

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 8, 2025
Pentecost Sunday

GATHERING AND PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

PRELUDE:

“Come, Spirit Come”

Walt Harrah

Acoustic Worship Team

Readying Our Hearts (A time of silent prayer and reflection in preparation for worshiping God together.)

Scripture for Reflection and Memorization: Matthew 5:17

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”

CALL TO WORSHIP (selections from Acts 2:17-21 and Psalm 92)

Leader: Long ago God promised His people, saying that: “He will pour out His Spirit on all flesh, and our daughters and sons shall proclaim God’s Word. Our old ones shall dream dreams, and our young ones shall see visions; and all who call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered.”

People: That day has come, let us call upon the name of the Lord.

Leader: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to His name;

People: To proclaim God’s love in the morning and His faithfulness at night.

Leader: For the Lord makes us glad by His deeds;

People: We sing for joy at the works of His hands.

Leader: How great are God’s works, how profound His thoughts of us!

People: Come, let us call upon the name of the Lord.

All: May the Lord be exalted forever!

PRAYER OF ADORATION/INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 1:8, 2:1-4, 42-47 (Pew Bible pp. 1691, 1692, 1694)

[Jesus declared], “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on

each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Leader: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

*OPENING SONG:

"Jesus Move"
Acoustic Worship Team

Weaver/Wickham

Verse 1

**Let the power of God fall down on us.
Let Your power fall down right now.
Let the power of God fall down on us.
Let Your power fall down right now.**

**Let the Spirit of God pour out on us.
Let Your Spirit Pour out right now.
Let the Spirit of God pour out on us.
Let Your Spirit Pour out right now.**

Pre-Chorus

**For Your Glory and You only,
What You say is what we'll do.
Let Your passion become action,
Holy Spirit come move.**

Chorus 1

**`Cause Jesus we're alive to glorify Your Name.
So let Your Spirit rise among us now as we sing
Jesus move.**

Verse 2

**Let the love of God come alive in us.
Let Your love come alive right now.
Let the love of God come alive in us,
Let Your love come alive right now. (Pre-Chorus)**

Chorus 2

**Jesus we're alive to glorify Your Name.
So let Your Spirit rise among us now as we sing,**

**`Cause Jesus we're alive to glorify Your Name
So let Your Spirit rise among us now as we sing,
Jesus move oh,
Jesus move, oh.**

Bridge

**`Cause we don't want to leave until we're changed,
So here in our hearts Lord have Your way.
`Cause we don't want to leave until we're changed.
So here in our hearts Lord have Your way.**

Ending

Jesus move, oh Jesus move.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison prayer after silent confession)

Almighty Father, who shows mercy toward all whom You have made, take away from us the guilt and punishment for our sins, and in Your mercy kindle in us the fire of Your Holy Spirit. Take away from us our hearts of stone, and give us hearts of flesh: hearts that love and adore You; hearts that find their greatest delight in You; hearts that compel us to worship, to serve, to enjoy, and to glorify You forever. We ask this in the precious name of Your Son and our Lord, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (adapted from Jeremiah 31:31-34)

Leader: "The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. . . I will put My law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be My people. No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest. For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." That time has come, for through faith in Christ Jesus you have forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with God.

***All:** (*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.

ENCOUNTERING GOD THROUGH GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 4:1-6 (Pew Bible p. 1821)

[Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus] . . . As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one

hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

Leader: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: “Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”
Choir

K. Lee Scott

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5:17-19 (Pew Bible p. 1502)

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

Leader: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “On Baptism, Part 1: Continuity, Discontinuity, and Covenant Theology”

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD THROUGH AFFIRMATION,
OFFERING, AND PRAYER**

*SONG OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE: #678 “In Water We Grow” (alternate tune)

In water we grow, secure in the womb,
And speechlessly know love’s safety and room.
Baptizing and blessing we publish for good
The freeing, caressing safe keeping of God.

In water we wash: the dirt of each day,
Its trouble and rush are carried away.
In Christ re-created by love’s cleansing art,
Self-will and self-hatred dissolve and depart.

In water we dive, and cannot draw breath,
Then surface alive, rebounding from death.
Our old self goes under, in Christ dead and drowned.
We rise, washed in wonder, by love clad and crowned.

In water we dwell, for by its deep flow
Through bloodstream and cell, we live, think, and grow.
Praise God, love outflowing, whose well of new birth
Baptizes our knowing, and waters the earth.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AND OFFERING

Invitation

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Lord has prepared this table for all who love Him and trust in Him alone for their salvation. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to Him, are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord.

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The LORD be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the LORD.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. In the beginning Your Spirit moved over the face of the waters. You formed us in Your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers, anointing them to speak Your Word. And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

People: Holy, holy, holy LORD, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son, Jesus Christ. At His baptism in the Jordan Your Spirit descended upon Him and declared Him Your beloved Son. With Your Spirit upon Him, He turned away the temptation of sin. Your Spirit anointed Him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when You would save Your

people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of His suffering, death, and resurrection You gave birth to Your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, He promised to be with us always, baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and with fire, as on the day of Pentecost.

People: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus, for in dying You destroyed our death, and in rising You restored us to eternal life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Your gifts of bread and drink. Make them to be for us as the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for our world the presence of Christ, having been redeemed by His blood. Send us out in the power of Your Spirit to live for others as Christ lived for us, announcing His death for the sins of the world, and telling of His resurrection to all people and nations. By Your Spirit draw us together into one body and join us to Christ the Lord, that we may remain His glad and faithful people until we feast with Him in glory. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty God, forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Elements and the Giving of Our Offering:

“Burn in Me”
Acoustic Worship Team

Jerry Holman

(Chorus)

**Burn in me, Burn in me,
Let the fire of the Holy One burn in me;
Burn in me, Burn in me,
Let the fire of the Holy One burn in me.**

**Your word’s like a fire, burning in my soul;
Burn up the dross, bring forth the gold. (Chorus)**

**You feel like a fire shut up in my bones;
Consume me, Lord, make me Your own. (Chorus)**

(For those joining us in the Sanctuary this morning, you are invited, as you come forward to receive the Communion Elements, and as you feel so led, to place your offering in one of the plates up front. For those unable to be with us physically, you are encouraged to partake of the elements in your home at this time. Also, as you are able, we invite you to set aside your offering as an act of personal dedication at this time, either to be mailed in, dropped off at the church, or brought in when you are able to join us in worship. Let this time be one of receiving from and offering yourself up to our Lord -- to the praise of His holy name.)

Prayer of Commitment

*Sung Response (Doxology)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER OF INTERCESSION/SUPPLICATION

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.

BRINGING OUR WORSHIP INTO OUR WORLD

***CLOSING SONG: #544 "The Church's One Foundation"**

**The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation, by water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.**

**Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with every grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed:
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.**

**'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace evermore,
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.**

***BENEDICTION: (Ephesians 3:16-19)**

May God, out of His glorious riches, strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And may you, being rooted and established in love, have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge -- that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Note: The church’s new email address is – office@trinitychurchtroy.org. The new website address is – www.trinitychurchtroy.org.)

1. If you would like to help support the work of Hope 7 in our local community, we encourage you to drop off **non-perishable food items, toiletries and other hygiene items** either at Trinity Church, or at Hope 7 directly (M-F 9:30-11:45), or call Sue Laz (518-892-4042) to arrange for a pick-up.
2. **We are receiving new or gently used clothes for the Capital City Rescue Mission (CCRM).** There is a box in the narthex for donations. You may bring your items to the church or call Sue Laz to arrange for a pick-up.
3. **Adult Bible Study** meets on Sundays before worship (9:15-10:00am). The current study is a survey of the Old Testament. We are looking at those Bible books (historical and prophetic) that cover the time period leading up to and during the destructive fall of the southern kingdom of Israel, namely Judah, to the Babylonians. (586 BC; and for the 70 years from when the Temple was destroyed until it was rebuilt (516 BC; although without the grandeur of Solomon’s temple, and without the Ark of the Covenant).
4. **Church “business-style” cards** are available in the narthex. You are encouraged to take some to hand out as you invite others to join us in worship.
5. **Serving at the Capital City Rescue Mission, Saturday, June 21st.** We have the privilege to minister to those in need by helping to serve the evening meal at the Capital City Rescue Mission. We will meet at the church at 5:00 for those wishing to carpool to the mission or you can meet us there around 5:30. Serving involves ensuring the tables are set for dinner, serving the meal, and cleaning up the tables afterwards. If you can help, please speak with Peter Laz.
6. **Care Portal --** We are helping a family of five (soon to be six) who are relocating to Troy. We already have dishes, pots, pans, silverware, bedding, a kitchen table and four chairs for the family. They are still in need of a double/full bed frame and mattress, and two twin mattresses. The bed frame can be used as long as it is in good shape. The mattresses must be new. They would also like a gift card to Walmart for \$150 to purchase storage bins and drawers to organize their clothing and other belongings. If you would like to give toward these items, you can place your gift in the offering plate with a note that it is for Care Portal. If you have signed up to be a church responder, you can also give online with your credit card and the funds will go directly into the church’s Care Portal Fund. If you have any questions, please speak with Sue Laz.
7. In the narthex are copies of the booklet, **“The Gospel of Jesus Christ.”** It presents an overview of the good news of Jesus. The truth about who God is, who we are, and how we may live with God now and forever is presented. You are encouraged to **pick up a few copies and share them** with those you know who do not yet know Jesus or who may be questioning what it means to be a Christian.