



WORSHIP SUNDAY MAY 31, 2020
'Nuggets of Joy in a Time of Turmoil'
PENTECOST SUNDAY

Good Morning!

Even when we're physically apart, the Holy Spirit unites us as one community! Even when we can't *go to church*, **we are the church!**

Let us know you worshiped with us today by filling out the Friendship Form located on our website **WORSHIP page www.rivierachurch.org.**

If you are joining in via Facebook, please leave us a comment and don't forget to keep checking our various social media outlets, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, for up-to-date information.

GATHERING

HYMN

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

289 On Pentecost They Gathered

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 u - ni - 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.

This narrative and interpretive text was written to fill what the author perceived as an unfortunate gap in available hymns concerning the Holy Spirit in general and Pentecost in particular. The setting of a 17th-century German tune is from Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*.

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CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOMING THE LIGHT

WELCOME

Rev. Martha M. Shiverick

CALL TO WORSHIP

Amy Bogardus

One: Come, Holy Spirit, come:

Enter our lives. Free us from all fear. Give us strength to carry on.

Give us hope and joy sufficient for each day.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come:

Give us the power to be the church. Impart your many gifts to our members, that we may be your presence in the world.

Free us from fear and renew our life together.

One: Come, Holy Spirit Come:

Bind us close together so we may rejoice in each other's joys and weep with one another's sorrows. Bind us together not just with each other but with all of God's creation.

All: Come Holy Spirit come: May all be one in you.

One: Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Ethan Lee

God has promised that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Therefore, let us call upon the Lord, confessing our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION unison

Ethan Lee

The Spirit calls each of us, but we are often reluctant to heed the call. The wind of the Spirit blows, at times fiercely, and draws us onward. Yet, we cling to the fragile familiarities, to securities, and to safety. Help us to risk letting go, to stand free as your servant people. Help us to capture visions of the future, so that we can truly be the church. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ethan Lee

Sisters, brothers, and siblings,

God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance. As we accept God's grace we are restored once again to abundant life.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Rosemary Noga Welton

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Josephine Gurri

Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us in the language of our hearts, that we may hear your Word with understanding and answer your call with confidence. **Amen.**

CHORAL ANTHEM Holy Spirit Come To Us

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans

and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘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.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

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SERMON

Rev. Martha M. Shiverick

‘True Communication’

THE RESPONSE

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AND SENDING FOR THE LEE FAMILY

One: Today we say thank you to our dear friends Meg and Corey Lee and their two children Ethan and Ella who are moving this week to Ohio to begin a new chapter in their lives. It is appropriate to hold up their ministries at Riviera at this time and recognize how we have been blessed by their being with us.

All: Riviera Presbyterian Church has indeed been blessed by having Corey and Meg and their children as a part of our community. Corey has been a great help on the church Finance Committee and has been one of the better Ukulele players in our ensemble. Meg has shared her knowledge and gift in marketing to help us make a strategy to reach out to the community. She organized her children to decorate the church on Christmas and has been there to lend a hand with the children at the children's table in the back of the sanctuary or in Fellowship Hall. Ethan as served as a liturgist numerous times and as a leader in our Food Pantry Ministry helping fill the grocery bags that are handed out. And Ella ... well she set the fashion bar so high on Sunday mornings.

One: We are thankful to God for calling the Lee family into our community and for the way they served this church and God while here. As Meg, Corey, Ethan, and Ella prepare for their move to Ohio, we give thanks for the gift they have been and are to us.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: For being a part of our church family, for times celebrated as a community, and for times of nurture and growth,

All: Thanks be to God.

One: For the love freely offered and for the friendships that were built.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: We rejoice in the evidence of the Holy Spirit in their ministries in our church, for our fellowship in Jesus Christ, and for the love of God which has and will always sustain us.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: Corey, Meg, Ethan, and Ella, we praise God that we have been blessed by the love you shared with us.

All: We give thanks to God.

One: As you travel northward, we ask God for traveling mercies. And as you begin this new chapter in your lives in the Buckeye State, we will hold you in prayer.

One: Let us pray:

All: Loving God, You are the Alpha and the Omega. We give great thanks this day for our deep roots in faith which are nurtured by your grace and peace. Whether near or far we know we are all held close by your love. Let our time together here end with your blessing and with gladness in the future you present to us. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Meg and Corey Lee

For the church throughout the world,
Almighty God, **hear our prayer.**

Inspire the people of the church for prophetic witness to your truth and upon old and young give clarity of vision so that we might offer the love the world so desperately needs.

For nations of the world and its leaders, especially President Trump and Governor DeSantis,

Almighty God, **hear our prayer.**

Overcome the babble of misunderstanding in this time of uncertainty so that the truth and best practices for our world will be put in place and that there might be a unifying message of care, concern, and love.

For planet earth, our home,
Almighty God, **hear our prayer.**

By your Spirit renew the earth, make us good stewards of its resources, and teach us to enjoy its abundance rightly.

For those in need of healing,
Almighty God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the vulnerable and at risk populations and for those who now have the virus. We ask that you restore them to health and comfort.

For our neighbors and members of our community,
Almighty God, **hear our prayer.**

Teach us to be good neighbors, to live in peace with one another, and in friendship share the joys and burdens of daily life.

For our children,
Almighty God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the children of our church and all children everywhere and protect them from Covid-19. Give their parents the gifts needed to nurture them so that they may mature in wisdom and grow in peace.

We pray all this in Christ's name who also taught us to pray in this manner:

For the Lord's Prayer we appreciate the diverse traditions and backgrounds that make up the Riviera family of faith, and encourage you to use whatever words for this prayer are meaningful for you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER unison

Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Martha Shiverick

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Martha Shiverick

O, God, on this day of Pentecost we celebrate your Spirit so freely given and so powerfully active within your church. As that Spirit moves in our midst, may it inspire us towards generosity and fire us with an energy to serve you well. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ whose promise of ever-presence the Spirit fulfills. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Act of Gratitude

- 1. You may donate today via credit/debit card by visiting our website at www.rivierachurch.org and clicking on the GIVE button**
- 2. You may download the free Give+ app (iOS & Android)**
- 3. You may consider setting up online payment via your bank bill pay program.**
- 4. You may also mail in your check to the church at Riviera Presbyterian Church at 5275 Sunset Drive, Miami FL 33143**

If you are a member of another church, please donate to them during this time

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, ye hosts in heaven above;
Praise God, the Trinity of Love. Amen*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Martha Shiverick

HYMN

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Spirit of the Living God 288

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

KOREAN

살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
 빛으시고 채우소서
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서

SPANISH

*Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
 Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
 Tóname, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.
 Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.*

Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

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LIVING GOD
 Irregular



Don't forget to fill out the Friendship Form on our website or leave us a comment on Facebook so we know you worshiped with us today. Please include any prayer requests you have which will be sent to our pastoral care team.



Grab a cup of coffee and join us after the worship service on Zoom Holy Grounds to connect with others in the Riviera church family.

Sundays at 11:45am

Meeting ID: 931-409-506

Password: 5275



Riviera's Food Pantry Ministry will be distributing food on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 am – 12:00noon on the east entrance of the sanctuary.

If you would like to shop for the food pantry the following items

are needed: peanut butter, pasta sauce, pasta, crackers, tuna, rice - 1lb bags, canned soup, cereal or granola bars, canned veggies, and canned fruit.

Donations can be dropped off at the church Fellowship Hall doors on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. If you are ordering the food to be delivered please schedule them for Tuesdays or Thursdays.

--Thank you.

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