



First Presbyterian Church

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Rev. Hope Harle-Mould**

Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

June 5, 2022

10:00am

Pentecost Sunday

We Celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion

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PRELUDE *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

How manifold are your works, O Lord!

**In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

You send forth your spirit,
and they are created;

and so you renew the face of the earth.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I have my being.

GATHERING PRAYER

Holy God, who comes to us in breath,
visits us from the throne of heaven,
and sets us aflame with amazement and joy,
you open our paths to new visions
and guide our feet deeper into your wisdom.
Give us faith to trust your presence,
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN: *Every Time I Feel the Spirit #66*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our sister Julian of Norwich spoke these words of faith:
“All people who shall be saved, while we are in this world,
have in us a marvelous mixture of both weal [well-being] and woe.
We have in us our risen Lord Jesus;
we have in us the misery of the harm of Adam’s falling and dying.
We are steadfastly protected by Christ,
and by the touch of his grace we are raised into sure trust of salvation.
And by Adam’s fall our perceptions are so shattered in various ways,
by sins and by different sufferings,
that we are so darkened and blinded that we can hardly find any comfort.”
In the strong assurance of pardon, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Without your power, O God, we are lost.
We have done the things we would avoid,
and what you desire, we have not done.
By your purifying fire transform our lives;
guide us into honesty and compassion
so that filled with your peace
our dreams and visions may be one with yours;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.
By the power in whom we live and move and have our being,
I pronounce to you the complete forgiveness of all your sins,
through the holy Trinity, one God, whose mercy is everlasting. **Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE (American Sign Language)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Wisdom, you are the pillar of fire
that leads us into each new moment of our lives.
By the power of your Spirit,
settle now into our hearts and illumine your will;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Acts 2:1-21

SERMON: “When Have You Experienced the Wind-Breath-Spirit of the Living God?”

Ruah: Hebrew word for wind, breath, spirit

Rev. Hope Harle-Mould

HYMN OF DEVOTION: *Spirit of the Living God* by Daniel Iverson

(With two new verses written by Pastor Hope, shared with his guitar)

1 Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me...mold me, fill me...use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

2 Spirit of the living God, forge me for your bridge,
Spanning borders, walls of race, arching o'er all hate.
Hands of...reaching, shared-songs...healing.
Spirit of the living God, forge me for your bridge.

3 Spirit of the living God, speak your words of calm.
Still the terrors of my life, breathe through me your balm.
Teach me...your peace, 'til I'm...holy.
Spirit of the living God, speak your words of calm. *(Repeat verse #1)*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

THE OFFERTORY *Kuliko Jana* - Hearts4Worship

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Make us thankful every day, O God,
for the gifts that alight upon us from your bounty.
Guide us to use these offerings to your glory
for the health of your people and this creation. Amen.

SONG BEFORE COMMUNION *Come to the Table of Grace* #507

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Holy, holy, holy...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN: *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* #291

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

We would like to thank Rev. Hope Harle-Mould for sharing his gifts with us today.

HYMNS

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit” #66

Refrain:

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

1 Upon the mountain when my Lord spoke, out of God’s mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine. **Refrain**

2 Jordan River, chilly and cold, it chills the body, but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track, it runs to heaven and then right back. **Refrain**

“Come to the Table of Grace” #507

1 Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

2 Come to the table of peace. Come to the table of peace.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of peace.

3 Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of love.

4 Come to the table of hope. Come to the table of hope.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of hope.

5 Come to the table of joy. Come to the table of joy.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of joy.

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” #291

Refrain

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

1. You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing;
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” **Refrain**

2. You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand
and you goaded your people with a law and a land.
When they were confounded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. **Refrain**

3. You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.
And down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. **Refrain**

4. You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. **Refrain**

QUOTATIONS FOR MEDITATION

“We Open Ourselves to the Spirit” by Hope Harle-Mould

One: We open ourselves to the Spirit, *Ruah*, the Breath-Wind...

All: who moves us, impels us, sparks us, burns inside of us, until our creeds of faith become deeds of faithfulness.

One: We open ourselves to the Spirit, the Affirmer...

All: who coaxes our hidden beauty into blossom, who even at our most destructive moments says “yes” to our preciousness.

One: We open ourselves to the Spirit, Wounded Healer...

All: who makes of our wounds, pools of healing for others.

One: We open ourselves to the Spirit, the Dove...

All who inspires futures yet invented,

One: and to the Spirit, Fire-Cast-upon-the-Earth...

All: who stirs up movements of the meek to bring in the new order of God’s jubilee.

ABOUT PASTOR HOPE DOUGLAS J. HARLE-MOULD

Pastor Hope was born on a Sunday while his father, a Presbyterian pastor, was preaching. He grew up in Wisconsin, and graduated from Union Theological Seminary, NYC, was ordained in the Presbyterian Church in 1978, and served as campus minister at University of Maryland, Baltimore County and Visitation Minister at Rockville PC, Rockville, MD).

In 1988 Pastor Hope became a United Church of Christ minister and served as churches in Annandale, VA, Columbus, OH, Dayton, OH, and then West Seneca, NY, where he served at St. Peter’s UCC from 1999-2016.

Beginning in 2016, he served as supply preacher in UCC & Presbyterian churches from Tonawanda to Dunkirk to West Falls, including monthly at Bethel PC, Lackawanna. Just last Sunday (May 29th), Pastor Hope finished his two-year Interim at Grove Street Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Tonawanda.

As a freelance writer, Pastor Hope’s devotionals have been featured in *These Days* and in *The Upper Room*. Last February his new book was published, ***A.K.A. Jesus: 22 Sketches for Recognizing the Present-Tense Christ***, and is available at Talking Leaves Books, Buffalo, and online through Barnes & Noble and others.

He lives in Kenmore with his wife of 42 years, Linda. They have three children (joyfully through adoption) and five grandchildren. Hope loves stargazing, hiking, movies, community theater, the NBA’s Golden State Warriors, card games & Frisbee.

Pastor Hope’s unusual first name started out as a nickname at UCC-Presbyterian church camps in Wisconsin where he was a counselor for two summers. Afterward, when his brother and friends continued to call him “Hope,” he realized this was his spiritual name, legally changing his name the day after college graduation.