

**Pentecost Sunday  
Order of Worship**  
May 15, 2016

Opening Prayer (1 min)

Pre-Service Prelude (15 minutes)

Opening Song (5 min) - Choir

“O Clap Your Hands” - *Joe Pace*

O clap your hands all ye people,  
shout unto God with a voice of triumph.  
O clap your hands all ye people,  
come on and help me praise the Lord.

Call to Worship (1 min) - Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

*Leader:* We will now read our call to worship which you will find in your bulletin. It comes from selected verses in Psalm 104.

*Leader:* Bless Yahweh, my soul,  
Yahweh, my God, how great you are!  
Clothed in majesty and splendor,

**People:** How countless are your works,  
Yahweh, all of them made so wisely!  
The earth is full of your creatures.

*Leader:* Turn away your face and they panic;  
take back their breath and they die and revert to dust.

**People:** Send out your breath and life begins;  
you renew the face of the earth.

*Leader:* Glory to Yahweh forever!  
May Yahweh find joy in his creatures!

**ALL:** May my musings be pleasing to Yahweh,  
for Yahweh gives me joy. (*Catholic Online*)

*Leader:* Let us pray

Come, O Holy Spirit.

Come as Holy Fire and burn in us,  
come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within,  
come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness,  
come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance,  
come as Holy Power and enable our weakness,  
come as Holy Life and dwell in us.  
Convict us, convert us, consecrate us,  
until we are set free from the service of ourselves,  
to be your servants to the world. **Amen.**  
(*Book of Common Worship*)

Welcome / Recognize visitors / Pass the peace (5 minutes)

Praise and Worship - Congregation Songs (15 mins)

*\*Feel free to stand or sit during this time as your feel inclined.*

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name” - *Edward Perronet*

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall.  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown him Lord of all!

2 O seed of Israel's chosen race  
now ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace,

**Commented [MKF1]:** This service intentionally focuses on all of the persons of the Trinity. While Pentecost generally focuses on the Holy Spirit's work on the day of Pentecost, this service attempts to connect the God of the Israel (Yahweh), with the work of Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

A key thread throughout this liturgy is the royalty, honor, glory and majesty of God and how that same power connects to us through Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

The service starts off with a High view of God, with such names as Yahweh and “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name” which can seem a little out of our reach but then it transitions to show that the Holy King/Queen comes to and for us so through the work of the Holy Spirit, we can now have that same power actively working in us. I envision it as if the King and Lord is coming. We recognize that Royalty is coming. Then the Royal one comes and we respond.

**Commented [MKF5]:** We ask the Holy Spirit to come and renew us; which one might expect in a Pentecost Sunday service.

**Commented [MKF2]:** This song is an uptempo praise song to draw people in. A praise song is used to help them not focus on their issues but on God. It serves as a musical Call to Worship, admonishing the people to clap their hands, shout with a voice of triumph and to praise the Lord.

**Commented [MKF3]:** Here the name Yahweh is used. We know that this is the Hebrew name for God and it was never voiced by Israelites, however for the common lay member (in my context), they do not know this. For them, it is just another name. Thus, while this is a “High” name of God, it is also used here as a neutral name. If people do not have a connection or imagery associated with this name, then it could help them to have an unbiased, non-male image of God. It is like saying Bless Benashe (made up name). I might know that this is referring to God but I do not have a picture to go with this name so it helps me to not limit God to one box, if that makes sense.

**Commented [MKF4]:** Here we focus on the majesty, splendor and royalty of God.

**Commented [MKF6]:** This creates the image of royalty with the crown and falling prostrate before the King/Queen.

**Commented [MKF7]:** This connects us today with Israel and with Yahweh of the Hebrew Bible.

and crown him Lord of all!

3 Let every tongue and every tribe  
responsive to his call,  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all.  
To him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all!

4 Oh, that with all the sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all.

“I Will Bless Thee of Lord”

With my hands lifted up  
And my mouth filled with praise  
With a heart of thanksgiving  
I will bless Thee, O Lord

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I will bless Thee, O Lord  
With a heart of thanksgiving  
I will bless Thee, O Lord

"Holy Spirit" – Kari Jobe

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close  
No thing can compare, You're our living hope  
Your presence, Lord

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone  
Your presence, Lord

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord

I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free, and my shame is undone  
By Your presence, Lord

Let us become more aware of Your presence  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness

Prayer for Illumination

*Leader:* We will now have our Prayer for Illumination. During this time, we ask the Holy Spirit to illumine our understanding and speak to us through the Scripture and the Preaching. Let us pray.

Living God,  
Help us so to hear your holy Word  
that we may truly understand;  
Understanding, we may believe  
And believing,

**Commented [MKF9]:** This song calls on the Holy Spirit, Lord, and God. This is a slow Contemporary Christian worship song. Again, this ties in with Pentecost. It is a continuation of the theme that the presence of God is welcome and sensed.

**Commented [MKF8]:** Now that the Lord has come, we respond by Blessing the Lord. This is a Gospel song to add a little variety in the worship as well. Whereas "All Hail the Power" is more majestic and lyrical, this is a simple song to enrich the worship experience.

**Commented [MKF10]:** Living God reminds us that our God is active in our lives not just a Being that was in the Bible but no longer moving our behalf today.

We may follow in all faithfulness and obedience,  
Seeking your honor and glory in all that we do;  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
(Book of Common Worship)

#### Responsive Scripture Reading (2 minutes) - Acts 2:1-8

**Leader:** Our responsive Scripture reading will come from Acts 2:1-8. Listen now for the Word of the Lord.

**Leader:** 1 When Pentecost day came, they all met together, 2 when suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of a violent wind which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; 3 and there appeared to them tongues as of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them.

**People:** 4 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages as the Spirit gave them power to express themselves.

**Leader:** 5 Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, 6 and at this sound they all assembled, and each one was bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language.

**People:** 7 They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely,' they said, 'all these men speaking are Galileans?' 8 How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language?

#### Message (20 mins)

“Honor, Glory, and Power”  
Myron Kryz Florence

#### Moment of Meditation, Prayer and Commitment (5 minutes)

**Leader:** In a time when we are always in a hurry, let us take a moment to meditate on what we have just seen and heard. You may ask yourself,

- What has God said to me today through the Sermon?
- What is God calling me to do in response?
- How can I faithfully live out this calling in the coming week?

As the music plays softly, we will take this time to silently commune with God. If you would like someone to pray with you, you may come down to the front when a minister will be waiting to agree with you in prayer. Listen now and respond to the voice of God.

#### Offertory Prayer (3 minutes)

**Leader:** With thanksgiving, let us prepare our tithes and offerings. What we give is faithfully used for the up building of God's Kingdom work here on the earth through the outreach and ministries of Columbia Theological Seminary.

**People:** Jehovah Jireh, our Provider, as we give back a portion of what you gave to us, we give with a grateful heart. We know that this simple act of giving our “first fruits,” we learn that we should seek your Kingdom and your righteousness first. As we do this, we thank you that you will supply all of our needs (Matthew 6:33).

**All:** Receive our offering God and use it for your glory. Amen

**Commented [MKF11]:** Here we go back to the “neutral” name God, understanding that it still might have male undertones for people.

**Commented [MKF12]:** This language works well with the royalty language used earlier.

**Commented [MKF13]:** The name Jehovah Jireh is used here with the offering to remind people that God will supply all of our needs.

Offertory / Announcements (5-10 minutes)

*During the offering, please locate the black pads found on the far left of each row, fill them out, and pass them to your right.*

Doxology (sung)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

Benediction (1 minutes)

*Leader:* May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself;  
May the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his  
service;  
May the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our souls; and  
May the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Christ,  
and the Holy Ghost, be upon us and remain with us  
always.

**People:** Alleluia! Amen. (*Christ the King Presbyterian Church*)

Charge

*Leader:* Go now in the peace of Christ!

Closing Song (5 minutes) – Choir

“May the Lord God Bless You Real Good” – *James Cleveland*

*Verse*

May the Lord God bless you real good  
May the Lord God bless you real good

Woke me up this morning,  
Started me on my way  
May the Lord God bless you real good

*Vamp*  
Send your Blessing