

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN
May 31, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.
Pentecost Sunday

WELCOME

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

There are many gifts of the Holy Spirit. Today, we celebrate seven of them. We lift up the gift of wisdom, the first and highest gift of the Holy Spirit, because it is the perfection of faith.

Thank You, God, for this gift of the Spirit.

We lift up the gift of understanding, which allows us to grasp the very essence of our relationship with God.

Thank You, God, for this gift of the Spirit.

We lift up the gift of counsel, through which we are able to stand up for our faith, because the Holy Spirit will guide us.

Thank You, God, for this gift of the Spirit.

We lift up the gift of fortitude, which gives us the strength to follow through on the actions suggested by the gift of counsel.

Thank You, God, for this gift of the Spirit.

We lift up the gift of knowledge, through which we can determine God's purpose for us, and then live our lives accordingly.

Thank You, God, for this gift of the Spirit.

We lift up the gift of piety: the willingness to serve and worship God out of love rather than duty.

Thank You, God, for this gift of the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit gives us fear of the Lord: the desire not to offend God and the certainty that God will supply us with the grace we need to live according to God's will.

Thank You, God, for this gift of the Spirit.

REFRAIN:

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, Spirit of Restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind- wind on the sea.*

*(1) You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep.
And over the eons, you called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumber, and rise on your wings!”*

REFRAIN

*(2) You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand,
And you gifted your people with a law and a land.
And when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
Then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.*

REFRAIN

*(3) You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill.
You gifted your people when the whole world was still.
And down in the city you called once again,
When you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.*

REFRAIN

*(4) You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes
From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes
With bold new decisions your people arise.*

REFRAIN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we are frightened by strange tongues and people out of control. We want to manage our own lives and assure our own safety. We are afraid that You will ask more of us than we are willing to risk. We are skeptical of dreams and visions. We cannot trust some people whom You ask us to love. We want to believe, but how can we know that You are more than our collective imagination, a hope we cling to in our despair? Help us, O God, and forgive us our sins. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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.*

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response:

*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.*

OFFERING SENTENCES

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DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, we thank You for sending Your Spirit, the Spirit of the Risen Christ, from heaven. Help us to be like the early Disciples, praying patiently as we wait for Your guidance and power. Fill our hearts and minds with your gifts of faith, hope, and love. We dedicate ourselves and our offerings to Your good purposes in the world through our church's mission by the power of Your Holy Spirit. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2:1-21
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

SERMON

“Gifts of the Spirit”

Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 398

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

*(1) There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

REFRAIN:

*Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.*

*(2) There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe.
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."*

REFRAIN

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet,
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

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