



**Greenhills Community  
Church, Presbyterian**

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The Day of Pentecost  
**May 28, 2023, 10:00 am**

Guest Speaker: Lee Sanders, REPI

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*[\* At this sign, rise in body or in spirit; **bold text** indicates congregation's responses.]*

**Gathering Music**

*Spring Up O Well*  
Greenhills Strings and Congregation

Traditional/Sanders

I've got a river of life flowing out of me. Makes the lame to walk and the blind to see. Opens prison doors, sets the captives free. I've got a river of life flowing out of me. Spring up O well, within my soul. Spring up O well and make me whole. Spring up O well and give to me -- that life, abundantly.

**Welcome and Announcements**

Liturgist: Bob Sanders,  
with Godfrey Ngong

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship**

*L1: Come, Holy Spirit!*  
*L2: Come, Holy Spirit!*  
**Grant us your peace.**

*L1: Come, Holy Spirit!*  
*L2: Come, Holy Spirit!*  
**Give us your power.**

*L1: Come, Holy Spirit!*  
*L2: Come, Holy Spirit!*  
**Grace us with your presence.**

*L1: Let us worship God.*  
*L2: Let us worship God.*

**\*Opening Prayer**

Holy One, you sent your Spirit to lead us in the paths of peace. Breathe into us the voice of prophecy. Breathe into us the power of forgiveness. Breathe into us the gifts of ministry, that we may serve your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn #280**

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

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## Call to Reconciliation

Called to be one body, we live as fragmented members. Our selfish desires, our lust for more, our belief that we have no need of others, leads not to unity, but to division. Let us confess our brokenness to the God who saves us.

## Prayer of Confession

**In the arguments that divide us, Hope's Heart, we cannot hear your voice calling us to be one. In the rush to judge others who speak, dress, or look different from us, we cannot stop to experience your grace. In our devotion to ourselves and our needs, we cannot open our hearts to receive your gifts. Silence our babbling lives, Sculptor of Salvation, so we might hear the clear, sweet voice of the Spirit, announcing that we are forgiven, calling us to proclaim the good news to all the world, baptizing us into the Body of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*Silence is observed.*

## Assurance of Pardon

On this day, as on every day, God stands, arms wide open to embrace us; heart wide open to forgive us. Friends, this is the good news.

**God's glory is forever; God's grace will never end. We will rejoice in God's healing hope, as long as we have breath. Amen.**

## \*Response #234

*To God Be the Glory (v.1)*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

## Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us in the language of our hearts, that we may hear your Word with understanding and answer your call with confidence. **Amen.**

## First Lesson

John 7:37-39

NRSV NT, p. 100

The word of God for the people of God:  
**Thanks be to God!**

## Musical Offering

## Second Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

NRSV NT, p. 119

The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of our God endures forever.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*Come, Holy Spirit!*

Lee Sanders

## \*Hymn #291

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

SPIRIT

## We Present Our Tithes and Offerings

*(Prayer concerns may be placed in the offering plates.)*

## Invitation

The Spirit of God is given to each one of us—with wisdom, knowledge, and faith; through healing, miracles, and prophecy; in discernment, speaking, and interpretation. With thanksgiving for God's gifts to us, let us offer ourselves and the fruits of our labor for God's work in the world.

## Offertory

**\*Doxology #609** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

## \*Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, we have opened our hands to you, and our hands have been filled with good things. Receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your care for us and help us to bless you with dedication of our lives, through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Joys and Concerns

## 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## \*Hymn #297

*In Christ Called to Baptize*

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## \*Charge

Be witnesses of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead, who sits at the right hand of God in glory, and who sends the Holy Spirit to empower us for service in his name.

## \*Benediction

May the grace of God the Creator bless you with peace, may the love of Christ, God's son, sustain you in joy, and may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with courage to do God's will, this day and forevermore. Bless the Lord! **Alleluia!**

(Please be seated to enjoy the Postlude.)

## Postlude

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**Sources:** *Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion, Year A, Volume 1*, ed by Kimberly Bracken Long; *Connections Worship Companion, Year A, Volume 1*, ed by David Gambrell; *Playing Hopscotch in Heaven*, by Thom M. Shuman

## Participants:

**Guest Speaker:** Lee Sanders, REPI

**Music Director:** Brad Caldwell

**Sound:** Cliff Kizuka, Jim Hadley

**Zoom Hosts:** Vince Greene, Jim Hadley

**Liturgist:** Bob Sanders, Godfrey Ngong

**Ushers:** Chris Newcomer, Rudy Visnich

**Greeters:** Jim and Donna Hadley

**Counters:** Chris Newcomer, Rudy Visnich

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DATES

### TODAY

Please join us after the service for a potluck lunch on the lower level. We will be able to celebrate and interact with our music scholars and each other.

### THIS WEEK

#### Monday, May 29 – MEMORIAL DAY

- AA Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 209

#### Tuesday, May 30

- Bell Choir, 6:00 p.m., Room 110
- Square Dance Class, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

#### Wednesday, May 31

- *The Chosen*, Season 2, 12:00 p.m., room 209
- Support group, 6:00-7:30, Room 204 (contact Dr. Stephen Benoit for info: call at 513-909-4242 or message at [Stephencbenoit@outlook.com](mailto:Stephencbenoit@outlook.com))
- AA Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Room 209
- Al-Anon, 7:00 p.m., Room 210
- Square Dancing, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

#### Thursday, June 1

#### Friday, June 2

- AA Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Room 209
- Anchored Awakenings, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

#### Saturday, June 3

- Pro Bono Counseling, 11:00 – 1:00, Room 204

### A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are varieties of services, but the same Lord. There are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates them in everyone. How will you use your gifts in the service of God?