



**Northwood Presbyterian Church
Texarkana, TX**

Home worship for Sunday, May 31, 2020 - Pentecost Sunday

—Take a moment to set your mind at peace and focus on the glory and praise of the Lord.

Sentences of Scripture:

Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty. Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit. Let your heart overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth. Let us worship God!

—*Listen and prepare your heart for worship:*

Spirit - Denise Goodwin (piano)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WVgNvw4LDi8>

Call to Confession:

God has promised that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Therefore, let us call upon the Lord, confessing our sins.

Prayer of Confession:

God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet, we hoard earth's resources and refuse to

share your gifts. We dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies. We disregard your compassion by severely judging the sins of others. Forgive us. By the owner of your Spirit renew our hearts and free us from sins that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessings upon all creation. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Sisters and brothers, God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance. Accept God's grace, repent of your sin, and be restored to abundant life. Amen.

Response:

Gloria Patri <https://youtu.be/U2bBiCJzhvs>

Prayers of the People:

Almighty Lord, inspire us for prophetic witness to your truth. Give us clarity of vision to acknowledge your saving power in the world. Overcome the babble of misunderstanding among the nations, and let all people hear in their own language and recognize in their own culture your unifying message of love. By your Spirit, renew the earth, make us good stewards of its resources, and teach us to enjoy its abundance rightly. Send your healing Spirit upon those who are sick in body or mind, restore them to health, and restore to them the joy of salvation. Teach us to be good neighbors, to live in peace with one another, and in friendship share the joys and burdens of daily life. Bless our children, protect them from danger, and help parents and caregivers nurture them so that they may mature in wisdom and grow in grace. Bless our enemies and show us how we may do good to them for the sake of Jesus Christ. In your mercy, Almighty God, receive our prayers and, according to your wisdom, provide all that we need; through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. We lift up in prayer: Karen & Marty Flowers, Leo Brian, James Nelson, Susan Williams, John & Rachel Gibson, Mary & Everett Thompson, Margie & Wayne

Rhoads, Mary & Jerry Abercrombie, Julie & Jeff Calfee, Christina Walker, Jason, Lisa Scott, Bob Harding, Kandace, Linda & Maxie Mabry, Mary Ann & Melvin Bennett, Eddie & Pam McMinn, Jerry & Jean Scott, Gene McKnight, Rusty Turner, Teresa, Brucene Rehkopf, Don Edwards, Kathy & Butch Putzier, Sharon Ferrel, Billy Black, Frank Caudle, James and Geri Turnage, Steve Sharp, Ed Holt, Rachele Smith, Mary Byes, Mark Duch, Charla Carter, Woody Woodruff, Mary Besong, Roy Jones, Marty Huddleston, nurses, doctors, and other hospital staff at risk working with patients with COVID-19, those suffering from COVID-19, the people of Cameroon, safety and health for family, friends, for our President and our nation. Hear us also as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us, praying...

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.

Offering our gifts and tithes to God

Invitation:

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.

Please mail your tithes and offerings to:

Northwood Presbyterian Church
5800 Richmond Road
Texarkana, TX 75503

Response:

Doxology <https://youtu.be/JiMZprhxZw4>

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.

Anthem:

As the Wind Song - Clay Bourne & Denise Goodwin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ha5N6dKbRhQ>

YouTube link for Scripture & Sermon:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZuP9BdK9nmo>

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.

Scripture:**Numbers 11:24-30**

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and

told Moses, ‘Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.’ And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, ‘My lord Moses, stop them!’ But Moses said to him, ‘Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!’ And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

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."

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Cheryl Bourne

Sharing the Work of Christ

Apostle Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Blessing:

Go and be a blessing today... with a kind word, a compassionate deed or a phone call. And may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord be

kind and gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

—*Closing music:*

Holy Spirit - Francesca Battistelli

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BoZd7ZXh9yY>