



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

First & Franklin Presbyterian Church Presbyterian Church

JOINT PENTECOST SERVICE

May 31, 2020

PRELUDE

Prelude on the Hymn Tune *Morecambe*
“Spirit of God, descend upon my heart”

Joe Utterback
(b. 1944)

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Dr. Phyllis Felton and Dr. Rob Hoch

Family Survivor Network

INTROIT

Let It Rise

Holland Davis

Let the glory of the Lord
Rise among us;
Let the glory of the Lord
Rise among us;
Let the praises of our King
Rise among us;
Let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord
Rise among us;
Let the songs of the Lord
Rise among us;
Let the joy of our King
Rise among us;
Let it rise.

Oh,
Let it rise.

Oh,
Let it rise.

CALL TO WORSHIP

DR. ROB HOCH

OPENING PRAYER

GATHERING HYMN 129

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

1. Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us, Come with Pen - te -
2. We would raise our al - le - lu - ias For the grace of
3. Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; Give us words of

cos - tal power; Give the church a strong - er vi - sion,
yes - ter - years; For to - mor - row's un - known path - way,
fire and flame. Help our fee - ble lips to praise You,

Help us face each cru - cial hour. Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion,
Hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers. In the church's pil - grim jour - ney
Glo - ri - fy Your ho - ly name. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it,

Je - sus Christ, the Cor - ner - stone, Still the church is
You have led us all the way, Still in pres - ence
Three in one: what mys - ter - y! We would sing our

called to mis - sion That God's love shall be made known.
move be - fore us, Fire by night and cloud by day.
loud ho - san - nas Now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

CONFESSION

DR. PHYLLIS FELTON

God created us to be the beloved community.
But too often white privilege has blinded the majority culture to the suffering of people of color. Today, we make this confession in the confidence of Christ, who binds us together in perfect community.

**O God, while others bleed,
many simply watch,
separated by police lines,
and color lines,
and class lines.**

**O God, the sin of white privilege inoculates some against virus,
some against exposure,
while at the same time
exposing poor, brown, and black bodies
to disease and death.**

O God, too often the names and cities of the dead —
Freddie Gray of Sandtown Winchester,
Michael Brown of Ferguson,
Oscar Grant of Oakland,
Sandra Bland of Waller County, Texas,
Walter Scott of North Charleston,
Ahmaud Arbery of Brunswick, Georgia —
signify someone else's body bleeding.

**O God, our systems segregate the body
into those who bleed and those who watch them bleed.**

O God, your body refuses segregating, racist ways.
In Christ's body,
Sandra Bland, 28 years old, and
Michael Brown, 18 years old, and
Taylor Hayes, 7 years old, and
Freddie Gray, 25 years old,
Breonna Taylor, 26 years old,
aren't statistics but people, siblings, co-workers, friends,
and kids we knew in second grade,
a little girl who loved to dance, our nephew who dreamed of a future, until there was

no future . . .

no dance . . .

and no tomorrow.

A moment of silence

**We confess, O God, the body of Christ is not whole
without our inner-city neighborhoods, our prayer vigils,
our street parties, our organizing, our breakfast ministries,
our bodies black, our bodies brown, our bodies of color.**

We confess, O God, Christ's body crucified . . .

we shout Christ's body risen.

A body for whom we fight, and teach, and organize.

A living body for whom we raise the battle cry and nothing less.

We come believing that the divisions of today

do not have to be the reality of tomorrow.

But in confession and repentance,

moving beyond empty rhetoric into consistent action,

we continue, as Christ's body, into the beloved community. Amen.

KYRIE

KYRIE ELEISON (Reindorf)

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

Note: Lower voices may hum.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

Silent prayers of personal confession may be offered.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

DR. PHYLLIS FELTON

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
To undo the thongs of the yoke,
To let the oppressed go free,
And to break every yoke?

The Lord will guide you continually
And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt.
You shall be called the repairer of the breach,
The restorer of streets to live in.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANTHEM

Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land

Glenn Edward Burleigh
(1949-2007)

*Sung and recorded by the Sanctuary Choir of First & Franklin Presbyterian Church during its concert
responding to gun violence in the City of Baltimore.*

Jeremy Earnest, piano

Jesus is a rock in a weary land! Shelter in the time of storm!
I would not be a sinner, I'll tell you the reason why
I'm afraid the Lord might call my name
And I wouldn't be ready to die.
Has He ever made a way, when you didn't have a dime?
Has He ever stepped in just right on time?
Has He ever picked you up when you were down?
Has He ever placed your feet on solid ground?
Then you know He is a rock in a weary land!
A shelter in a time of storm!

OFFERTORY INVITATION

DR. PHYLLIS FELTON

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Willis Barnett

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Phil Adams

Creator God, you continue to bless us with love, insight, and imagination. Today we gather as a community to celebrate the birthday of your church, separated by circumstance but joined in heart, mind, and devotion. We bring these offerings, born of the gifts with which we were endowed, both in grateful response and as a sign of our commitment to bring about the kind of world for which we strive. A world where the voices of every manifestation of your love are not only heard but understood, their divinity recognized, and invited into our community. May the power of these offerings be multiplied by your blessing and our resolve to use them to bring about your kingdom on Earth. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

DR. ROB HOCH

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions,

and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Second Reading

John 20:19-23

Dr. Phyllis Felton

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

SERMON ANTHEM

Mighty Wind

Andraé Crouch

SERMON

I Can't Breathe — Come Holy Spirit!

Dr. Phyllis Felton & Dr. Rob Hoch

INVITATIONAL HYMN 316

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life a - new,
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Un - til my heart is pure,
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am whol - ly Thine,
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I nev - er die,

That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.
Un - til with Thee I will one will, To do and to en - dure.
Un - til this earth - ly part of me Glows with Thy fire di - vine.
But live with Thee the per - fect life Of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Breathe on Me, Breath of God'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The first system contains four verses of the hymn. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn, which are marked with an asterisk to indicate they should be repeated.

*Repeat Stanza 1

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

DR. ROB HOCH

Please use the chat forum to enter your prayers and we will share those as a part of our communal worship.

O God, in your mercy.

Hear our prayers.

PURPLE RIBBON LIST

05/19/2020	Devin King	32	Male	Black
05/21/2020	Randolf Watson	54	Male	Unknown
05/22/2020	Steven Clark, Sr.	60	Male	Unknown
05/23/2020	Kyle Williams	28	Male	Unknown
05/23/2020	Tyron McCray Bey	43	Male	Unknown
05/23/2020	Deontae Emmons	21	Male	Unknown
05/24/2020	Donald Foster	34	Male	Unknown
05/24/2020	Rico Graham	36	Male	Unknown

Each ribbon represents a life lost to homicide in Baltimore City. We name them each week and hang a purple ribbon on the outside of Park Ave. to remind us to pray for the perpetrators of these acts of violence, and to remind us of our calling to challenge the systemic injustices of our time.

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

SENDING HYMN 398

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, And I
2. There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive Till you

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; There are
know Him in His full - ness and be - lieve; You're the

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

sweet ex - pres-sions on each face, And I know they feel the
one to prof - it when you say, "I am going to walk with

pres-ence of the Lord. Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it,
Je - sus all the way."

Refrain

Sweet heav-en-ly Dove, Stay right here with us, Fill-ing us

with Your love; And for these bless-ings We lift our hearts in

praise. With - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived When we shall leave this place.

CHARGE

DR. ROB HOCH

BENEDICTION

DR. PHYLLIS FELTON

FELLOWSHIP

Taylor Brooks

Giving at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

If you choose to give your offering via the Internet please use:

- *PAYPAL--Make payments to:*mapcbaltimore@gmail.com *or*
- *CASH APP – Make payments to: \$mapc2110 or 443-863-9606.*

To use PayPal or CASH APP you must set up an account if you currently do not have one. Giving by mail, please send to MAPC, 2110 Madison Avenue, Baltimore MD 21217, or to Bobbie Tilghman, 3003 Hanlon Avenue, Baltimore MD 21216

Giving at First & Franklin Presbyterian Church

The ministry of the First & Franklin Church depends on your generous giving, especially in these difficult times. Click the link to give your offering: [GIVE](#). Please consider using an “automatic payment” for your church giving, or mail your offering to the church office at 210 West Madison Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. Your gifts will be processed by the church office.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Dr. Phyllis Felton, *Pastor, Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church*

Rev. Dr. Rob Hoch, *Pastor, First & Franklin Presbyterian Church*

Bruce Henderson, *Minister of Music, Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church*

Dr. Jason Kissel, *Minister of Music & Organist, First & Franklin Presbyterian Church*

Taylor Brooks, *Tech Support*

Marianne Shick, *soprano, hymn leader*

The First & Franklin Sanctuary Choir, *anthem recordings*

Madison Avenue Presbyterian Choir

*Pastor Rob's schedule runs from Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(not including Sunday). To meet with Rob, please set up an appointment.*

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

REV. HOCH ON STUDY LEAVE

Rev. Hoch will be taking study leave from June 2nd through June 15th. If you need pastoral assistance, please call the church office (410) 728 5545 (Mondays and Fridays) or, Tuesday through Thursday, at (443) 615 2806.

UPDATE ON FINANCIAL AND STAFFING DECISIONS BY THE SESSION (May 7, 2020)

As you know, all of us face difficult decisions in the continuing crisis of the pandemic, including the leadership of First & Franklin Presbyterian Church. We have tried to balance the church's financial needs with the deep bond of affection we feel for each member of our staff in this community of faith. It is in that spirit that Session has continued to pay all of our part-time staff up until now, even those who have not been able to work.

In light of curtailed revenue and continued uncertainty about when we may resume in-person worship and what it may look like, it is with a heavy heart that Session has taken action to preserve the financial position of the church in this national emergency. At its May 5th meeting, the Session voted to cease remuneration for paid choristers, the Associate for Youth Music Ministry, nursery care providers, and extra office help at the end of the current pay period, and to cease to pay the Director of Arts and Christian Education at the end of the academic term ending on May 31st. First & Franklin will remain at summertime staffing levels until further notice. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Laurel Oldach, Chair of the Finance Committee (laurel.oldach@gmail.com).

Session

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR OFFERINGS

As we all recognize real concerns for our friends who will experience hardships through this disruption in regular routines, so too, we need to be mindful that your weekly contributions are critical to helping us maintain the financial obligations of the church. Payroll, mortgages, electricity and the rest are needs we must continue to cover, and your continued support of your pledges will be even more important while we are tele-worshiping. In addition to accepting your pledges by mail to the church office, we have recently added a PayPal link to the top of our new website which will allow us to process donations with this link: **GIVE**. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

MORNING PRAYER | 7:00am

Please join us online: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

Zoom Event Click: [MORNING PRAYER](#)

Facebook Live: [FFFacebook](#)

Rev. Hoch will not be leading Morning Prayer from June 2nd through June 15th. If you would like to volunteer to lead the Morning Prayer Service while Rev. Hoch is on study leave, please reach out to the church office.

HYMNALS

If you wish to have a copy of the pew hymnal delivered to your home, please contact Minister of Music & Organist, Jason Kissel at jkissel@firstfranklin.org, or 443-631-6480. Singing is one way to celebrate our unity in God's spirit during times of physical separation. Having a hymnal in your hands during online Sunday services can not only strengthen our collective experience, it also serves as a rich source of study, meditation and prayer throughout the week.

E-USHERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

We are in need of E-Ushers for Sunday Worship Services. These are people who are comfortable with technology and can help others if they need it. Those who use laptops/desktops are preferable rather than those who use smartphones or landline phones. If you will be able to help out, please email Wanda Morgan at information@firstfranklin.org to let her know which Sunday you will be available.

PASTOR'S BLOG

Please click on the link below to read the latest editions of the Pastor's Blog:

<https://www.firstfranklin.org/category/pastors-blog/>

DID YOU MISS A SUNDAY?

Or did you want to re-visit a particular sermon from our congregational life?

Please visit: [Sermons](#)

NEED TECH HELP? OR SOME EXTRA SUPPORT AROUND ACCESSING OUR ONLINE SERVICES?

Please call Taylor Brooks and he'll set up a time to visit with you about your tech needs. His contact information is below:

Taylor Brooks, Audio Engineer/Electronic Gizmo Wunderkind

Contact by phone or email: 336-341-2294

asoundresource@gmail.com

CONGREGATION GIVING

April 20	\$ 1,795.00
April 27	\$ 2,980.00
April PayPal	\$ 3,317.46
May 4	\$ 3,815.00
May 11	\$ 4,093.73
May 18	\$ 1,817.00
May 26	\$ 4,390.00
May PayPal (to date)	\$ 2,908.61

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers from 5/24/2020

For my Mt. Vernon neighbors and to all those who served this country on this Memorial Day weekend. And for my church family who miss very much in person. Also prayers for my former church home, Madison Ave. Church, from 1985-2009. [Randy]

Prayers for Becca's father in isolation in a nursing facility in Waco, and suffering memory loss. [Steve & Becca]

Blessings to Susan & Jim Haugh on their anniversary.

Prayers for our Muslim brothers & sisters who are celebrating their religious festival of Eid (in isolation...) [Muddassar]

Prayers for all those who are suffering from all the isolation.

Pray for Lou and Mara Dudrow for their Frederick community which has been hit hard by Covid19.

Prayers for David Dadds for healing following a minor stroke.

Prayers for Coila Seiber who mourns her sister Dorothy, 99 years old.

A prayer for the Lloyd family who lost their sweet dog, Lily. [Sarah]

Prayers for the family of George Reynolds who died. [Connie & David]

Prayers for the people of Michigan after all the flooding, and for everyone who will experience Hurricane season, on top of the Covid situation. [Jim H.]

Prayer for Deacon McGuinnis, father of a good friend, who died of Covid-19. [Audrey & Rol]

Joyous caution to all who venture out as real doors open to gathering places. We remember all who have served our country through this weekend of remembrance. [Maggy]

Prayers for those who have lost loved ones and cannot gather to comfort each other. [Sabrina]

Praying for all the technology we need for our combined service next week. [Maggy]

Thank you to all the music teachers and music makers in anticipation of the piano marathon. [Mike]

Gratitude for our brilliant technician, Taylor, who has worked tirelessly to produce the piano marathon in our new virtual world. And to Jason for his deep commitment and never-ending musical contacts who make this Series a reality. [Beth]

Gratitude to Pastor Rob, for stretching and adjusting to all the changes needed to make these services happen each week. [Beth & Laura]

Prayers for the homeless and poor in Baltimore. [Susan]

Prayers for my brother-in-law, Jeff and his daughter, Katie. Jeff is not able to tolerate the chemo for his pancreatic cancer and has just decided to end all treatment and enter home hospice. He is also actively pursuing doctor-assisted euthanasia, which I believe is now legal in CA. This could take place in a few weeks. He and Katie are facing this together with courage and serenity, but as agnostics. He very much does not want me or my sister Susan to visit them in San Francisco for our safety during the pandemic. [John McL.]

Thanks for all the music of this church which still moves me though the week (as does the sermon). [Maggy]

Prayers from 5/19/2020

Lou and Mara Dudrow . . . prayers for their community which has been hit hard by COVID 19

David Dadd . . . prayers for healing following a minor stroke and additional medical tests.

Prayers for Coila as she grieves the loss of her sister, Dorothy, 99 years old.

Prayers from 5/17/2020 Service

Please pray for Cherie Hochberg and her family. Cherie passed away from Covid-19 at the age of 90. [Joan]

Prayers for the Mt. Vernon community. [Randy]

Prayers for John Woller who is working in Covid-19 ICU care. [Susan]

Pray for my friend Ellie who has Covid symptoms. [Sarah]

Prayers for my sister-in-law in Nashville awaiting Covid-19 results. [Stephen]

Prayers of thanksgiving for Miriam's recovery from Covid-19. [the Costas]

Prayers of thanksgiving for Kevin's recovery from Covid-19.

Remembering our family in Taguasco. [Betty S.]



That's a wrap! It is bittersweet to have finished the 10th Anniversary season of The Spire Series on a virtual platform, rather than in our beautiful sanctuary for the 4th Annual Baltimore Piano Marathon. What a blessing to have secured the enthusiasm and willingness of 5 masterfully-creative local pianists along with the expertise of our sound technician, Taylor Brooks, and our fearless leader, Jason Kissel. It was certainly a successful first encounter with the virtual music scene.

We were able to stream the piano performances together into a cohesive and entertaining afternoon and present it simultaneously on three different platforms - Zoom, Facebook Live and YouTube. Taylor reports that we had over 1,000 people participate for some period of time over the 2+ hours of programming, with most staying for at least 40 minutes and well over 100 of them stayed for the entire performance.

For your convenience in case you missed the program on May 24th, we have the recording on our Spire Series Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/The-Spire-Series-154559821242358/>) as well as on our YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2QwYlynh7VYhxAYt-9cm2g>). To purchase a "virtual ticket" or to make a general donation to the Spire Series. <https://www.firstfranklin.org/the-arts/the-spire-series/>

I encourage you to watch, comment and SHARE the links with others here and around the globe! What an easy way to promote our Series from the comfort of your own couch (no judgment here!) In addition, I offer my hope that if you or your friends were entertained for even a portion of the program, you would consider giving your financial support to The Spire Series in order to help us continue to bring music and arts to the city of Baltimore. I ask, because without hosting in person, we lost a great deal of funding that would have occurred with ticket purchases at the door. To-date, we have had only a small handful of folks contribute to the Piano Marathon with a purchase of a "virtual ticket" and we sincerely thank all of those who were able to make a contribution to the program, including those who financially support our Series with their annual Subscription. What this means is that more than 1,000 people enjoyed our concert last week, and many more after the event, but few took action to make a donation to help us pay the pianists and develop programming for upcoming seasons. These losses for the season were compounded by the cancellation of two other concerts that were to be held this spring due to the closure of the city and venues from the pandemic conditions. If you do share the links with friends, please remind them of the opportunity to make a donation as they are able.

We appreciate your support and look forward to bringing you more music during our 11th season this fall.

Beth Seeley, Spire Chair
The Spire Series Committee
Jason Kissel, Minister of Music & Organist