



**The First Presbyterian Church of Potsdam
May 31, 2020
Pentecost Sunday**

THOUGHT FOR REFLECTION

"It is not the strength of the body, but the strength of the spirit." - J.R.R. Tolkien

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Please join in and speak in unison all **bolded** parts.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us come together and celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit!

When we seek understanding and wisdom, the Spirit leads us.

When we are weak, the Spirit sustains us.

When we journey in Christ's name, the Spirit guides us.

We give thanks for the Spirit of the Lord!

GATHERING PRAYER

Spirit of Truth, some days you come to us as an invigorating breath of wind and with the energy of a new day. Other days you come to us gently in our quiet moments of thoughtful reflection. Today we come to *you* with humble hearts and thankful spirits for your life-giving power. Hallelujah, we pray! Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We know well our weaknesses of body and spirit, O God. We grow weary of waiting patiently. Yet there are times like these, when all we can do is wait. We come to you today, O gracious One, with a sigh too deep for words. And as your own deep sigh rests with ours, we cease to be alone with our patient waiting. Thank you, Holy Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

TIME WITH THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-12 (NRSV)

SERMON

with Rev. Katrina Hebb

HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Ground of all being, Mother of Life,
Father of the Universe,
your name is sacred, beyond speaking.
May we know your presence,
may your longings be our longings in heart and in action.
May there be food today for the human family
and for the whole earth community.
Forgive us the falseness of what we have done
as we forgive those who are untrue to us.
Do not forsake us in our times of conflict
but lead us to new beginnings.
For the light of life, the vitality of life
and the glory of life are yours
now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

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POSTLUDE

Thank you very much for joining us in today's remote service.
May health and happiness find you in these uncertain times.

Worship Leader: Rev. Katrina Hebb
Music Leaders: Dr. William Lake

Clerk of Session: Suzanne Waters
Session Members: Terry de la Vega, Alicia Newcombe, and Renee Stauffer

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