



WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, May 24, 2026

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

John 16:13-14

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 84 (p. 814 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty!

**My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.**

Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young—

a place near your altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.

As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs;
the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.

Hear my prayer, O LORD God Almighty; listen to me, O God of Jacob.

Look upon our shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed one.

Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor;

no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.

* *Congregation is requested to stand, if able.*

The pastor will read the plain text; the congregation will read the bold text.

Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit

Come, O come, thou quick'ning Spirit, God from all eternity!
May thy power never fail us; dwell within us constantly.
Then shall truth and life and light banish all the gloom of night.

Grant our hearts in fullest measure wisdom, counsel, purity,
That we ever may be seeking only that which pleaseth thee.
Let thy knowledge spread and grow, working error's overthrow.

Show us, Lord, the path of blessing; when we trespass on our way,
Cast, O Lord, our sins behind thee and be with us day by day.
Should we stray, O Lord, recall; work repentance when we fall.

Holy Spirit, strong and mighty, thou who makest all things new,
Make thy work within us perfect and the evil foe subdue.
Grant us weapons for the strife and with vict'ry crown our life. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Gracious God, we delight in your Law, which is holy, righteous, and good. It is firmly fixed in the heavens forever. The Ninth Commandment of your Law is, "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

All: We confess that we have broken this commandment by lying, gossiping, boasting, slandering, and concealing the truth. We have not earnestly sought to protect the good reputations of our neighbors as well as our own. Forgive us and enable us to always reject what is false and to rejoice in the truth. We ask all this through the merit and mediation of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Joel 2:18-32

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 469

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?"

"Why was I made to hear your voice, and enter while there's room,
When thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?"

'Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;
Send your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 106. *For what do we pray in the sixth petition?*

A. In the sixth petition, which is, “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,” we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

Q. 107. *What does the conclusion of the Lord’s Prayer teach us?*

A. The conclusion of the Lord’s Prayer, which is, “For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen,” teaches us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only, and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to him; and in testimony of our desire and assurance to be heard, we say, “Amen.”

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship ❖

Gloria Patri*

Hymn 735

Gloria 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.

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.

❖ *Tithes and offerings may be placed in the box at the entrance to the sanctuary or given online through our church’s website.*

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading*

1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month: Psalm 51:1-15)

Hymn 486

God, Be Merciful to Me

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;
From my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true;
Cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return, O God, to thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love;
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Rev. Jason Pickard

“Pentecost”
Acts 2:1-21

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 335

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would gracious be;
And with words that help and heal would thy life in mine reveal;
And with actions bold and meek would for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would truthful be;
And with wisdom kind and clear let thy life in mine appear;
And with actions brotherly speak my Lord’s sincerity.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would mighty be;
Mighty so as to prevail where unaided man must fail;
Ever by a mighty hope pressing on and bearing up.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would holy be;
Se-pa-rate from sin, I would—choose and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be, give to him who gave me thee! Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response* Hymn 339 (sung to *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*)

For Your Gift of God the Spirit

For your gift of God the Spirit, pow'r to make our lives anew,
Pledge of life and hope of glory, Savior, we would worship you.
Crowning gift of resurrection sent from your ascended throne,
Fullness of the very Godhead, come to make your life our own.

He who in creation's dawning brooded on the lifeless deep,
Still across our nature's darkness moves to wake our souls from sleep,
Moves to stir, to draw, to quicken, thrusts us through with sense of sin;
Brings to birth and seals and fills us—saving Advocate within.

He, himself the living Author, wakes to life the sacred Word,
Reads with us its holy pages and reveals our risen Lord.
He it is who works within us, teaching rebel hearts to pray,
He whose holy intercessions rise for us both night and day.

He, the mighty God, in-dwells us; his to strengthen, help, empow'r;
His to overcome the tempter, ours to call in danger's hour.
In his strength we dare to battle all the raging hosts of sin,
And by him alone we conquer foes without and foes within.

Father, grant your Holy Spirit in our hearts may rule today,
Grieved not, quenched not, but unhindered, work in us his sovereign way.
Fill us with your holy fullness, God the Father, Spirit, Son;
In us, through us, then, forever, shall your perfect will be done. Amen.

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

The daily reading schedule follows the One Year Bible Reading Plan.

Monday, May 25

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:1 - 8:18; John 14:15-31; Psalm 119:33-48; Proverbs 15:33

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 21

Pray for: Our federal, state, and local government leaders.

Tuesday, May 26

Scripture: 2 Samuel 9:1 - 11:27; John 15:1-27; Psalm 119:49-64; Proverbs 16:1-3

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 61

Pray for: Our military, police, fire, and medical personnel.

Wednesday, May 27

Scripture: 2 Samuel 12:1-31; John 16:1-33; Psalm 119:65-80; Proverbs 16:4-5

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 62

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.
The churches in Comoros and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, May 28

Scripture: 2 Samuel 13:1-39; John 17:1-26; Psalm 119:81-96; Proverbs 16:6-7

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 63

Pray for: Our Elders, Deacons, Women's Ministry, & the PCA.

Friday, May 29

Scripture: 2 Samuel 14:1 - 15:22; John 18:1-24; Psalm 119:97-112; Proverbs 16:8-9

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 64

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health care needs.
The Shepherd's Church Plant in Riverside and the Manrique Family.

Saturday, May 30

Scripture: 2 Sam. 15:23 - 16:23; John 18:25 - 19:22; Ps. 119:113-128; Prov. 16:10-11

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 65

Pray for: The preaching and for our Sunday School teachers.

Sunday, May 31

Scripture: 2 Samuel 17:1-29; John 19:23-42; Psalm 119:129-152; Proverbs 16:12-13

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 66

Pray for: Our worship this morning.

MISSIONS CORNER

Pray for our missionaries. Their prayer requests are sent out through the Prayer Chain and their newsletters are published in Grace Notes as they become available.

Ray & Michele Call in the Dominican Republic

Dave Eby in Uganda

Christ Bible Institute in Japan

The Shepherd's Church in Riverside

LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

J.I. Packer says that Pentecost should be as big a celebration as Christmas and Easter. I wonder if you have ever thought of Pentecost in this way. Why would Packer make such a claim? Pentecost is the birth of the New Covenant Church. As the risen and ascended Christ sends the Holy Spirit upon God's people, we are empowered to be his people in the world. It is true the Holy Spirit worked in the Old Covenant as well, but the gift of the Holy Spirit is more personal and expansive in the New Covenant. The Holy Spirit applies the work of Jesus to us, regenerating our hearts, forgiving our sins, and uniting us to Christ. The Holy Spirit also equips us with gifts that we are to use to serve God and his people. In short, the Holy Spirit makes the Church a reality.

1. Do you have a desire for transcendence? How does God answer that need better than anything our world offers?
2. Is the Holy Spirit a divine person? Yes! Take time to contemplate that God is one nature existing in three persons. The Holy Spirit is fully God.
3. Read Genesis 11 and the Tower of Babel story. How does Pentecost reverse the scattering of the people in Genesis 11? What are the implications for the church today?
4. Read Acts 1:8 and 1 Corinthians 12:1-13. How does the Holy Spirit equip us to live as God's people? Do we all have the same gifts? What gifts might the Lord have given you that you can use to serve his people?



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