

Covenant United Presbyterian Church

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"Veni Sancti Spiritus", A Mosaic by Adam Kossowski, 1965,
Roman Catholic Church of St. Aloysius, London, UK

Pentecost Sunday
May 24, 2026, 11:00 AM

Pastor: Rev. John C. R. Silbert
Worship Leaders: The Congregation

TV Producer: Brian F Graff, C.P.
Guest Musician: Lars Morrison

~ Order of Worship ~

** = Please stand, as able

The Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God sent forth the Spirit, and all creation rejoiced. God's breath filled the skies, the sea, the land, and all creatures.

People: **May the glory of the Lord endure forever!**

Pastor: The Lord breathed on the disciples and said, "receive the Holy Spirit."

People: **Our Lord also said, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."**

Pastor: So then, as the Lord's disciples today, let us bless the Lord always!

People: **Praise the Lord! Let us worship God!**

** OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Infinite God, you come to us in many colors, shapes, and languages. You speak to each of us in the way we can understand. You reach out to us and meet us where we are. But we are quick to limit you to what we can understand and control.

Forgive us, and set your Spirit loose among us. Challenge us, surprise us, and open us to your power, that we might know you more deeply, follow you more faithfully, and love more fully.

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Scripture is clear: everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. God draws us together, offering salvation, forgiveness, and new life to all. Let us be clear in proclaiming the good news of the gospel!

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

**RESPONSE 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

***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.***

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People: **And also with you.**

The Word

**ILLUMINATION 286 v.1 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM

***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.***

NT LESSON Acts 2: 1 – 21 *Pew Bible P.885*

Leader: Here ends the reading from Acts of the Apostles. People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 104 Hymn 34 *Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being!* RUSTINGTON

NT LESSON 1 Corinthians 12: 3b - 13 *Pew Bible P.933*

Leader: Here ends the reading of the Epistle. People: **Praise be to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL LESSON John 20: 19 – 23 *Pew Bible P.883*

Pastor: The Gospel of Our Lord. People: **Glory to You, O Christ!**

CANTICLE 288 *Spirit of the Living God* LIVING GOD

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (x2)
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

MESSAGE *Ex Uno Pluria* PASTOR JOHN

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge

one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Eucharist

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, & GIFTS

**DOXOLOGY 606 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH
***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.***

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Lord our God: In every age, you have anointed leaders with your Spirit. Now all of your people—men and women, young and old—are empowered to speak your truth and show your glory. Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Congregation: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

SETTING THREE

***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.

Celebrant: Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior: After he rose from the dead, Jesus came to his disciples and breathed on them, saying: Receive the Holy Spirit. Even to us he has given the gospel of forgiveness and peace.

Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.-- Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. By your Spirit, make us one body with many members -- Ex uno pluria!

Enable us, O God, to use the variety of gifts you have given in the one mission and ministry of the only Lord. Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, let us pray for the coming of the Kingdom as our Lord has taught us:

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**THE COMMUNION *Come Forward*

**THE RESPONSE AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN 535 *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

BLESS THE LORD

Celebrant: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: **And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!**

Celebrant: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: **And forget not all God's benefits.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

All: **Thank you, Holy God, by the gift of your Spirit you have nourished and filled us. Now send us out to share the vision of new creation you have begun; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Sending

**HYMN 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

**THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE

Membership at Covenant United Presbyterian Church

If you are reading this information in our Worship Bulletin, you already belong here at Covenant United Presbyterian Church. Here, all are welcome, and membership in the congregation is not required to participate in any of our activities and ministries. By becoming a member, you will have voice and vote in congregational meetings and can better express your commitment to Jesus Christ through this church. Welcoming people as members helps us to get to know them better and to support you more fully – letting all of us stay engaged and grow in faith together. Individuals may join the church by Profession of Faith and Baptism (for those who have never been baptized), by Reaffirmation of Faith (for those who are not currently active members of another Christian church), or by Transfer of Church Letter (for those on the active roll of another church.) Contact Pastor John to find out more.

Church Announcements

Wait! Don't Go Yet! Join us for food & conversation in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to *the Loebell's* for hosting today!

Celebration: May 26 Rev. Bob & Ione Mathias' Anniversary

Lighthouse Item of the Month: – **MAY** Condiments

Worship Accompanists Needed! Almost all Sundays are open for the Summer Session Now – Sept 13. Piano, Organ, Any Instrument OK! See Church Administrator ASAP.

Please Pray for:

Scott, Linda Peter's neighbor, battling cancer;

Pam Patterson, admitted to Passavant Hospital;

Carolyn Starkey, Dave Loebell's aunt from Ohio, adjusting to a new pacemaker;

Leo Deblack, great grandson of Nancy Rice's brother, with a rare, but treatable genetic disorder called MSUD. . . prayers are appreciated for the family;

Jane Faulkner, Ann Morrison's sister in CA, receiving assistance with her FEMA housing file from Congressman Kelly's office, while she is managing treatment for persistent lung-related illness (MAC); **Scotty McAliley**, Ann Morrison's cousin in Marietta, Georgia, continuing chemotherapy for the remainder of her life, while caring for her 99-year-old mother, herself with health issues;

Maria, Miquel & family, known to Dave Loebell, Miquel has been diagnosed with aggressive bladder cancer.

