# Sunday, May 19th, 2024



The Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury 352 Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702

# Pentecost 2024

Our PCAS Vision: "To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning, and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Order of Worship

(\*Please rise in body and/or spirit)

#### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude** Morning Has Broken

setting by Arnold B Sherman Youth Bell Choir

### Candle Lighting

## \*Call to Worship

Leader: In those days, says the Lord -

People: In those days after Jesus rose from the dead, in those days when no one really knew what was going on or what was going to happen –

Leader: In those days God exhaled the Holy Spirit.

People: And when the disciples pushed out their fear

Leader: And as dancing flames heralded the arrival of something new **People: And as the birth cry was the cries of many languages, all understood** –

Leader: In those days, the church was born, out of fear and fire,

People: With joy and awe.

Leader: The church was born.

**People: Our church.** Leader: God's church.

People: Let us worship God.

"Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission."

\*Hymn Spirit of the Living God
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.

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on us.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on us.
Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on us.

Spirit of the Living God,
Move among us all;
Make us one in heart and mind,
Make us one in love:
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fill our lives with love.

#### Call to Confession

Leader: We know and believe the Spirit of God intercedes for us and helps us in our weakness. Together may we confess what the Lord has already heard:

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy Spirit,

we're not sure we're ready for your awesome power to blow through our lives;

we're grown comfortable with our familiar habits and our bland routines;

we're afraid to give up our waking slumber and face the truth that we do not truly live.

When we cling to our ways and the safety of familiar paths, wake us up, shake us up, heat us up, and breathe your life into us. Walk with us, O God, and give us the courage to follow the way that is lit by the fire of your Spirit.

On this Day of Pentecost, we pray for the audacity to ride the winds of change. Amen.

#### Moment for Silent Reflection

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, God's Spirit did not leave us after that first Pentecost. The Spirit is still with us, empowering us to know mercy and grace, forgiveness and service. In this Spirit, and through Christ, we proclaim the Good News:

People: We are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Scripture Lesson: Acts 2:1-20

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!** 

Children's Message Noisy Offering

### Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church 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 it 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.

# \*Passing the Peace

\*Hymn #280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

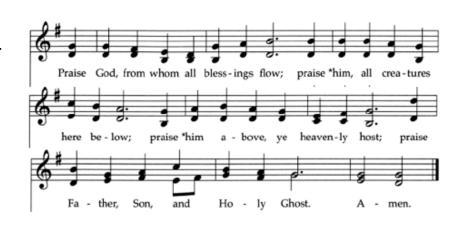
Sermon "When God Moves, God Moves!"

# Offering

Offertory Gavotte

William Boyce—arr. By Sondra K Tucker Youth Bell Choir

# \*Doxology



## \*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Hymn** #539 We Will Go Out with Joy

#### **Benediction**

**Postlude** Be Thou My Vision

Setting by Sandra Eithun Youth Bell Choir

The flowers are in honor of Jane & Al Wagner's 70th wedding anniversary on May 22nd!

#### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Rev. Katja Gruening
Director of Music Ministries: Marcello Velame
Liturgist: Carol Streeper
Music Ministry: Youth Bell Choir
Ushers: Brian Sergeant

John Tortora

Zoom Hosts: John Palframan

Jim Wright

Social Hour: Michele Mackay, Judy Murphy, and

**Bob Suarez** 

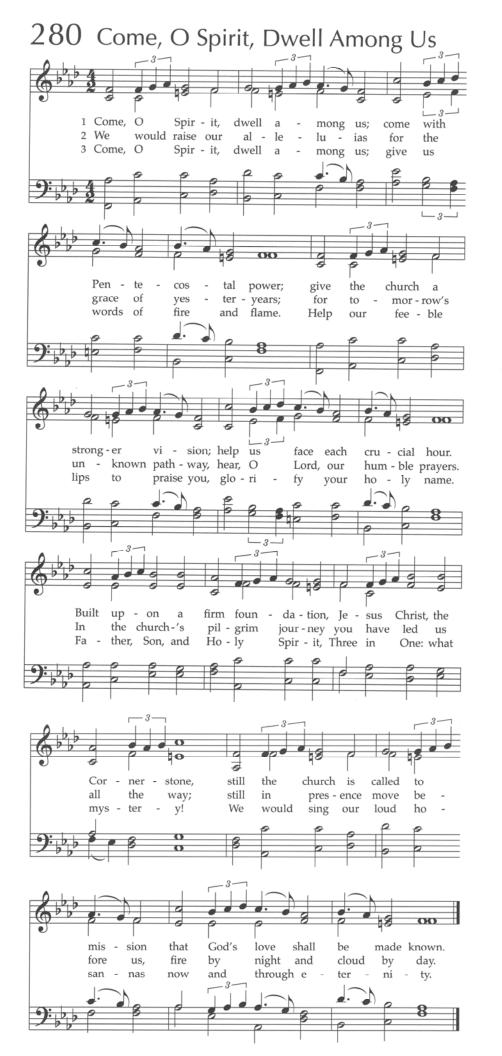
SIGN UP NOW FOR THE POTLUCK WELCOME DINNER WITH THE IGREJA PRESBITERIANA GETHSEMANE MAY 19 AT 4:00PM INFELLOWSHIP HALL

The long-awaited welcome dinner for our Brazilian friends is finally happening. Come join us for a true potluck dinner to share American and Brazilian cuisine and get to know our Brazilian Presbyterian friends.

Sign up to bring a main dish, salad, side or dessert on the <u>poster</u> in the Church House foyer or on <u>Sign up Genius</u> online or call or email the church office.

Bring your favorite potluck dish and enjoy the mix of American and Brazilian food.

May 19 is Pentecost so what better way to celebrate than with another Presbyterian church?

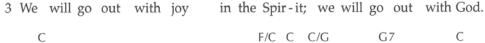


# We Will Go Out with Joy

# 539



- 1 We will go out with joy
- in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
- 2 Now an y one who's born
- of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.





We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God. Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy. We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.





Drawing on the phrasing of Isaiah 55:12, this joyful sending hymn was created by a musical Canadian father and daughter, beginning with the tune that emerged from a four-hand piano improvisation. The completed hymn later served as the recessional music for her wedding.

20	MAY, MON	7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
21	MAY, TUE	9 – 10:30am	Zoom Bible Study
	•	11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
	•	5 – 7pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
22	MAY, WED	8 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Bible Study (TR)
23	MAY, THU	7 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani choir practice (FH)
25	MAY, SAT	7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
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