

## WORSHIP for Pentecost Sunday – May 31, 2020

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Please invite family or friends, who want to join us for live worship on Sundays @10:45am, to request access by emailing their name, email, & phone number to Pastor Janet.
- 2) Please have your Bible at hand for Worship each week!
- 3) To watch sermons recorded on Zoom on our YouTube Channel, go to the FPCP website: <https://www.fpcpataskala.com/> and click on WORSHIP or follow us on our Facebook from the homepage.
- 4) All Onsite Activities at the Church Building Are Suspended Until Further Notice, Due to COVID-19. Please correspond with Pastor Janet or the church office by phone or email. Thank you for your patience. Stay in prayer! Look for emails with updates.
- 5) However, FPCP has not stopped God's work! Thru Zoom, here are some ways:
  - a) Junior Church & Good News Club (by FPCP) by Zoom for 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> graders 4:30-5:30pm Thursdays starting this week 5/21. To register contact lead Teacher, Linda Glenn by email [lindajfglenn@gmail.com](mailto:lindajfglenn@gmail.com). Other teachers from FPCP junior church are Melissa Holland & Sally Kean.
  - b) Youth group for those entering 5<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade on Sunday 5/31 and 6/14 at 3pm. The "Overcomer" Bible study is continuing.
  - e) Have communion elements of bread and juice of the fruit of the grape vine at table in your home for 10:45am Zoom worship on Sundays June 7<sup>th</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Janet will lead us through home communion. If you need elements provided to you, call the Johnsons, who lead the Christian Response Team, at 740-901-1232.
  - f) Scout Sunday is scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> during @10:45am Zoom, where those scouts who achieved their religious awards this year will be recognized. Congratulations Scouts!
- 6) If you need a COVID-19 cloth mask call 740-901-1232 for the Johnsons, who lead the CRT. Thank you to Gage Marcum and Katie Slaymaker, who have been making masks available.
- 7) The regular FPCP session meeting is 6:30pm (2<sup>nd</sup>) Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, on Zoom.

**Prelude** sung by the Wallace family women, “O Breath of Life”

Author: Bessie Ann Porter Head, 1920; Tune: Spiritus Vitae; public domain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dclzhsmImG8>

**Call to Worship from Acts 2:17-21 (from Joel 2:17-21) Responsively**

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

**Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.**

Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

**I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.**

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

**And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

**Opening Hymn: “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ymKxTkrRNBA>

**Prayer of Confession:** *Unison*

**You are God; we are but mortal. Yet often we doubt your work and your word. Perhaps there**

**are even those among us who mock. Maybe we count your works as past, though you are the**

**same yesterday, today and tomorrow. Set our minds and hearts aright. Forgive our sins against you, Holy Spirit. Amen** *(Pause for a time of silent confession.)*

**Assurance of Forgiveness: Acts 2:36-38 Responsively**

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, who you crucified both Lord

and Messiah.” Through Jesus forgiveness comes as a gift of grace from the Holy Spirit. We believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**“The Gloria Patri”**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dgcYD\\_m4OhU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dgcYD_m4OhU)

**Hymn of Preparation: “Spirit of the Living God”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPks3NQwH28>

**Call to God’s Word:** *Unison*

**“Scripture cannot be set aside... What does Scripture say?”** John 10:35 & Romans 4:3.

**Prayer for Illumination:** *Unison*

Lord, through your Spirit enable us to consider your Word, and to enact it in our lives to bring you glory and praise. Amen.

**Gospel Reading: Acts 2:22-41 (NIV)**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+2%3A22-41&version=NIV>

**SERMON: The Holy Spirit: Promised and Poured Out** by *The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford*

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/u517JuGo\\_2o3TNWdtwSDU6cvW425faKs1XAd\\_alOykrGUXALY1SjY7IbZ7ZiaNzDBbKS1o7NJayn4Aao?continueMode=true&xzmrtaid=icaimu77TS-aJSm7HjdB-A.1590943718475.d4e309f7747fd74d7b6086351a8e9f7e&xzmrtaid=348](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/play/u517JuGo_2o3TNWdtwSDU6cvW425faKs1XAd_alOykrGUXALY1SjY7IbZ7ZiaNzDBbKS1o7NJayn4Aao?continueMode=true&xzmrtaid=icaimu77TS-aJSm7HjdB-A.1590943718475.d4e309f7747fd74d7b6086351a8e9f7e&xzmrtaid=348)

**“Poured Out.”** According to Joel, God says in the last days, “I will pour out my Spirit on all peoples... I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.” On Pentecost Peter preaches, “Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit, and has poured out what you now see and hear.” Do we hear? The Spirit has been poured out.

Being poured out implies a fluid motion. Water is poured out. But a block of frozen water isn’t poured out. A solid block of ice can’t be poured. Liquids are poured out.

Neither can evaporated water be poured out. Steam rises. It is not poured out. Water as liquid pours out. Water falls.

Further, water pours down. Liquids are not poured up. They are not poured out from below, but come from above, like rain pours from the sky. The Spirit is poured out from above, from heaven. Once Jesus is exalted to the right hand of God in heaven, the Spirit of God is poured out upon all disciples of Christ. Thus, baptism by water is symbolic of the pouring out of the Spirit.

The Spirit is poured out, not in drips and drops, but in a steady continuous stream. The Spirit douses and completely immerses. The splash zone of the Spirit is generous and abundant, not stingy nor sparse. The Spirit is poured out fully, holding nothing back.

What does this mean? Was the pouring out of the Spirit, only once? Once poured out is the Spirit spent? Or is the Spirit being poured out still? To better understand, let us hear what else God has poured out, according to Scripture.

A pouring out is made by Jacob, who God renamed Israel. In gratitude for all God promised and gave, according to Genesis 35:14, “Jacob set up a stone pillar at the place where God had talked with him, and he poured out a drink offering on it; he also poured oil on it.” In response to God pouring out his grace, Jacob poured out an offering of drink and oil to God.

Later Paul alludes to the potential of his being poured out like a drink offering in Philippians 2:17-18. “But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.”

The pouring out of a drinking offering is a libation or sacrifice to God. In Leviticus 8:15 the priests poured blood of a bull on the altar. But the greatest and final sacrifice is Jesus himself, prophesied as the suffering servant in Isaiah 53:12. “Therefore I will give him a portion among

the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.” Later Paul in Titus 3:4-6 refers to Jesus in conjunction with the Holy Spirit. “But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior.” Paul also writes in Romans 5:5, “God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.”

As was prophesied by Joel regarding the Spirit poured out at Pentecost, there is much more throughout the Old Testament that looks forward to the pouring out of Jesus and of the Spirit.

In the OT, the Spirit was poured out on kings. In 1Samuel 1:15 Hannah poured out her soul in prayer to the Lord. In response, she bore a son named Samuel, the prophet who poured out oil to anoint David as king. David is the writer of many prayers called Psalms. In Psalm 62:8 David exhorts, “Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.” In Psalm 142:2 David prays when his own life is threatened, “I pour out before him my complaint; before him I tell my trouble.” Psalm 22, another prayer of lament by David, is the prayer which Jesus lifts when he is on the cross. Verse 14 reads, “I am poured out like water.” This is truth for from Jesus’ side poured out a flow of water and of blood.

During the reign of kings after David, the Spirit continues to be poured out on prophets & priests. In 2Ki 4:5 Elisha the prophet during the time of Ahab ministers to a widow, who “kept pouring oil into jars” to pay her debts. Pouring rain is also provided as needed. Isaiah 44:3 prophesies, “For I will pour water on the thirsty land.”

The prophet Jeremiah exhorts in Lamentations 2:19, “Arise, cry out in the night, as the watches of the night begin; pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord.” Like Joel, Ezekiel speaks of God, “I will no longer hide my face from them, for I will pour out my Spirit on the people of Israel, declares the Sovereign Lord.”

Then the last OT prophet Malachi speaks, before the writings of old are turned onto the New Covenant of Christ. In 3:10 Malachi promises when all tithes and offerings are brought into the storehouse of the Lord, “See if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

The Spirit has been poured out! Is he expended? Is his work done? No! There are more blessings by Christ thru the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was poured out, on OT prophets, priests and kings. But according to Joel enacted on Pentecost, followers of Jesus receive the pouring out of the Holy Spirit. Jesus’ life was poured out. Once risen to and exalted in heaven, Jesus then pours out and continues to pour out the blessings and works of the Holy Spirit on us. Peter ends his Pentecost preaching in vv. 38-39, “Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the name of JC for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off –for all whom the Lord our God will call.” That’s us. On we who are called as followers of Christ, the Spirit is still being poured out. Praise be to God from whom all blessings flow. Amen!

**Recognition of 2020 Graduates:**

Regan Bowlby by Linda Glenn;  
Jared Rice by Leslie Crawford;  
and Parker Wildman by Tom Johnston

**PRAYERS OF JOYS & CONCERNS, FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER:** *Unison*

Please email Pastor Janet or the church office with prayer requests for Sunday worship and this email prayer chain. **Updates are in red below.**

- **Prayers of joy for graduates and those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.**
- Franklin Graham calls churches to pray for PEACE, PERSPECTIVE, & PATIENCE.
- Prayers for refreshing, revival, and renewal; empowerment, equipping, and enabling the Church to fulfill our call of witness.
- Continued prayers for our sister country of China and are brothers & sisters in Christ, who suffer persecution there.
- **June Conrad** (Tami Conrad's Mother-in-Law) is now home following recent surgery. Prayers for the family to find professional care givers to work with her children for 24/7 care throughout the next month.
- **Fred Goldstein:** pray for his upcoming 2nd right knee replacement scheduled for June 16th at Mount Carmel East.
- **From Jean Johnson:** Please Keep my sister, Debbie Peters in prayer. She will be having extensive surgery on June 8th for cancer that has spread to several places. She will have most of her stomach removed, her bladder entirely removed, and some lymph nodes removed under robotic procedures. She is having severe pain, so prayer for comfort. Info may be given out to congregation. Thank you.
- **From Laura Miller:** Prayer for Lisa Johnson, who is going thru cancer treatment for ovarian cancer now spread to lungs. And her mother placed into hospice for her lung. Both live in Denver Colorado. and going thru cancer for a second time.
- **Joan Mauger** is now at Echo Manor for Physical Therapy.
- **Diana Mock:** targeted treatment for cancer into October.
- **Bill Swift (Nancy Lord's brother):** praying that new meds for cancer will work, and that he will not need to go back on chemo.
- **Peter Witt:** now in Kuwait for military service, and for **John Vincent:** also serving.
- 1<sup>st</sup> responders, such as police officers, EMTS, and firefighters. And against violence erupted in Columbus. For those who work in medical, food service, & delivery.

**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.**

**Please Continue to Give in Dedication to Our Lord and Savior, Jesus**

**Prayer Of Dedication: Unison**

God, in view of your mercy help us to offer ourselves as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to you, O God. Amen. *Romans 12:1*

**Doxology**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HqpXWF15avU>

**Closing Hymn: "Spirit of the Living God Fall Fresh on Me"**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GK-O5nfL1Mo>

**Benediction: Romans 5:5 Responsively**

Because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us, let us go forth in great joy, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Please join us next Sunday as we celebrate at home communion.*

*If able, please remain for a time to congratulate our graduates!*