarva Conference;

For our country, the United States and leaders and citizens.

For all of our global neighbors, stricken by the Covid19 virus.

For God's help and the Holy Spirit's guidance as we are apart and make plans for getting back to the world we now live in!