

# Order for the Worship of God

Highland Presbyterian Church

Pentecost Sunday

*Come Holy Spirit,  
Unlock the truth,  
Unseal the Book.  
~ John Calvin ~*

## Gathering around THE WORD

PRELUDE

Dr. Kit Loong (Raymond) Yee

*During the Prelude, let us rejoice in the gift of God's Spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Linda L. Kelly

MINUTE FOR MISSION

CENTERING SONG

*Spirit of the Living God*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today, let us taste the air and feel life's songs.

**Let us inhale thoughts of yesterday and fantasies of tomorrow.**

Let us laugh with the leaves and dance with dawn's new light.

**Let us spin our dreams to God in the highest heaven.**

Let us celebrate life in each and every day.

**Let us baptize our babies with love before birth.**

Let us glimpse the face of God in each other,

**And use the eyes of our forefathers as mirrors.**

Let our words become as watercolor and paint the world with rainbows of love.

**Let us gaze together into the heavens, anticipating a blessing and praying for the Spirit's transforming presence in our midst.**

OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

**Almighty God, we are ordinary people in whom something extraordinary occurred. The Holy Spirit has descended upon us, giving us the truth in your name. Be present with us this day. Embolden Christ's name, to tell the whole world of your mighty works, to work – your courageous prophets. Amen.**

May 24, 2015

+HYMN

*Spirit*

+CALL TO CONFESSION

+TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of fire and wind, holy and powerful, mighty and mysterious by your Spirit to this place. As we gather and behold your glory of how unworthy we are to be in your presence. We have ignored your gifts. We have failed in your work. Ignoring Pentecost, we continue to exclude those who are different from our loyalties. We divide our hearts. Let your Spirit burn away us with faith and courage that we might live into the promise of receive the fullness of what you have prepared for us all in Jesus Lord. Amen**

Hymn 322

Tom Tucker

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As we focus only on our own interests, our lives are diminished. But of the Lord reigns in us, life becomes fulfilling and purposeful. We doubt we are forgiven.

**Let us live well and love well, as friends of the Spirit who add family of God.**

+PASSING THE PEACE

The peace and joy of the Holy Spirit be with you.  
**And also with you.**

+At this sign, you are invited to rise in body or in spirit.

**Bold: all people respond** RECEPTION OF A NEW MEMBER ~ Arden Summers Kleinpeter

# Proclaiming THE WORD

RESPONSIVE READING ~ Holy Spirit at Pentecost (*Acts 2:1-21*)

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were staying.

**They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.**

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

**Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language**

Utterly amazed, they asked, "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? How is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?"

**We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!**

And Peter began to preach unto them Jesus, saying,

**"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved!"**

Many confessed Jesus Christ as Savior and were baptized, **Adding about three thousand to the church that day.**

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

+HYMN

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-23

SERMON

"UNMANAGEABLE MIRACLE"

# Responding to THE WORD

+HYMN

*Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived**

**Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose**

**dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of**

**Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the co**

**saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and**

**everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY

*Give Thanks*

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# Sealing THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Hymn 315

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Kelly

BREAKING THE BREAD AND SHARING THE CUP

Pastor Kelly

*If you are unable to come forward, please remain seated and we will*

+CLOSING HYMN

*The Lord's Prayer*

+POSTLUDE