



Illustrated Ministry LLC

**MAY 28, 2023**  
**DAY OF PENTECOST**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*“Holy Spirit Come to Us”*

**Holy Spirit, come to us; kindle in us the fire of your love.  
Holy Spirit, come to us. Holy Spirit, come to us.**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We worship a creative God  
People: **who formed all things!**  
Leader: We worship an abundant God  
People: **who gives us each different gifts!**  
Leader: We worship a glorious God  
People: **who we see in the beauty, diversity,  
and imagination of Christ’s Church!**

**HYMN # 291**

*“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Infinite God, you come to us in many colors, shapes, and languages. You speak to each of us in the way we can understand. You reach out to us and meet us where we are. But we are quick to limit you to what we can understand and control. Forgive us, and set your Spirit loose among us. Challenge us, surprise us, and open us to your power, that we might know you more deeply, follow you more faithfully, and love more fully. Amen.

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**HYMN # 288**

*“Spirit of the Living God”*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 20:19-23

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

## HOMILY

Rev. Maggie Rust

HYMN # 466

“Come and Fill Our Hearts”

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.**

**You alone, O Lord, are holy.**

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!**

ENACTED PRAYERS – Peace Doves, Coloring, Post-Its

### PRAYERS OF PEOPLE & 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 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.**

HYMN # 280

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

### BENEDICTION

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today we receive the **Pentecost Offering**. The offering plates are by the door. See insert for more details about this special Offering.

The church office will be closed on **Monday, May 29**, for Memorial Day.

**Join us next week** for Trinity Sunday and a celebration of the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

The **June Courier** is on the table. The Courier and the calendar are also available on our website at [cpcjc.org](http://cpcjc.org).

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Week of May 28—June 3, 2023**

Betty Thompson, Phyllis’ mom; Sharon Benner; Susan, friend of the Cobles; Annette Mullins, Holly Bland’s mother; Jeff Lovelace (with our cleaning service); Vickie Koppel, friend of Don & Patti Coble; Allen White, Maggie’s uncle; Cathy Eades, Jim Starr’s cousin; Charlotte Brumit, Betsy Moakler’s mother; all those affected by gun violence; all those in our community affected by Covid-19; the people of Ukraine, its neighbors, and the people of Russia.

*Join us in continually lifting up in prayer our mission co-workers:*

Bob & Kristi Rice: South Sudan

The Adams Maldonado Family: Frontera de Cristo

*and these Covenant ministry partners:*

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Good Samaritan Ministry † The River † BABMOC



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