

United Presbyterian Church

May 24, 2026 The Day of Pentecost

A Day to Wear Red



Welcome and Announcements Elder Allen Pease

Prelude Benjamin Watkins, piano

Call to Worship Elder Stephanie Worden, Liturgist

Leader. And in the last days it shall come to pass, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,

**People. And your sons and daughters shall prophesy,
and your old shall dream dreams,
and your young shall see visions.**

Leader. Glory to God in the church and in Christ Jesus,

People. from generation to generation forever. Amen.

Leader. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People. And also with you.

Opening Prayer (Liturgist)

God our creator, earth has many languages, but your gospel proclaims your love to all nations in one heavenly tongue. Make us messengers of the good news that, through the power of your Spirit, all the world may unite in one song of praise; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #466

Call for Confession (Liturgist)

In penitence and faith, let us confess our sin before God and one another, as we pray together:

Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist)

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 do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. 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. *– all pray in silence*

Assurance of Pardon (Liturgist)

God's Holy Spirit has come to rain upon our dry and dusty lives, to wash away our sin, and heal our wounded spirits, to kindle within us the fire of God's own love, to burn away our apathy, to bend our rigidity, and to guide our wandering feet. This is the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* *Gloria Patri* #579

***Passing of the Peace**

Liturgist: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Liturgist: Let us share that peace with one another.

Prayer for Illumination (Liturgist)

Gracious and Holy God, give us wisdom to perceive thee, diligence to seek thee, eyes to behold thee, a heart to meditate upon thee, and a life to proclaim thee; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gospel: *John 15: 26-27, 16:4b-15* – Liturgist

Music for Meditation

UPC Quartet

New Testament Lesson *Acts 2:1-21* – Pastor

Pastor: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon: *A Conspiracy of Praise*

Reverend Susan McGhee

*Hymn of Praise: *Spirit* #319

Affirmation of Faith, led by Rev. McGhee

from A Brief Statement of Faith of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer – Rev. McGhee

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

**Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn:** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* # 324

CHARGE and BENECTION Reverend Susan McGhee

POSTLUDE Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

***Please stand if you are able**

UPC Prayer List - Email requests to: upcbloomington@gmail.com.

Kevin Roby Troy Virginia Kathleen Anita Raymor

All people who are suffering from armed conflict.

Corydon Presbyterian, Rev. Cindy Cushman, pastor, founded in 1819, we exist for people who long to meet with God in the midst of reality. Many of the people drawn to our church have quietly wondered if there is a place where they can be fully themselves without hiding or posturing. We offer safe space for those who once participated in church but stepped away, unsure where they fit. We embrace people who have felt hurt, excluded or unseen—particularly individuals and allies of the LGBTQ as well as others who have struggled to reconcile their faith and identity. Corydon Presbyterian strives to be an oasis of grace where every person is seen first and foremost as a beloved creation of God. We believe that all have gifts to share and a story worth honoring. We seek to be a community where we grow together, heal together and live out a thoughtful, courageous faith shaped by love. We're growing in the past two years. We engage with the community: helping to plan and participate in the Corydon Pride Festival; in partnership with Harrison County Community Services, hosting a weekly free hot meal; hosting and providing leadership for the Community MLK Celebration; hosting the Easter Egg Hunt; participating in Repair Affair. These are ways we live out our vision of sharing God's all-embracing love.

POSTPONED!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, sudden schedule conflicts among other things, the UPC Worship Team has postponed the **Spaghetti Dinner & Dessert Auction** New Date: Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 6pm



Oh! Happy Day!

After a very difficult delivery, a very handsome James Benjamin Heitink was born with a full head of hair at 9 lbs., 2½ oz. on Sunday, May 17. Delighted Mom & Pop are Taylor & Gerrit Jan Heitink. Beaming Grandma is Deacon Michelle Heitink. Beaming Grandpa is Elder Jan Berend and Grandma Nicole. Then there's ecstatic Opa II, Great grandma Vera and great grandpa Gerrit. Baby and mother are doing well.



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