



**South  
Mecklenburg  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*A Service of Worship*

*Day of Pentecost*

*May 31, 2020, 10:10 a.m.*

**WE GATHER**

**PRELUDE**      *Partita on Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord: I. Processional*  
Kevin Hildebrand

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**      Dr. Matthew S. Brown

One:      The Lord be with you.

All:      **And also with you.**

**MOMENT FOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**      Greg Hobby

**INTROIT**      *Hail Thee, Festival Day!*      Ralph Vaughan Williams

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      Rev. Whitney Bayer

One:      Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty.

**Many: Alleluia!**

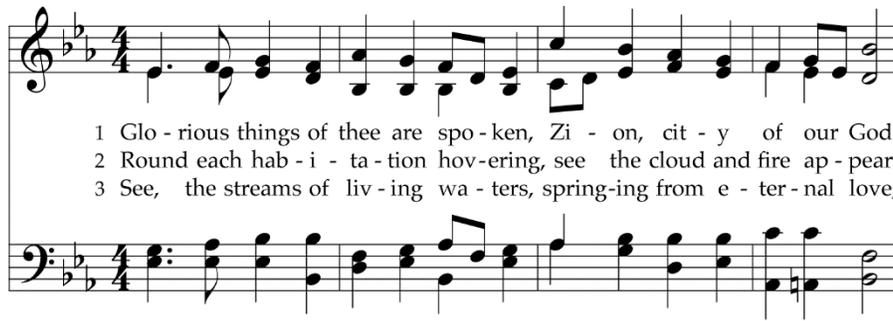
One:      Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit.

**Many: Alleluia!**

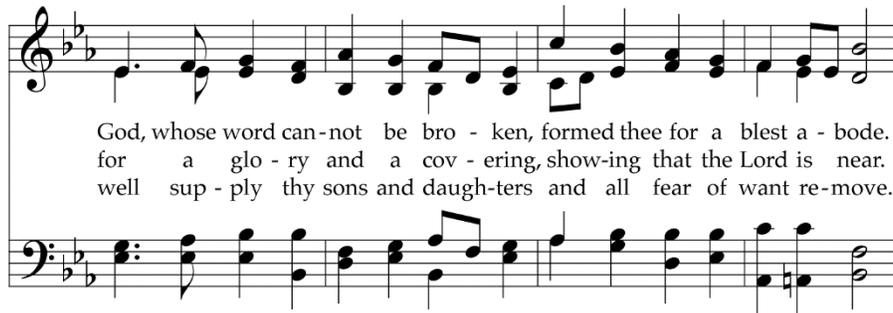
One:      Let your heart overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth.

All:      **Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

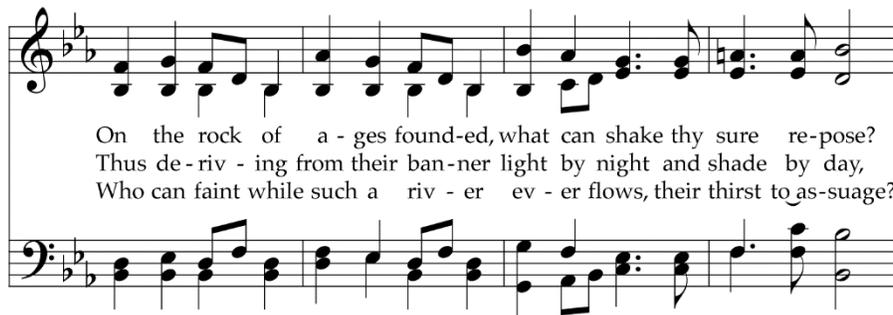
## HYMN

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*


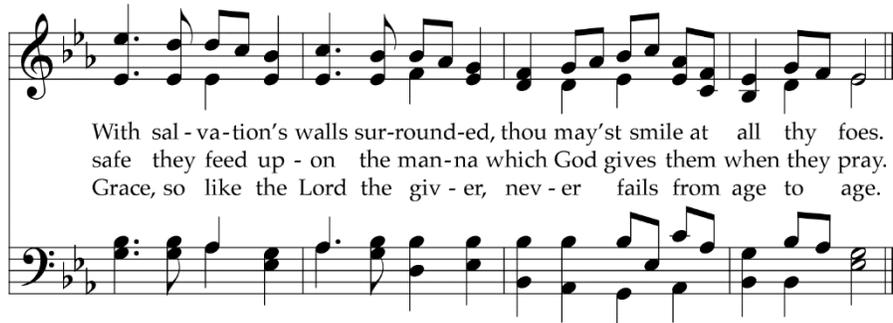
1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.  
2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear  
3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.  
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?  
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,  
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.  
Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Rev. Bayer

**God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet, we hoard earth's resources and refuse to share your gifts. We dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies. We disregard your compassion by severely judging the sins of others. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit renew our hearts and free us from sins that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation. (silence)**

Leader: Trusting your mercy, we lift these prayers to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Rev. Bayer

**RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

*Gloria Patri*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

**WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**Heather Wojick**

**Brooks Hamilton Wojick**

Son of Heather and Brad Wojick

Representing the Session: Greg Hobby

**CHURCH FAMILY MOMENT**

Rev. Bayer

1. The Holy Spirit is sometimes described as wind. When we are worshiping together in the sanctuary, we have scarfs for you to wave during hymns that reminds us that the spirit is present. Using your ribbon or streamers, make something to wave during hymns at home.
2. Learn the story of Pentecost by watching this video: <https://whatsinthebible.com/what-is-pentecost/>.
3. Journal and consider these questions:
  - a. In the scripture today, Jesus says that “living water” will flow out of the heart of believers. Where else do we see water in the Bible?
  - b. Have you ever been really thirsty? What was it like when you finally got some water to drink? How is Jesus like living water?
  - c. What does your soul thirst for? Is that an easy or difficult question to answer? Why or why not?
  - d. Choose one: wind, fire, dove. All of these are symbols of the Holy Spirit. How is the Holy Spirit like the symbol you chose?

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Dr. Brown

**READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT**

Isaiah 44:1-4

But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen! Thus says the Lord who made you, who formed you in the womb and will help you: Do not fear, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen. For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my spirit upon your descendants, and my blessing on your offspring. They shall spring up like a green tamarisk, like willows by flowing streams.

**READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT**

John 7:37-39

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.' " Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

**One:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

**Living Water, Holy Spirit**

Dr. Brown

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Fill Me, Lord*

Brad Nix

Jane Royther, Laura Hancock, Collin Sinclair, and David Kinsey, quartet  
Zach Bowyer, bongos and soloist

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

From: **A Brief Statement of Faith**  
Rev. Bayer

**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. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

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

Rev. Bayer

**. . . "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.**

TIME FOR OFFERINGS AND REFLECTION

*Tongues of Fire (Pentecost Dance)*

Alfred V. Fedak

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DOXOLOGY

*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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Dr. Brown

**Holy God, Breath of life, Water for life, we give you thanks for the movement of your Spirit, which awakens us to your presence, draws us into community, calls us into service, and equips us for ministry. Trusting your goodness and wisdom, we offer these gifts and our lives to you. Continue to shape and direct us in ways that are pleasing to you and healing for your creation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

# WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN

## *As the Wind Song*

1 As the wind song through the trees, as the  
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the  
stir - ring of the breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of  
hope that's born a - gain, so it is with the Spir - it of  
God, as the heart made strange - ly warm, as the  
God, as the green in the spring, as a  
voice with - in the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of  
kite on a string, so it is with the Spir - it of  
God. Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has  
God, mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come  
blown bring - ing life, bring - ing power to the world,  
true, bring - ing gifts, bring - ing love to the world,  
as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -  
as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the  
feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Brown

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face.  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in our hearts,  
We can feel the bond of family though we're apart.  
We will go and do the work of God as from worship we depart.  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in our hearts. Amen.*

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## WORSHIP NOTES

Our Mission . . . to seek God's will for our lives,  
joyfully responding to the Good News of Jesus Christ with Love and Grace.

### Stop by Coffee Grounds ONLINE after worship today!

After streaming our worship service live, join us anytime between 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.  
to see familiar faces and perhaps meet someone new.

Email Nancy Metzler, [nancy@smpchome.org](mailto:nancy@smpchome.org) for the Zoom ID#.

### Leading Worship this Morning

Dr. Matthew S. Brown, Pastor

Rev. Whitney Bayer, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care

Zach Bowyer, Director of Music and Organist

Greg Hobby, Elder

Quartet: Laura Hancock, David Kinsey, Jane Royther, Collin Sinclair

A/V: Kari Case and Harrison Case

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In this time of social distancing, we want to stay connected with you! If you don't receive our weekly email, generally sent out on Thursday mornings, contact Nancy Metzler, Director of Hospitality and Connection, [nancy@smpchome.org](mailto:nancy@smpchome.org). This email contains information about upcoming worship services and church activities, as well as messages from our pastors and staff. Also, check us out on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/southmecklenburgpresbyterian](http://www.facebook.com/southmecklenburgpresbyterian). This link works even if you don't have a Facebook account, and you can view photos, videos, and other church communications.

**Interested in joining South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church?** Through the gift of technology our Session will gather to welcome new members on June 28 at 11:30 a.m. Please consider joining our church family in this nontraditional yet meaningful way. To learn more, contact Nancy Metzler, Director of Hospitality and Connection, [nancy@smpchome.org](mailto:nancy@smpchome.org) or 980-265-2839.

### *Congregational Notes* (as of May 27, 2020)

#### Remember in Prayer

- The family of Lois Harvey who entered the Church Triumphant May 22 including her daughter Lisa and family Brian, Lauren and Alyssa Richardson.
- Our church, our community, our country, and the world as we face this world-wide pandemic.
- Our mission partners in Bayonnais, Haiti.

To join the prayer chain or send a prayer request: [prayer@SMPChome.org](mailto:prayer@SMPChome.org).

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