



# Salisbury

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## Service for the Worship of God

May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday

Welcome & Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Jim King

Prelude

Ukulele Ensemble

Call to Worship

The Rev. Nate Taylor

Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

**People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

Leader: The Spirit helps us in our weakness.

**People: Interceding with sighs too deep for words.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

Prayer of Adoration & Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You send Your Word to enliven us, yet we remain dry bones. You send Your Spirit to empower us, yet we fail to dream new dreams. Forgive us, God of grace. Lead us according to Your way, guide us into Your truth, and deliver us from death to life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

Affirmation of Faith:

**God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and His gospel of reconciliation to all.** (Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.20)

Instrumental Hymn of Reflection

How Great Thou Art

Prayer of Illumination

## Scripture Lesson

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.’

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Terrifying Good News

Instrumental Anthem

Prayers of the 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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Doxology (10 a.m.) & Benediction

Postlude

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## Flower Dedication

This week’s chancel flowers are given by Laura Thompson in honor of Kathryn’s birthday..