

### The Church Responds

#### \*The Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed *(In Unison)*

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.

#### The Prayers of the People and 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.

#### A Minute for Stewardship

### The Church Goes Forth to Serve

#### The Closing Hymn #2123 "Spirit, Now Live in Me" *(Sing the Faith)*

O holy Dove of God descending,  
you are the love that knows no ending,  
all of our shattered dreams you're mending:  
Spirit, now live in me.

O holy Wind of God now blowing,  
you are the seed that God is sowing,  
you are the life that starts us growing:  
Spirit, now live in me.

O holy Rain of God now falling,  
you make the Word of God enthralling,  
you are that inner voice now calling:  
Spirit, now live in me.

O holy Flame of God now burning,  
you are the power of Christ returning,  
you are the answer to our yearning:  
Spirit, now live in me.

#### \*The Benediction and the Postlude

# Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

May 23, 2021

Pentecost

10:30 AM

### The Church in Preparation

#### The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

#### The Introit and Time of Centering #308 "Come, Holy Spirit" *(Sing to the Lord)*

*Refrain:*

*Come, Holy Spirit, I need You; Come, sweet Spirit, I pray.*

*Come in Your strength and Your power; Come in Your own gentle way.*

*Come as a wisdom to children; Come as new sight to the blind.*

*Come, Lord, as strength to my weakness; Take me—soul, body, and mind.*

*Refrain*

*Come as a rest to the weary; Come as a balm for the sore.*

*Come as a dew to my dryness; Fill me with joy evermore.*

*Refrain*

*Come like a spring in the desert; Come to the withered of soul.*

*O let Your sweet healing power Touch me and make me whole.*

#### The Call to Worship

Leader: A mighty wind has blown,

**People: And tongues of fire have danced!**

Leader: The Holy Spirit is with us,

**People: Just as Jesus promised.**

Leader: The Spirit moves among us, guiding and nurturing.

**People: The Spirit gathers us into community,  
Empowering our witness and service.**

Leader: Let us give thanks for God's presence.

**People: Let us celebrate the gift of God's Holy Spirit.**

#### Opening Prayer *(in Unison)*

**Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and courage to share the good news of the gospel. Empower us with that same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love. May the boldness of your Spirit transform us. May the gentleness of your Spirit lead us. And may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength, now and always. Amen.**

**The Opening Hymn #289** “On Pentecost They Gathered” (Glory to God)

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,  
a band of Christ’s disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.  
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,  
and tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed  
to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.  
What universal message, what great good news was here?  
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,  
on women, men, and children who would God’s grace receive.  
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.  
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,  
rekindle faith among us in all life’s ebb and flow.  
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,  
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

**The Prayer of Confession** (In Unison)

**Almighty God, as we celebrate the gift of your Spirit, we are aware of the many ways we impede your work 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 lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a burning desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**A Time of Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Musical Response** “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.

**The Church in Proclamation**

**The Scripture Reading** Ezekiel 37:1 - 14  
Acts 2: 1 - 21  
John 15: 26 - 27; 16: 4b - 15  
Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

**Special Music** “As the Wind Song”  
Vocalist: Deanna Golden  
Pianist: Kathy Sawyer

**The Micro Message**

**Musical Response #692** “Spirit, Open My Heart” (Glory to God)

*Refrain:*

*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.*

*Spirit, open my heart.*

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that’s kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.

*Refrain*

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.

*Refrain*

May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of sister, brother.  
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.

**The Sermon** Rev. Merry Meloy

**The Hymn #131** “Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow” (Presby Hymnal)

Wind who makes all winds that blow—Gusts that bend the saplings low,  
Gales that heave the sea in waves, stirrings in the mind’s deep caves—  
Aim your breath with steady power On Your church this day, this hour.  
Raise, renew the life we’ve lost, Spirit God of Pentecost.

Fire who fuels all fires that burn—Suns around which planets turn,  
Beacons marking reefs and shoals, Shining truth to guide our souls—  
Come to us as once You came: Burst in tongues of sacred flame!  
Light and Power, Might and Strength, Fill Your church, its breadth and length.

Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame, Move within our mortal frame.  
Make our hearts an altar pyre, Kindle them with Your own fire.  
Breathe and blow upon that blaze Till our lives, our deeds and ways,  
Speak that tongue which every land By Your grace shall understand.

## Acts 2:1 – 21

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

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup> But 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. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> ‘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.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

## John 15: 26 – 27; 16: 4b - 15

<sup>26</sup> “When the Advocate<sup>[a]</sup> comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup> You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate<sup>[a]</sup> will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about<sup>[a]</sup> sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup> “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.



*The flowers today are given by the Dennis Rodgers Family  
in memory of Richard Rodgers.*



**Happy Birthday to**

Leslie Hazlett

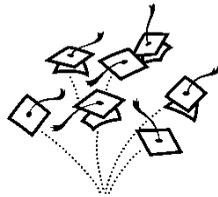
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## Congregational Meeting

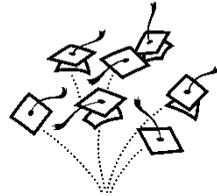


Our annual Congregational Meeting will be immediately after worship on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. We'll receive annual reports and elect new officers. Please plan on attending.

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### Calling All Grads!!



If you are a high school or college student who is graduating this year, we would like to honor you and your accomplishments. All you need to do is turn in your graduation biography. This should include your name, the school from which you are graduating, activities, clubs, organizations, things you are involved with, and, of course, your future plans. It is important that you get this information to the office by June 6<sup>th</sup>. Graduation Sunday is June 20<sup>th</sup>.

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### Donations Welcome

The Indoor Yard Sale Team is now accepting donations by appointment. Right now, we cannot accept clothing. We also cannot accept electronics such as old televisions, printers, computer equipment, etc. These items don't sell and it costs the church money to recycle them. We welcome most other items. To set up an appointment to drop things off, please contact Anzie Kelley or call the church office. Thanks so much for your contributions and your ongoing support!

## Scripture Readings

### Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14

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. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?"

I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know."

<sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath<sup>[a]</sup> to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath<sup>[a]</sup> in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath:<sup>[a]</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath,<sup>[a]</sup> and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."

<sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup> 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.' <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> 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."