SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP Day of Pentecost

May 23, 2021 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Time for quiet prayer and meditation . . . "Be still and know that I am God."

We Come Before God in Worship

"Jesus Loves Me"

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship

Prelude

Leader: Holy Spirit, Creator,

at the beginning you hovered over the waters;

vou breathe life into all creatures.

Holy Spirit, Comforter, People:

by you'we are born again as children of

you make us living temples of your

you pray within us with prayers too

deep for words.

Leader: Holy Spirit, breath of life, you sanctify and breathe life

into the whole body of the church; you dwell in each one of its members; and you will one day give new life to our

mortal bodies.

People: Come into us, Holy Spirit.

* Hymn "Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

Breathe on me, Breath of God; Fill me with life anew, That I may love what thou dost love, And do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Until my heart is pure, Until with thee I will one will, To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly thine, Until this earthly part of me Glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I never die, But live with thee the perfect life Of thine eternity.

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, You send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid. You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions. You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts.

Holy Spirit, come to us again! Set our souls on fire with your love! Send us out into the world rejoicing in your power!

We hold out to you all our particular burdens of guilt and sin, and we ask for your help to live the way of your justice and love. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

arr. Bock

God Gives to Us Through His Word

Scripture Lesson Acts 2:1-13

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." 12 And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

Anthem "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Scripture Lesson Philippians 1:1-11

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my beart, for you are all partners with me of because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

(continued)

arr. Chilcott

⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Sermon

A Letter from Paul - Philippians I. He Who Began a Good Work in You

Dr. Seel

We Respond to God's Word

* 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.

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.

Charge and Benediction

L: Now may the God of hope fill us

with all joy and peace in believing,
P: So that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may overflow with love and hope. L: Let us remember that the harvest of the Spirit is

love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

P: The Spirit is our source of life. Let us therefore walk by the Spirit. (Romans 15:13, Galatians 5:22-23, 25)

* Benediction Response "Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole"

> In your love, make us whole. May we rest in your compassion. Calm the lost, weary soul in the warmth of your love. May your peace fill our hearts. May we know the love of Jesus. By your grace, you console. Make us holy, make us whole.

* Postlude

"A Trumpet Tune"

arr. Clarke

* Congregation Stands

The Tuesday Morning Prayer Group meets each week at 10:00 a.m. to pray for the EPC family and any other special needs.

Please write your

request, tear off this

form, fold, and place in

the offering plate.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Name and date: (optional)

(These are kept confidential!)

WELCOME TO VISITORS

If you are visiting today, we would like you to know that it is a privilege to have you with us. It is our hope that you will find a warm welcome and an atmosphere to worship God.

So that we may have a record of your visit, please complete the information below and place in the offering plate.

Name	
Address	

Phone

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Cameron's 17th birthday. Thank you for helping raise him and for loving him as your own. Given by: Chad, Ginna, and Rett Lister.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Reserve a Sunday to honor a loved one by displaying a floral arrangement in the Sanctuary. Sign up on the flower calendar outside the church office.

OPEN DATES:

June 13 July 18, 25 August 1, 8, 22 September 19 October 17, 31 November 14 December 26

NEW INFORMATION???

Do you have a new phone number? New email address? Any changes in your family's information?

To help keep the church's records current, please fill out the form below and return it in the offering plate, call us at 859-4220, or E-mail the office: jonene@easleypresbyterian.org.

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New Information:

Thank You!

Be the Church!

Be the Church in Study - Sundays

Children & Families: Zoom Sunday School at 10 am

Nursery and Children's Church opens June 6!

We are excited to welcome back our youngest ones to the nursey and children's church area! Parents of children ages birth- 5 years are asked to drop them off at the outside glass doors of the nursery area. You will see signs and nursery volunteers there to greet you. Safety protocols will be sent to parents by email. If you have any questions, please contact Ginna Lister.

Prayer on the Patio:

May is "Prayer on the Patio" for children with Ms. Ginna. Call, text, or email her to reserve your time.

Outdoor Vacation Bible School:

We are so excited to bring Vacation Bible School back this summer! Registration is now open on our church website.

- Three full nights, July 11-13 with a closing celebration. Please reserve July 14th and 15th as we will use them for either rain days or a closing celebration!
- Outdoor VBŚ in our big backyard for completed K4 (with
- parent or guardian), K5-5th grade children.

 We are going to Adventure Island to discover how to shine God's light in the world! Who's ready to discover all God has in store on Adventure Island?
- Rotating stations of Bible storytelling, recreation, crafts, and
- Please contact Brooke Steese, Kellie King, or Ginna Lister for more information or to volunteer.

Mark your calendars!

Rally Day is Sunday, August 15! Be on the lookout for more details about what great things will happen on this day!

More church information can be found on our website and in our Connect emails. Please contact the church office if you are not receiving these very important emails.

MEMBER NEWS

The following have completed the First Grade Worship Education class with Ms. Ginna and have been awarded a certificate of completion and a special cross necklace:

> Camden Baker Sadie Bennett Alyvia Christie Luke Davidson Emma Kate Griese Lilah King

Please welcome them as they begin to worship with us.

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Joel Ledbetter	Karen Cooper	Meg Jewell			
Kathy Lyles	Eddie Crittendon	Phil Lyles			
Richard Mintz	Mario DiPietro	Monty Oxendine			
Robert Sams	Kelvin Kearse	Chris Robinson			
David Weaver	Dennis Latham	Billy Waddell			

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