

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHESTNUT HILL
PHILADELPHIA**

“Pentecost is the moment when gestation ceases and birthing occurs. Thus, it is both an end and a beginning, the leaving behind of that which is past, the launching forth into that which is only now beginning to be.”

~Beverly Gaventa

“The visions that God gives are less about what we can capture in sight and sound and more about being captured, being drawn into the guiding hand of the Holy Spirit.”

~Willie James Jennings

*“Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work’s in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.”*

*~“There Is a Balm in Gilead”
African American Spiritual*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
DAY OF PENTECOST**

May 31, 2020

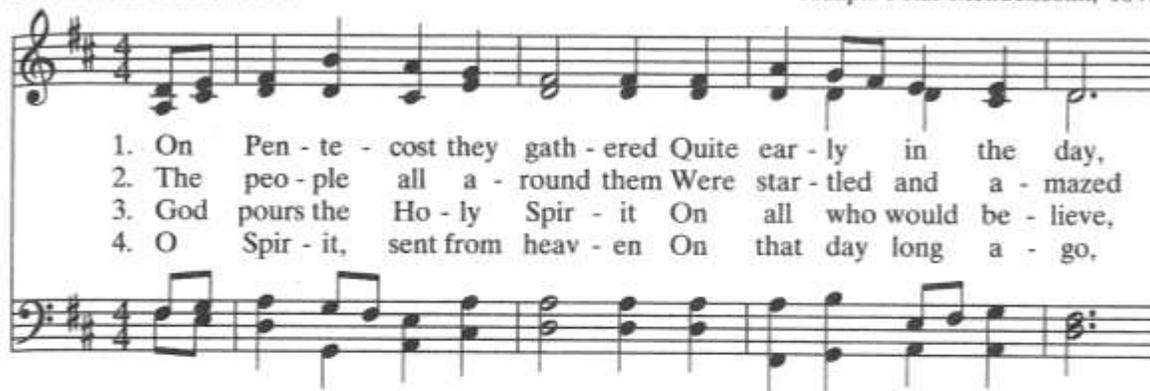
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CALL TO WORSHIP

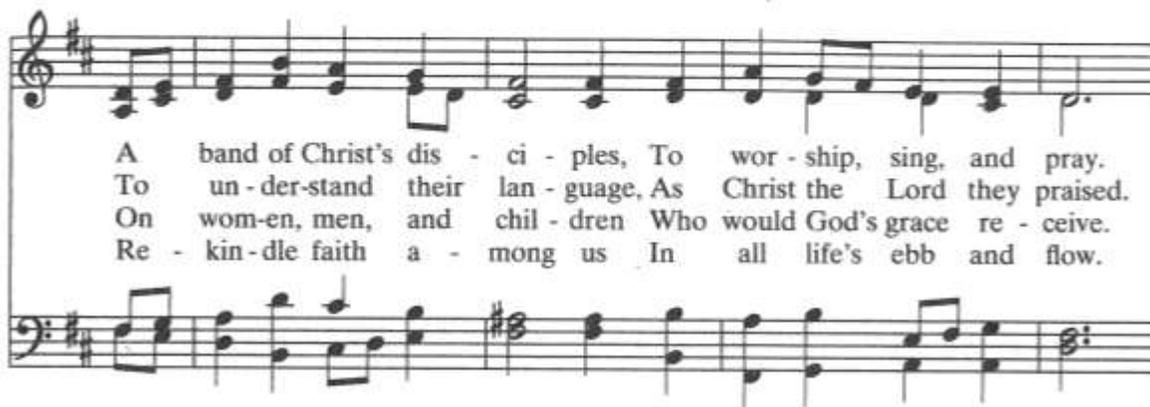
Leader: Remember the promise of God—
People: God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh.
Leader: The Spirit helps us in our weakness—
People: Interceding with sighs too deep for words.
Leader: The Spirit of God renews the earth.
People: Let us bless God’s holy name!

INVOCATION

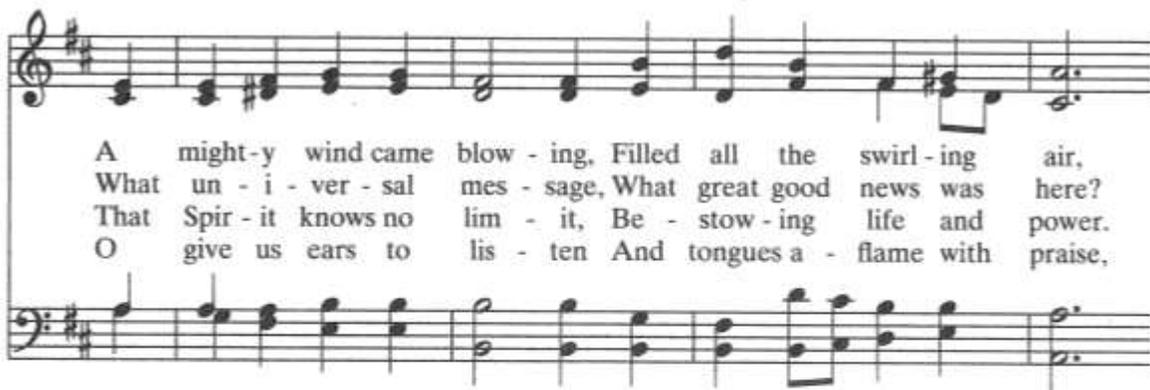
Jane Parker Huber, 1981

Neuvermehrtes Meiningisches Gesangbuch, 1693
Adapt. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847


1. On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered Quite ear - ly in the day,
2. The peo - ple all a - round them Were star - tled and a - mazed
3. God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it On all who would be - lieve,
4. O Spir - it, sent from heav - en On that day long a - go,



A band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, To wor - ship, sing, and pray.
To un - der - stand their lan - guage, As Christ the Lord they praised.
On wom - en, men, and chil - dren Who would God's grace re - ceive.
Re - kin - dle faith a - mong us In all life's ebb and flow.



A might - y wind came blow - ing, Filled all the swirl - ing air,
What un - i - ver - sal mes - sage, What great good news was here?
That Spir - it knows no lim - it, Be - stow - ing life and power.
O give us ears to lis - ten And tongues a - flame with praise,



And tongues of fire a - glow - ing In - spired each per - son there.
That Christ, once dead, is ris - en To van - quish all our fear.
The church, formed and re - form - ing, Re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
So folk of ev - ery na - tion Glad songs of joy shall raise.

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God of power and grace, fill us with the wisdom of your word and the understanding of your Spirit so that we may be your church: a people with dreams and visions at work in the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you" On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one members suffers, all suffer together with it; if one members is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

The Lone, Wild Bird

The Southern Harmony, 1835

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight
is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight.
And I am thine! I rest in thee.
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

The ends of earth are in thy hand,
the sea's dark deep and far-off land.
And I am thine! I rest in thee.
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

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?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in

those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Of Pentecost and the Pandemic”

John Wilkinson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

“A Brief Statement of Faith”
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

VOLUNTARY*Variations on Veni Creator Spiritus*Maurice Duruflé
(1902-1986)

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
with the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home:
where thou art guide, no ill can come.

Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but One,
that through the ages all along,
this may be our endless song:

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

WORSHIP LEADERS: Brian Russo, Associate Pastor; Austin Crenshaw Shelley, Associate Pastor; John Wilkinson, Pastor

LITURGIST: Margaret Poteet

MUSIC: Kevin Radtke, Rebecca Siler, Julie Snyder, Jackson Williams, Soloists PCCH Gallery Choir; Ken Lovett, Organist

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

AN INVITATION TO STAY CONNECTED TO PCCH

PCCH is an active community with many opportunities to stay engaged, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. With that in mind we wanted to make sure you were aware of all the ways you can electronically stay connected and learn what's going on at PCCH.

Did you know that PCCH now has a YouTube page? We are slowly building our YouTube page content and we're delighted to house our weekly virtual Cantatas and Chamber Music series there as well as last week's liturgy to recognize and celebrate recent graduates. Please check out our page <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC24kk0wIA3VaQdn8TN-s5sQ>. (You can also access the YouTube via our website's homepage. Just scroll down the homepage and it's on the lower left-hand side.)

Another way we try to keep you informed is through our weekly emails. Each week we send out an "On Faith" email on Monday mornings and on Friday afternoon we send out a "Sunday Worship Update and Announcements" email sharing upcoming activities and events. If you have not been receiving these weekly emails, please contact Leslie Lefer, our Communications Coordinator, at communications@chestnuthillpres.org so she can add you to our distribution list.

And of course you can always check out our website www.chestnuthillpres.org. Besides clicking on the "Watch" button on Sunday mornings to enjoy the worship service, take a moment to look around the website to learn about the variety of interactive programming at the Center on the Hill during this time of social distancing. You will also see that our Social Witness Committee is still very busy trying to raise awareness and funds for our partners providing direct relief to our neighbors in need.

And finally don't forget our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/PCChestnutHill>. There you can find out about the latest goings on and watch Wednesday's Bible Study Live at noon, Friday's Morning Prayer Live at 7:30 a.m., and much, much more.

UPDATE ON ONLINE GIVING AT PCCH

Good news! Based on increased interest, PCCH has partnered with the Presbyterian Foundation to securely process your electronic giving, whether through your computer or smartphone. These options can save you -- and the church office -- time!

If you wish to make a tax-deductible gift, please use this Give Now button  (also on our website) to set up new one-time, or recurring gifts.

The Presbyterian Foundation also offers the GivePlus Church app which is available through the App Store and Google Play. Search for "GivePlus Church" to download the app. GivePlus Church is free to download and there are no fees to make a donation. You can watch this short video to learn how easy it is to donate with GivePlus Church – **video**.

CANTATAS AND CHAMBER MUSIC

Every Friday at 7:30 p.m. we will premiere an online Cantatas and Chamber Music concert. These 20-30 minute weekly concerts will consist of live performances by our church's musicians (from their "chambers") as well as recordings of our past concerts. This week's installment of our Cantatas and Chamber Music series is a recital by the PCCH Gallery Choir soloist Katy Avery singing works by Schumann, Boulanger and Philadelphia composer John Conahan, with pianists John Conahan and Ken Lovett. Please go to the Music and Arts tab on the church's website to stream the performances. Past concerts can be viewed on the Cantatas and Chamber Music page under the Music and Arts tab.

CENTER ON THE HILL

Community Resources you may need during this time are being updated regularly and can be found at www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/community-resources/. In addition, NEW online programming such as interactive games, virtual tours, fitness workouts, art classes, lectures and much more are being created and posted Monday-Friday at Noon on our programs page: www.chestnuthillpres.org/center-on-the-hill/programs/ **Newly added this week:** how to join a Zoom Meeting video tutorial, virtual tour of the Grounds for Sculpture, interactive exploration of the paintings of Johannes Vermeer, exercises to improve flexibility, a performance from the National English Ballet, and a new episode of *Tell Me Something Good* with special guest Leslie Lefer! Visit our pages often to stay active and stay connected.

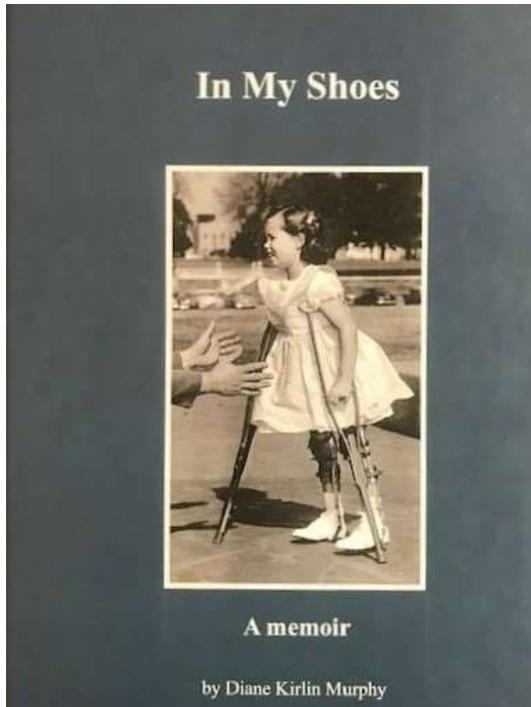
PCCH VIRTUAL ART GALLERY

Opening soon! PCCH Virtual Art Gallery. Watch for the announcement of the first virtual exhibition of art, craft, and creative endeavors from members of the PCCH community. There will be regularly changing exhibitions and invitations to submit work. Brought to you by the Music and Arts Committee, we look forward to seeing and sharing what you have been making.

SEEKING MYSTERY READERS FOR KIDS' WEEKLY ZOOM GATHERING

Each week PCCH's children are gathering online for a Bible story, mini church school lesson, and fellowship. The children have been enjoying hearing from Austin and from a several mystery readers—church members who hop on the Zoom call to read Bible stories to them—and engaging in special activities. If you are interested in being a mystery reader, or if there is a way you can offer a fun game or activity related to our Bible story over Zoom, please email Austin Shelley at ashelley@chestnuthillpres.org for more information.

A CREATIVE GIFT TO PCCH'S HUNGER OUTREACH



Several years ago, Diane Murphy wrote a memoir with the help of Sam Whyte's class on memoir writing offered through the Center on the Hill. The result was "In My Shoes," a book on her life as a survivor of polio. Since Diane only made copies for family and a few friends, she has no extra copies – but she can order more. The actual cost if she orders more than ten copies is \$33 per book. Diane would like to donate part of the cost of each book to the hunger outreach of the church. If you would like a copy, you are invited to send a check *payable to Diane Murphy* (include "Book" on the memo line) for \$35 (or more, if you want to increase the contribution that will go back to the church) by June 1. *Send the check to the church office* at 8855 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19118. She will then order copies and let you know when they arrive and how to schedule a socially distant pick-up. Thank you for your support, and thank you Diane for telling this important story.

ONLINE GRADUATION RECOGNITION

We have produced a brief online liturgy (with a charge, prayer and "Pomp and Circumstance!") that recognizes and celebrates members of The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill community who are graduating from high school, college and graduate school/seminary. You can watch the online liturgy by visiting our PCCH YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC24kk0wIA3VaQdn8TN-s5sQ>. We congratulate all who are graduating this spring, and while we miss "in-person" ceremonies and celebrations, we are glad to be able to recognize you this way.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – Monday, June 8

PCCH is happy to be able to host another Red Cross Blood Drive. The drive will be on Monday, June 8 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The last drive we hosted filled up very quickly and many PCCH members were unable to schedule an appointment. This drive will remain open to PCCH members through the end of May. It will then be opened to the public to fill all the remaining appointments. All information about blood donation can be found at: www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: **Presbyterian Chestnut Hill**. Blood donations have been lagging so there is a need for donations. Please help if you can!

JUST MERCY BOOK AND MOVIE CLUB – Wednesday, June 17, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Before the COVID 19 crisis, we were preparing to discuss “Just Mercy,” a book and subsequent film that shared the story of Bryan Stevenson and his work to defend the unjustly condemned on death row. Many of you read the book and have subsequently seen the film. Join us, via Zoom, for an interactive discussion led by John Wilkinson. It will be helpful to have read the book or seen the film, which is now available to stream (if you need assistance, let us know). Watch the website, Sunday bulletin and Facebook page in the next few weeks for information on how to log-in. This is an important and timely conversation – join us.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday – Bible Study, 12:00 noon, Facebook Live

Friday – Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m., Facebook Live

Friday – Children’s Zoom gathering, alternating between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon, contact Austin Shelley for information and an invitation.

Visit our website www.chestnuthillpres.org and our Facebook page regularly for updates and events. Let us know if you have prayer concerns.