

# The Worship of God

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2020

## We Gather in God's Presence

### Prelude

I Danced in the Morning  
*Mr. John Posey*

Timothy Albrecht

### Greeting

Rev. Dr. Jeff Hayes

*As you gather for worship in whatever space you find yourself, center your heart and spirit on God's presence in your life.*

### Lighting of the Altar Candles

*The light symbolizes the presence of God in our worship and in our lives.*

### Presenting the Cross

*The cross symbolizes the grace of God given freely to all people*

### Call to Worship

Rev. Suzanne Ringer

Open your eyes and see the new day!

**Come Holy Spirit!**

Get ready, God's promised Spirit comes sailing on the wind.

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

Let our hearts burn with hope and joy at this wondrous gift!

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

Give your gift of life to our church, teach us your ways!

Guide us and point us in the ways of truth and hope!

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

### Hymn of Praise 229

LAUDES DOMINI

Let Every Christian Pray

*Let every Christian pray, this day and every day, come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Was not the church we love commissioned from above? Come, Holy Spirit, come!*

*The Spirit brought to birth the Church of Christ on earth to seek and save the lost:  
God never has withdrawn, since that tremendous dawn, the gifts of Pentecost.*

*The Holy Spirit's power can fit us for this hour: come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Instruct, inspire, unite, and help us see the light: come, Holy Spirit come!*

## We Hear God's Word and Pray

### Scripture

Mrs. Leigh Reynolds

Acts 2:41-47; 28:11-15

So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Three months later we set sail on a ship that had wintered at the island, an Alexandrian ship with the Twin Brothers as its figurehead. We put in at Syracuse and stayed there for three days; then we weighed anchor and came to Rhegium. After one day there a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli. There we found believers and were invited to stay with them for seven days. And so we came to Rome. The believers from there, when they heard of us, came as far as the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns to meet us. On seeing them, Paul thanked God and took courage.

The word of God for the people of God

**Thanks be to God.**



Prayers of the People

Mrs. Leigh Reynolds

Anthem

PORT JERVIS

We Are the Church

*Refrain: I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!*

*The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,  
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people. (Refrain)*

*We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,  
All colors, and all ages, too, from all times and places. (Refrain)*

*Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning,  
Sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, always it's learning. (Refrain)*

*And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying,  
There's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying: (Refrain).*

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***We Grow from God's Word***

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Jeff Hayes

***We Respond to God's Word***

Song of Response 235

TRENTHAM

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will, to do and to endure.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity.*

***We Worship through Giving***

*We encourage you to continue giving tithes and offerings so that bills and ministries are supported. You may do this through our website ([oaklandchurch.com](http://oaklandchurch.com)), the Breeze app, texting "Give" to (803)599-3738, and using automatic drafts. If you need assistance with any of these methods, please contact the church office.*

***We Are Sent Forth to Share with Others***

Service and Fellowship of the Church

Benediction

Mrs. Kim Shaw

Postlude

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

Basse Et Dessus De Trompette

