



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
 HILLSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 Pentecost Sunday
 May 19, 2024 - 11:00 AM



*Welcome to the Hillsville Presbyterian Church
 "To live God's love and show God's grace through worship, fellowship and outreach."*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Throughout the Order of Worship, any words or phrases that are highlighted by **BOLD** print are to be spoken in unison by the congregation.

*Please stand if able

The Hymns are projected on the screen for your convenience.

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Welcome and Announcements Carol Lanham

Prelude: "Like Tongues of Fire" Richard Blake

Call to Worship (verses from Psalm 104) Carol Lanham

Leader: Lord, you have done so many things! You made all creatures so wisely!

People: The earth is full of your creations!

Leader: All your creations wait for you to give them their food on time.

People: When you let loose your breath, they are created, and you make the surface of the ground brand-new again.

***Hymn #289: "On Pentecost They Gathered"**

Call to Confession (based on Galatians 5)

Among the many gifts from God we enjoy, we know that our freedom in Christ is one we tend to misuse. At times, we are more like animals that bite and chew on each other. Acting out of our selfish impulses, we set ourselves against the Spirit of God. Recognizing our need to be forgiven by the One we grieve, let us turn to God and confess together:

Prayer of Confession

We admit, O Lord, that we often hesitate to speak about you to others. We don't even always tell the full truth when we're afraid of what others will think. We are aware that, because of our timidity, we sometimes fail to do your work in the world. Forgive us! Fill us with faith as you remove all fear from our hearts! Hear us as we ask for your mercy in Jesus' name. Amen.

Moments of Silence for Personal Confession

Words Assuring Us of God's Grace (based on Galatians 5)

Leader: Friends, God gives us the Spirit to lead and guide us as we walk in faith.

People: We praise the God who frees us from trying to live under the Law!

Leader: Filled with the Spirit we bear the fruit of love which keeps us from making each other angry or jealous.

People: We praise the Christ through whom we are forgiven and made new!

***Response #582: "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"**

Prayers of the People and 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.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Help us, O Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit, to hear and understand your word for us today! Inspire us, fill us, strengthen us so that we might bear witness to you in all we say and do! Hear us as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Ezekial 37:1-14

Carol Lanham

The LORD's power overcame me, and while I was in the LORD's spirit, he led me out and set me down in the middle of a certain valley. It was full of bones. He led me through them all around, and I saw that there were a great many of them on the valley floor, and they were very dry. He asked me, "Human one, can these bones live again?" I said, "LORD God, only you know." He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, Dry bones, hear the LORD's word! The LORD God proclaims to these bones: I am about to put breath in you, and you will live again. I will put sinews on you, place flesh on you, and cover you with skin. When I put breath in you, and you come to life, you will know that I am the LORD."

I prophesied just as I was commanded. There was a great noise as I was prophesying, then a great quaking, and the bones came together, bone by bone. When I looked, suddenly there were sinews on them. The flesh appeared, and then they were covered over with skin. But there was still no breath in them. He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, human one! Say to the breath, The LORD God proclaims: Come from the four winds, breath! Breathe into these dead bodies and let them live." I prophesied just as he commanded me. When the breath entered them, they came to life and stood on their feet, an extraordinarily large company. He said to me, "Human one, these bones are the entire house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope has perished. We are completely finished.' So now, prophecy and say to them, The LORD God proclaims: I'm opening your graves! I will raise you up from your graves, my people, and I will bring you to Israel's fertile land. You will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, my people. I will put my breath in you, and you will live. I will plant you on your fertile land, and you will know that I am the LORD. I've spoken, and I will do it. This is what the LORD says."

Anthem: "The Voice of God"

Lloyd Larson
Offered by the HPC Choir

Second Scripture Reading: John 16:4b-15

"I didn't say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I go away to the one who sent me. None of you ask me, 'Where are you going?' Yet because I have said these things to you, you are filled with sorrow. I assure you that it is better for you that I go away. If I don't go away, the Companion won't come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will show the world it was wrong about sin, righteousness, and judgment. He will show the world it was wrong about sin because they don't believe in me. He will show the world it was wrong about righteousness because I'm going to the Father and you won't see me anymore. He will show the world it was wrong about judgment because this world's ruler stands condemned. I have much more to say to you, but you can't handle it now. However, when the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you in all truth. He won't speak on his own, but will say whatever he hears and will proclaim to you what is to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and proclaim it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine. That's why I said that the Spirit takes what is mine and will proclaim it to you."

The Word of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

God's Word Engaged: "*Jugs Spilling Over!*"

Rev. Rebecca Taylor

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn #498: "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"**

Celebrating the Feast of Faith

Invitation

Words from Scripture Concerning the Meal (I Corinthians 11:23-26)

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Words Affirming Our Faith** (*The Apostles' Creed*)

Carol Lanham

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn #297: "In Christ Called to Baptize"**

*Benediction: I Thessalonians 5:16-20

*Response #606: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Postlude: "Improvisation on 'King's Weston'"

Ralph Vaughn Williams/Bonnie Barrett

WE DEPART- OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND LIVES IN SERVICE TO GOD

OUR CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Rev. Kevin Campbell	Recovering from cancer surgery
John Lintecum	Struggling with health issues (blood cancer)
A.L. Noblett	Struggling with failing health
RAE Center Teachers/Staff	Needing support for the conclusion of the school year!
Jamie Sunderland	Hospitalized – rejecting transplanted kidney
Rev. Michael Weller	Facing end-of-life options (brain cancer)
The World	Praying for peace, an end to war, violence, and suffering!

OUR HOMEBOUND

Mary Helen Blair (home)
Jean Talley (Our Lady of the Valley Nursing Home, Roanoke)

OUR ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Abingdon Presbytery	Betty Anne Gaskill	Debi Myers
Susan Alexander	Tim Gaskill	Peggy Tolbert
Carolyn Anderson	Rev. Ann Elyse Hicks	Celeste Tsaklis
Janet Rae Banks	Bill Hicks	Ron Wagner
Stephanie Baron	Shirley Hurst	Janie Walters
Delores Brannock	Parker Hysell	Teresa Webb
Austin Burns	Neal Hylton	Kathy Welch
College Friend of Jim's	Deb Linton	Gray Williams
John Collins	Debbie McCraw	Dan Worrell
Alafair Combs	Scott Mitchem	Betty Semones Wyrick
Ralph Ellison	Rob Moser	
Robert Gamble	William "Bill" Mowery	

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Jim Spraker, Interim Music Director

Our Session: Nancy McDaniel, Carol Lanham, Susan Mowery, Vickie Mills, Faye Gunn, Charles Collins,
Ted Westmoreland

Elder of the Month: Charles Collins (276) 733-7965

Hymn 289

1 On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,

A band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing and pray.

A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,

And tongues of fire glowing inspired each person there.

2 The people all around them were startled and amazed

To understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.

What universal message, what great good news was here?

That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

3. God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe

On women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.

That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power

The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

4. O Spirit sent from heaven on that day long ago,

Rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.

O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,

So folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise

Hymn 498

1 Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.

Jesus, Bread of life from heaven, was their food forevermore.

Chorus

By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

2 Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night,

In the bread and wine you gave them,
Christ, you came as Light from Light.. Chorus

3 Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.

Jesus speaks across the ages:

"I am with you; do not fear!" Chorus

4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share

bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care. Chorus

Hymn 582

1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

**As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

2 World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen.

**As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

Hymn 297

1 In Christ called to baptize, we witness to
grace
And gather a people from each land and
race.
In deep, flowing waters, we share in
Christ's death,
Then, rising to new life, give thanks with
each breath.

2 In Christ called to banquet, one table we
share,
A haven of welcome, a circle of care.
Although we are many, we share in one
bread.
One cup of thanksgiving, proclaims Christ
our head.

3 In Christ called to witness by grace we
will preach
The lifegiving gospel; God's love we will
teach.
By grace may our living give proof to our
praise
In costly compassion reflecting Christ's
ways.

4 Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love,
For you are within us, around us, above.
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow.
In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we
grow.

Hymn 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.