

Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church



Worship for May 28, 2023

Worship for Pentecost Sunday and Memorial Day May 28, 2023

Prelude

Veni Creator Spiritus

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Meditation (in preparation for worship)

"And I had a kind of vision of us all coming together, bearing our different wounds, offering differing gifts...each of us poor and in need of love, yet rich in Spirit. Each of us speaking in the language we know, and being understood. Pentecost, indeed."

Kathleen Norris
in *Amazing Grace*

"Amazed and confused, they kept asking each other, 'What does this mean?' "
Acts 2:12

"When the church lives up to its charter, nothing divides its members.... People who wouldn't come together for any other reason, who don't share nationality, race, opinions, who don't even like each other, can draw close to each other here, because God chose all of them."

Barbara Wheeler
in *Who Needs the Church?*

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here! If you are new or visiting, please sign the guest pad in the pews so that we may get to know you better and send you our e-newsletter. Please join us for refreshments during our Fellowship Hour after the service.

Please stand if you are able. **Congregation reads responses in bold print.*

Invitation to Memorial Silence

Choir: *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies (v.2)*

Call to Worship:

Janine Bernard

from *Creating Fresh Images for Preaching* by Tom Troeger

L1: Acts 2: 1-2

L2: Is this the wind that in the beginning moved across the deep?

Yes, this is the gust that parted oceans, land and sky.

Is this the wind that God uses to bring each one of us to life?

Yes, this is the breath that filled our lungs at birth.

Is this the wind that drove apart the waters of the Red Sea?

Yes, this is the gale that set the Hebrews free.

Is this the wind Ezekiel called to make the dry bones dance?

Yes, this is the breeze that rattled them to life.

Is this the wind that blows away the cobwebs from our souls?

Yes, this is the rush that bears away our sin and sends us soaring with grace.

L1: Acts 2: 3-4

L2: Is this fire that Moses saw burning in the bush that was not consumed?

Yes, this is the flame that caught his attention and called him to set God's people free.

Is this the fire that led them by night and lit the way across the wilderness?

Yes, this is the flame that showed them the path to the Promised Land.

Is this the fire that burned and burned in Jeremiah's bones?

Yes, this is the flame that made the prophet rage for justice and righteousness.

Is this the fire Isaiah saw in the Temple blazing with God's holiness?

Yes, this is the flame that cleansed his lips and sent him to speak for God.

Is this the fire that burns even now within the depths of our hearts?

Yes, this is the flame that shines in us with faith and hope and love.

***Hymn #610**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

Call to Confession

Scripture:

Acts 2: 1-12

Janine Bernard

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”

***Hymn #2237 (STF)**

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

Beach Spring

A Few Words about Scripture

Rev. Stuart Hayes

Offering

Anthem

Clap Your Hands

Fedak

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Announcements

Please wait for the microphones when making announcements. The microphone should be held parallel to the floor and about 6 inches from the mouth.

Joys and Concerns

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn #66**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Pentecost

***Benediction**

Postlude



Welcome to our worship at Pebble Hill!

If you are with us for the first time, we hope that you find our worship meaningful and our fellowship inviting.

Please reach out to Pastor Stuart or Nancy Byrne to learn more about Pebble Hill Church.

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Please keep in your prayers this week:

- ❖ We welcome Ron Cavanaugh back to Pebble Hill.
- ❖ We pray for Steve Eidt, who is recovering from hip surgery and an infection.
- ❖ We pray for all caregivers in hospitals, urgent care facilities, long term care facilities and who provide at home care.
- ❖ We pray for the Eastern Farmworkers who provide for those who work our central New York farms.
- ❖ We pray for individuals awaiting life-saving organ donations.
- ❖ We pray for all victims of gun violence in this country.
- ❖ We pray for the Elders and Deacons of this church.
- ❖ We pray for the PNC.

Announcements

The church office will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 29th.

A memorial service for Jean Snow will be held on Saturday, June 3rd, at 11:00 am.

Thank you to all who participated in the Spring Brunch on Sunday! With all the delicious dishes that everyone brought, we had a great time, enjoying the food and conversation. And a special note of appreciation to those who stayed after to help clean up. Thank you also for the donations to the Diaper Fund. Everything you did to make this event a success is greatly appreciated!

The Deacons



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The Week at Pebble Hill 05/28-06/3

Sunday	10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Coffee and Fellowship Hour – Atrium
Monday		Memorial Day: Church Office Closed
Tuesday	9:30 am 5:00 pm	Bluebirds – NR Girl Scouts – KR
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Bluebirds – KR
Thursday	9:30 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Bluebirds – NR Bluebirds – NR Salt City Ukulele practice – FH Choir Practice
Friday	9:30 am	Bluebirds – NR
Saturday	9:00 am 11:00 am	Bluebirds – NR Memorial Service for Jean Snow – Sanctuary

Thank you to today's ministry assistants:

KEVIN and CRAIG COBB – USHERS

REV. STUART HAYES – BRIDGE PASTOR

BETTE KAHLER – DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

JANINE BERNARD – LITURGIST

*Flowers for this morning's service were donated by the Cobb family.
Thank you.*

THANKS TO THOSE WHO ARE LIVE STREAMING THIS MORNING'S SERVICE.