

**PENTECOST SUNDAY** | *In Christian tradition, Pentecost Sunday is called the “birthday of the church,” because on this day Jesus poured out upon the church his promised Holy Spirit, by whom his followers were empowered to carry on Christ’s redemptive work. Pentecost had been a Jewish feast that celebrated the sealing of the Old Covenant at Mt. Sinai, but from that day forward, believers would celebrate the sealing of the New Covenant by the Holy Spirit and the inauguration of Christ’s Church. In part, Jesus died and rose again to give us his Spirit, assuring us until the end of the age that we share in the life and work of our Lord.*

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## prelude

*As the music plays, please quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship, lifting your thoughts up from the cares of this world.*

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## preparing our hearts

And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

– Ezekiel 36:26-27 ESV

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## \*\* call to worship

*Leader:* O LORD, how manifold are your works!

**All:** In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

*Leader:* These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.

**All:** When you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

*Leader:* When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

**All:** May the glory of the LORD endure forever; I will sing to the LORD as long as I live!

– Based on Psalm 104:24,27-28,30-33 ESV

\*\* Please stand if you are able

## O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

O, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

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## \*\* prayer of invocation

*Leader:* O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to behold your light, to receive your truth and to rejoice in your holy comfort; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, we pray, Amen.

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## \*\* affirmation of faith

*Leader:* What do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?

**All:** **First, he is, together with the Father and the Son, true and eternal God. Second, he is also given to me, to make me by true faith share in Christ and all his benefits, to comfort me, and to remain with me forever.**

*– Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 53*

## 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.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore:  
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.

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

– Romans 8:26-27 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** **Father, because your grace to us in Christ bids us come,  
We come boldly to your throne of grace.  
There, grant us the aid of the Holy Spirit, the helper you sent us.  
In our flesh, we lack insight. By your Spirit, help us see past the surface  
To the wayward thoughts and intentions of our hearts,  
And by him, grant us strength to reject them.  
In our flesh, we avoid you, or we try to appease you by vain effort.  
By your Spirit, grant us confidence that in Christ,  
You have made peace with us,  
And that if the Son has set us free, we are free indeed.  
In our flesh, we doubt and are tossed about like waves;  
But by your Spirit, we are comforted by your presence and promise.  
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,  
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ...

– Romans 8:16-17 ESV

**All:** **Thanks be to the Risen Lamb!**

## NOT WHAT MY HANDS HAVE DONE

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;  
Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.  
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;  
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;  
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.  
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,  
Can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.

Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak;  
Thy power alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.  
No other work, save thine, no other blood will do;  
No strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.

I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;  
And with unfaltering lip and heart, I call this Savior mine.  
His cross dispels each doubt; I bury in his tomb  
Each thought of unbelief and fear, each lingering shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;  
He calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.  
'Tis he who saveth me, and freely pardon gives;  
I love because he loveth me, I live because he lives.

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*Leader:* Genesis 11:1-9  
This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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prayer

*An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church.*

*Leader:* All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,  
**All: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name;  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,  
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

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\*\* passing the peace

*Leader:* Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” In a world filled with trouble, let us encourage one another to look to the one who has overcome the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**While your children are welcome and encouraged to worship with you, at this time they can be dismissed for an age-appropriate worship for ages 3-5.**

If you would like to hear more about CPC or would like to let us know of a prayer need, please include your contact information or prayer request in the welcome pad when it comes around to you.

*An elder will lead the passing of the peace. If you are joining us from your home, please unmute yourself so that you can greet one another. If you are gathered here with us today, greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ.*

## Sermon | “The Power and Purpose of Pentecost”

May 28, 2023

**Acts 2:1-21** ESV | 1 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 utterance.

5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6 And 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.”

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. 15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

17 “And in the last days it shall be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams;

18 even on my male servants and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

20 the sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’



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*Leader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God!**

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**sermon notes**

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**\*\* gospel charge**

*Leader:* In response to the Gospel of grace, how shall we then live?

**All:** **Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.**

– Ephesians 5:1-2<sub>ESV</sub>

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## WELCOME TO HIS TABLE

*The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians — a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.*

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please remain seated for communion. As a symbol of our unity in Christ, wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. Once you are finished with your cup, please pass it to the inside aisles and the ushers will retrieve them.*

*If you have a gluten allergy, there are gluten-free wafers available in the center of the bread trays. During the celebration of communion, we will sing the printed hymn.*

**NOTE TO PARENTS:** *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.*

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”

– Mark 14:22-24<sup>ESV</sup>

*Minister:* Lift up your hearts.

**All:** We lift them up to the Lord.

*Minister:* Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

**All:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Minister:* Let us pray.

**All:** O Lord and heavenly Father, when we celebrate and observe this memorial your Son has commended to us, we remember his suffering and death, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension; and we await his coming again with power and great glory. God of Mercy, hear our prayer and by your Word and Holy Spirit bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Holy Name. Amen.

*Minister:* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

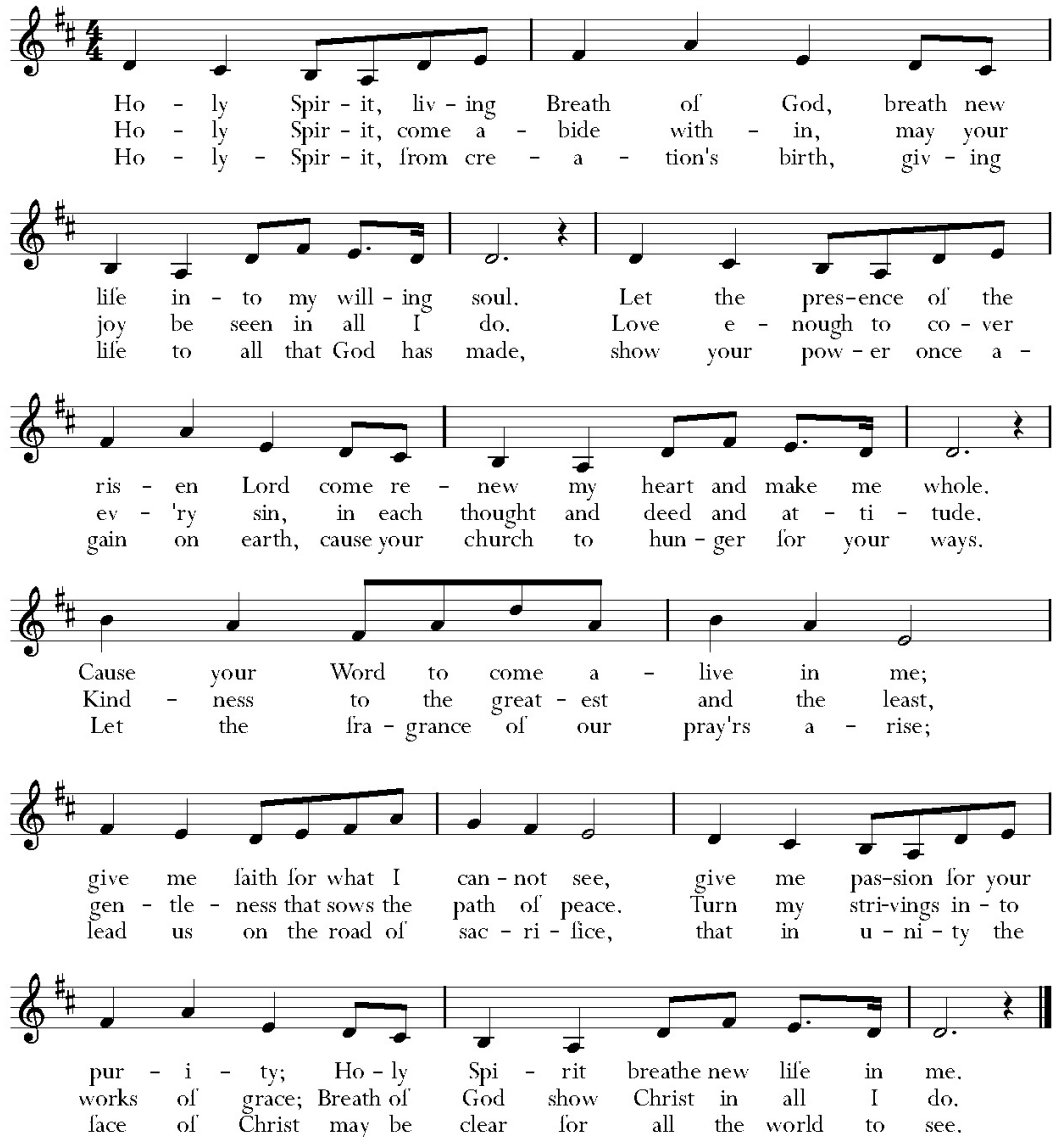
*Minister:* Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

**All:** When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
We proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come again.

*Minister:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*As the elements are distributed, sing as one body, affirming that in Christ we are united to him and to one another.*

HOLY SPIRIT



Ho - ly Spir - it, liv - ing Breath of God, breath new  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, come a - bide with - in, may your  
 Ho - ly - Spir - it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing  
 life in - to my will - ing soul. Let the pres - ence of the  
 joy be seen in all I do. Love e - nough to co - ver  
 life to all that God has made, show your pow - er once a -  
 ris - en Lord come re - new my heart and make me whole.  
 ev - 'ry sin, in each thought and deed and at - ti - tude.  
 gain on earth, cause your church to hun - ger for your ways.  
 Cause your Word to come a - live in me;  
 Kind - ness to the great - est and the least,  
 Let the fra - grance of our pray'rs a - rise;  
 give me faith for what I can - not see, give me pas - sion for your  
 gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striv - ings in - to  
 lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the  
 pur - i - ty; Ho - ly Spi - rit breathe new life in me.  
 works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.  
 face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

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*The offering is a vital part of our response to God's grace provided for us in the preaching of his word and administration of the Lord's Supper. Our tithes and offerings represent the entirety of our lives being consecrated to the Lord Jesus Christ and the coming of his kingdom to this world. As God's grace is freely given to us, so we give freely in return; not in any way to add to Christ's supremely adequate atonement for us, but in joyful response to this work and in thanksgiving for such unmerited grace.*

## MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' Name. \*

*\* Chorus:*

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand.

All other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every rough and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. \*

His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. \*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found;  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. \*

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**announcements**

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**\*\* benediction**

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**\*\*doxology**

**All:        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.**

**for first-time visitors**

Whether you are visiting us from out of town or looking for a church to call home, we're so glad to have you with us. Please fill out the visitor section in the attendance pad when it circulates.

**sunday school**

Sunday school is on break until July. Stay tuned for more information on the summer session, and mark your calendars for classes on **Sundays, July 9-30**.

**SEDRO CROSSING**

We are pleased to announce that we have closed on the Sedro Crossing Property (4843 Williams Drive, Georgetown)! Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Please mark your calendars to help with the transition:

- **WORK DAY: Saturday, June 3, 9a** - Come take part unpacking, organizing, and assembling furniture! Bring tools if you have them!
- **MOVE DATE:** We will be moving from Pickett to Sedro on **Sunday, June 4**, immediately after service. Help load/unload the truck if you are able!
- **FIRST SERVICE:** Our first worship service at Sedro Crossing will be **Sunday, June 11, 1030a**. We can not wait to worship with you all in our new location!

**Contact the office** ([office@cpcgeorgetown.org](mailto:office@cpcgeorgetown.org)) **or the deacons** ([deacons@cpcgeorgetown.org](mailto:deacons@cpcgeorgetown.org)) with questions.

**2023 baby bottle fundraiser**

Join us in supporting the work of the Pregnancy Help Center of Williamson County! You will help to provide free parenting classes, spiritual encouragement, maternity and baby supplies, and a hand of friendship to local men and women in crisis. Most importantly, you enable the center to continue sharing the hope and love of Christ with those considering abortion, helping them to choose life for their unborn children. Please pick up a baby bottle today and begin filling it with coins, cash, or a check. **Return bottles by Sunday, June 18 (Father's Day)**. Visit [www.phcwc.com](http://www.phcwc.com) for more information about this life-giving ministry or to give an online donation! You may also make your donation on the CPC giving page designating it for PHC-WC by selecting the fund for the Pregnancy Help Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser.