

NEW HEMPSTEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



PENTECOST

Dr. Lori Knight-Whitehouse
Pastor

Lois Anderson
Music Director

DAY OF PENTECOST

May 23, 2021

*All who are able are invited to stand.

TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION

10:55-11 AM

PRELUDE

A medley of jazz, hymns and spirituals

GREETING

Worship Leader

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

Worship Leader

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great.

You are clothed in honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you make the clouds your chariot,

you ride on the wings of the wind,

you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Praise and glory to you, creator, Spirit of God. You come like the wind of heaven, unseen, unbidden. Like the dawn, you illuminate the world around us; you grant us new beginnings every day. You warm and comfort us, yet also confront us and give us courage, fire and strength beyond our everyday resources, our wildest imaginings. Be with us Holy Spirit, in all we say or think, in all we do, this and every day. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”* #126

*Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove, With all Thy quickening powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love In these cold hearts of ours.*

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, With all Thy quickening powers;
Come, shed abroad a Savior’s love, And that shall kindle ours.*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Jesus says: Let anyone who is thirsty come to me. Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)**

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We are not open to, nor do we listen for your words of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live in peace as one body with many parts.

Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

***MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsively)**

Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and called to forgive. Amen.

Please be seated

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In Unison)

Worship Leader

God of power and grace, fill us with the wisdom of your word and the understanding of your Spirit so that we may be your church: a brave people with open minds, with dreams and visions at work in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 2: 1-13

Worship Leader

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Like a Mighty Stream"

Moses Hogan

NHPC Choir

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH Rev. Martha Louise Harkness

SECOND READING

John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-7

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

When We Listen and Speak with Love

Rev. Martha Louise Harkness

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison)** Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Minister: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

***HYMN**

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

#313

Come down, O Love divine, Seek out this soul of mine

And visit it with Your own ardor glowing;

O Comforter, draw near, Within my heart appear,

And kindle it, Your holy flame bestowing.

*And so the yearning strong, With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess God's grace, Till Love create a place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.*

**MINUTE FOR PENTECOST OFFERING
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart/ O Breath of Life"*
arr. Cindy Berry

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If you would like to submit an offering online, use the QR code found in the announcements.

PRAYER CARDS Please share prayer requests on YT comments using first names only.

***DOXOLOGY** **#592**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* **#376**

*Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art.
Visit us with Thy salvation; Enter every trembling heart.*

*Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love and praise.*

*** CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** *"I've Got Peace Like a River"* Spiritual

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome all visitors. We are glad you were able to be with us today and look forward to seeing you again.

MAILING LIST

If you would like to be on our mailing or phone list please write your name, address, e-mail and/or phone number on a Welcome Card, located in the pew.

We welcome our guest worship leader the Rev. Martha Louise Harkness.

The Rev. Martha Louise Harkness is the Pastoral Care Minister at Marymount Convent in Tarrytown, NY. She works with the 60+ retired Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Mary (RSHM) who reside there. She has worked there in that capacity for 5 years, 11 years prior to that as Assistant to the Director of Activities. She and her husband, the Rev. David Harkness live in Ossining, NY.

Sunday Bible Study is at 12:30.

With the advent of virtual church services our food bank collection stopped. This is a shame because the need is still there, now stronger than ever during this time when so many people are out of work. Your Mission Committee wants to start this program up again and we're asking for donations of non-perishable food. Right now the need for canned soup is particularly strong. Any donation is gratefully accepted of course, including monetary ones which can be made by check or electronically by QR-code (mission fund). Please be generous in your support.

Can't make it to church? Join us via Livestream on YouTube! Use the link below or just search for "New Hempstead Presbyterian Church" ***All are advised*** that the front of the church from the lectern to the piano are visible on our livestream. To avoid being seen on the livestream, the pews and the driveway-side aisle are not visible.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1uJu-RJ5343dvTGRE7Nt5A>

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