



Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020

Full Courage and Joy

Covenant Presbyterian Church of Chicago

1st Sunday of Pentecost

Prelude by Justin Bowse

Pentecost Call To Worship, *based on Psalm 105:1-2; Romans 5:5; Revelation 4:8*

Leader: The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

All: we dwell in him and he in us.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

All: make known his deeds among the peoples.

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him,

All: and speak of all his marvelous works.

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,

All: who was and is and is to come!

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
 2. Je - sus the name that charms our fears, That
 3. He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin, He
 4. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your
 5. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -

great re - dee - mer's praise, The glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, 'Tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris - oner free; His blood can make the
 loose-'nd tongues em - ploy; Ye blind, be - hold your
 sist me to pro - claim, To spread thro' all the

God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace.
 sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace. *refrain*
 foul - est clean; His blood a - vailed for me.
 Sav - ior come; And leap ye lame, for joy. *refrain*
 earth a - broad, The hon - ors of thy name. *refrain*

refrain

Hal - le - lu - jah! I will
 sing my great re - dee - mer's praise!

O For a Thousand, Words: Charles Wesley, 1739. Music: Carl Gläser, 1828, refrain and arr. by Devin Pogue, Christ Church Highland Park, 2013

Pentecost Sunday Confession of Sin *from Romans 8:5-8*

Leader: Those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Sing to Confess

1. O Breath of Life, come sweep-ing through us.
2. O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
Re- vive your church with life and pow'r. O Breath of Life, come cleanse re-
'til humbly we con-fess our need. Then in your ten-der - ness, re-
new us and fit your church to meet this hour.
make us. Re- vive, re - store, for this we plead.
O Breath of Love, come breathe with - in us,
re - new-ing thought and will and heart. Come, love of Christ, a - fresh to
win us. Re vive your church in ev - ery part.

O Breath of Life, Words: Bessie Porter Head, 1920; Music Andy Piercy, 2006

Silent time to pray and confess

A prayer to help with confession based on Romans 8:26-28

The Spirit helps me in my weakness.

*For I do not know what to pray,
but the Spirit himself intercedes for me.*

The Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

*And I know that for those who love God all things work together for good,
for those who are called according to his purpose. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon *from Romans 8:34-35, 37*

Leader: Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

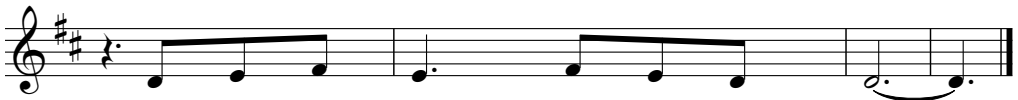
All: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.



Born by the Ho - ly Spir - it's breath, Loosed from the
In us the Spi - rit makes His home That we in
Sons then and heirs of God most high, We by his
One in His love, His pur - pose one To form the
Nor death, nor life, nor pow'r's un - seen, nor height, nor



law of sin and death, Now cleared in Christ from e - very claim,
Him may ov - er - come. Christ's ri - sen life in all its power,
Spi - rit "Fa - ther" cry. That spi - rit with our spi - rit shares
like - ness of His Son In all who, called and jus - ti - fied,
depth can come bet - ween. We know through pe - ril, pain and sword



No judge - ment stands a - gainst our name.
Its all pre - vai - ling strength is ours.
To frame and breathe our word - less prayers.
shall reign in glo - ry at His side.
The love of God in Christ our Lord.

Born by the Holy Spirit's Breath, Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith, Music: Paul van der Bijl, 2008

Lessons from the Word *read by Andrew Dykstra*

Old Testament Lesson -
Gospel Lesson -

Ezekiel 36.24-28
John 16.12-15

Reader: The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Musical interlude by Brian Riggs

The Word

Pastor Aaron Baker
Travel Plans, Philippians 2:19–30

I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.

I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

Receive New Members, *led by Pastor David Salsedo*

Song led by Paul van der Bijl and Justin Bowse

1. Now shall my in - ward joys a - rise, and burst_ in - to___ a song: Al -
2. God on___ His thir - sty Zi - ion hill, some mer - cy drops. has thr'wn, And
3. Why do___ we then_ in - dul - ge our fears, sus - pi - cions and com - plaints? Is
4. Deep on___ the palms of both his hands, He has_ en - graved. our names; His

migh - ty love___ in - spires_ my heart, and plea - sure tunes_ my tongue.
so - lemn oaths_ have bound_ His love to show - er sal - va - tion down.
He___ a God___ and shall_ His grace grow wea - ry of_ His saints?
hands_ shall raise___ our ru - ined walls, and build_ our bro - ken frame.

Now Shall My Inward Joys Arise, Words: Isaac Watts, 1709, Music: William Billings, 1770, Sacred Harp

Members Received: *Jinah Suh, Martin and Brittany Goodlett, Ron and Paula Guichard, Nicole Podkulski, Joseph Melkonian, James Masterfield.*

Prayer of Congregational Blessing:

All: Our Father in heaven, we thank you for Jesus Christ, for the new life given in him, and for the one faith, one hope, and one baptism that your people have shared through the ages. We rejoice that your children here are now one with your church and that we may receive them as members of this congregation. Guide them in the way of Christ and sustain us all in the fellowship and service of our Lord. Amen.

News & Announcements

Announcements in our community

Sermon Devotional Email. You can sign up to receive an email three times a week in order to help you reflect on and pray through the prior week's sermon text and Scripture Lessons. To sign up, send an email to devotional@covenantchicago.org.

Let Us Pray for You. Covenant's staff meets remotely to pray for the congregation throughout the week. We would be honored to pray for you. Please send your prayer requests to Pastor Dan (dadamson@covenantchicago.org) who will share them with the staff.

Do you need help? If the ongoing repercussions of covid-19 present a financial or physical hardship for you, please contact our deacons (diaconate@covenantchicago.org). Your email will go directly to the deacons, and they'll treat it with confidence. If you're able, now is a great time to contribute to the [Deacons Fund](#) to meet the needs of others in our congregation.

Pentecost Song of Sending



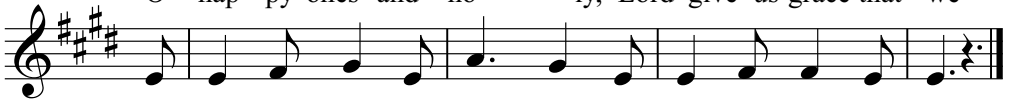
The chur-ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her_ Lord,
E - lect from eve - ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the_ earth;
Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her_ war,
Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.____
Her chart - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;____
She waits the con - su - ma - tion, of peace for - ev - er more.____
And my - stic sweet co - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.____



From heav'n He came and sought her to be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly Name she bless - es par - takes one ho - ly food,
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, Her long - ing eyes are blest,
O hap - py ones and ho - ly, Lord give us grace that we



With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es, with eve - ry grace en - dued.
And the great church vic - to - rious, shall be the church at rest.
like them the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with Thee.

The Church's One Foundation, words: Samuel Stone, 1866; music: Brian Moss, 1996

Leader: **Benediction**

Romans 15:5-7 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.