

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## LEASIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 23, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.

Pentecost

### GATHERING

PRELUDE

*I Need Thee Every Hour - S. Pethel*

WELCOME

A TIME OF CENTERING & STILLNESS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

We are one in the Spirit No. 471

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN

Help us to help each other, Lord No. 489

PEACE OF CHRIST

### WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Pilgrim's Chorus - R. Wagner*

Romans 8:22-28

Acts 2:1-21 (read in various languages)

HYMN

Breathe on me, breath of God No.389

John 15:26-27; 16:14b-15

SERMON

Inspired preaching

### RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS *What a Friend - C. C. Converse, Arr. by J. Schrader*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### SENDING

HYMN

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness No. 399

SENDING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Marching to Zion - E. Broughton*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: No great flowing fabrics of red hanging from sanctuary ceilings, yet this is still the day we celebrate grace's breath shattering the shutters of our hearts.

**All: On this day, clad in our pajamas, sitting at home, may we continue to let the Spirit of new life breathe upon us!**

One: From near empty sanctuaries, through video worship, we gather with our sisters and brothers, proclaiming that we are God's Pentecost.

**All: On this day, we would touch (virtually) all who remain sheltered in place, safe in God's grace.**

One: There will be no birthday cakes, no balloons released, no butterflies emerging from cocoons, yet in the days to come, we will continue to speak of God's love and the Spirit's peace for all.

**All: So that even apart, people know they are not alone, so that when that day comes, and we know it will, people will find a community awaiting them, even for hiding in fear behind closed doors.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: O Pentecost's Spirit – if only we could tell of your wonders in our lives, yet social media and other ways we communicate are filled with anger, bitterness, and political arguments. If only we could share how you have transformed our lives, but we are stuck in our living spaces, hiding from what is seeking to do us harm. If only we could pour you out on all those who are lonely, and afraid, and worried about tomorrow, but we are fearful of stepping outside our doors.**

**Even in the closed rooms of our hearts, even with our shuttered souls, you continue to move, to live, to breathe upon us with your mercy and your grace, God of this day. Now, in this moment, breathe your peace, upon us and a fearful world, so that we might be the balm for all the anger around us. Now, on this day, breathe your hope upon us, and a desperate world, so that we might drop it off on the porches of all huddling in their homes. Now, in the moments and days to come, continue to breathe your love upon us, and an uncaring world, so that we might transform grudges into generosity, foolishness into common sense, and rejection into being as welcoming as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Listen! It is not an old story, but ours. It may not happen with a mighty wind, but with a soft whisper. But this is our Pentecost.

**All: This is our reminder that God forgives us and fills us with all things new. Thanks be to God!**

One: God gives us new hope in endless days of despair, new joy in never-ending moments of grief, and new life when we seem to have lost even the simple ability to breathe – this day and in all the days to come. Amen. Amen.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

One: We're now going to share the peace. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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, the power, and the glory; for ever and ever. AMEN**

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Blow the dust off our fears, Generous Spirit, so we might be more giving people.

**All: Blow the dust off our material gifts we think are so paltry, so we might realize how they can bring hope and life to others.**

One: Blow the dust off our mistaken views of others, so we might see them as our sisters and brothers, ready to grace us, even as we may bless them with these offerings. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SENDING

One: The shutters of our hearts have been flung open by the fresh breath of God!

**All: We will go to offer God's love to everyone around us even if only from our living room or porch.**

One: Our souls have been set on fire by the justice of the Brother of the poor.

**All: We will go to share visions of hope, to listen to the dreams of the oppressed, even if only through social media, a text, or a phone conversation.**

One: Our loneliness and fears will be set aside by the Spirit of inclusion creating community. We will speak words of peace to all we meet even while maintaining a safe distance. We will open ourselves to the gifts of others even as we cocoon in place because we love them.