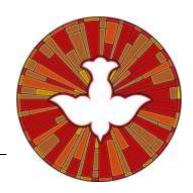
## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County

Pentecost May 19, 2024

10:30 a.m. In-person & Livestream Service



## **GATHER**

Let all enter the sanctuary in a spirit of prayer.
Words in **bold** are read by the congregation.

\*please stand if you are able.

Please remember to turn your cell phones to silent.

This worship service is being livestreamed to the internet, and you may appear on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

For our online congregation - Let us know you are here! Post a greeting!

And remember that you can place a request in the Prayer Journal
in the comments on both You Tube and Facebook Live.

Prelude Arioso Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit This is the Day Cindy Berry
The Ark and L.I.F.E. Choir

#### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

Whenever we light this candle, we proclaim:

Christ is the light of the world and the center of our lives.

### **Call to Worship**

Sacred breath,

move through this room.

Unlock a song within your people.

Breathe into us

your hopes and dreams

for a world filled with justice, love, and peace.

\* **Hymn 290** O Day of Joy and Wonder!

(see next page for hymn)

Jonathan's Tune

# O Day of Joy and Wonder! 290



In a pattern common to many hymns, the first two stanzas here declare how the coming of the Holy Spirit gave strength and courage to the early church, and the final stanza becomes a corporate prayer for a sense of the presence of the Spirit, addressed as "Comforter divine."

#### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, Maker of all:

Have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, servant of the poor:

Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Breath of life:

Have mercy on us.

You call us to be your voices in this world and we stay silent.

You call us to be your hands in this world and we keep them hidden.

You call us to be your feet in this world and we go our own way.

When we meet those who are doubting and say nothing, forgive us.

When we meet those who need your touch and do nothing, forgive us.

When we are called to take up your cross and carry nothing, forgive us.
Breathe life into these bones bring freedom to these lives

that we might declare

that we might accide

with heart and soul and voice that you are our Lord and our God.

Amen.

(A time of silence is kept during which individual confessions may be offered.)

#### **Assurance of Grace**



## \* Sharing the Peace

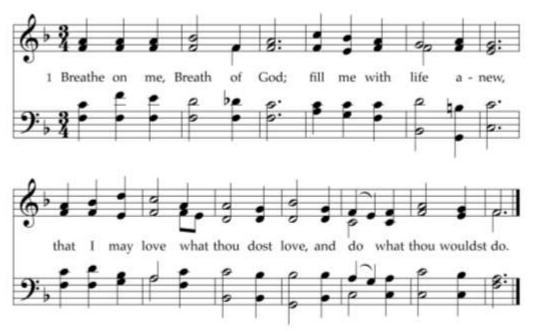
The peace of Christ be with you.

#### And also with you.

(We share peace with a nod or a bow, perhaps with hand on heart or folded hands, or with the ASL sign for peace. If worshiping from home, greet each other by sending a text, a wave or comment on Facebook or YouTube.)

## \* Response of Praise 286, v. 1 (singing together)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God



#### **Words of Welcome**

Please fill out the red Friendship Pad in each pew.

Newcomers please leave us your address and contact information!

Then, pass the folder the length of the pew and back.

#### ENCOUNTER

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-13

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

#### Children's Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Afterwards, children ages 4-7 may go with Ms. Kathy Moore to Godly Play. Parents can pick up their children following worship in Rooms 110 & 113.

Older children, grades 2-5, may go with Ms. Virginia Callegary to The Worship Bridge.

They will return to the sanctuary later in the worship service.

(It is the church's policy to not put images of children on the livestream.)

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.

**Second Lesson:** Acts 2:14-21

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>19</sup> 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.

 $^{\rm 21}\,$  Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

For the Word of God in Scripture, For the Word of God among us, For the Word of God within us:

Thanks be to God!

**Sermon** Powerhouse! Kenneth Page

#### RESPOND AND SERVE

#### \* Affirmation of Faith (together)

from the Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. 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 be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

\* **Hymn 292** As the Wind Song Wairua Tapu

(see next page for hymn)



Reversing the usual order, this hymn began with the music rather than the words. The composer (from Singapore) sent this tune to the author (in New Zealand) to see what text it might inspire from her. She also suggested the tune name, a Maori phrase meaning "Holy Spirit,"

#### **Concerns and Remembrances**

#### **Prayers of Gratitude and Concern**

#### **Concluding Prayer** (together)

We pray for the healing of your creation, and the renewal of the face of the land. We pray for those who are thirsty, that they would drink from your fountain of living waters and never thirst again.

Amen.

#### **The Offering**

**Offertory Anthem** 

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit
The Chancel Choir

Traditional Spiritual, arr. William Dawson

\* **Doxology 607** (singing together)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



\* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

## **SEND AND BLESS**

#### This Week at First Presbyterian Church

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Let Us Build a House All Are Welcome Two Oaks

THE CHURCH

301

\* Hymn 301

## Let Us Build a House

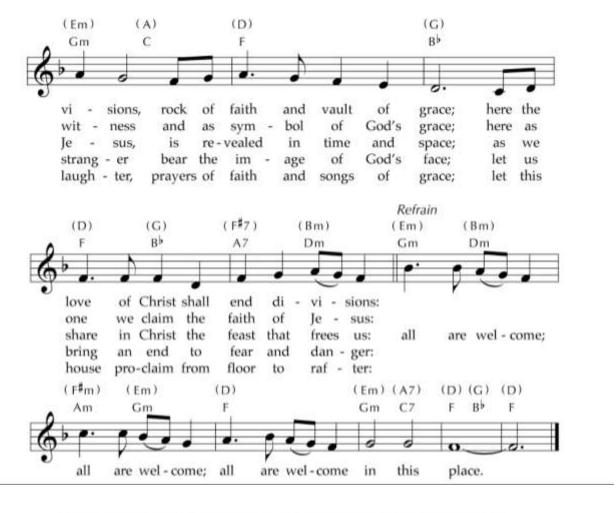
## All Are Welcome





hearts learn for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and to Here the cross shall stand dream God's reign a - new. meet. Here the love of where peace and jus - tice God, through and Word they've known. Here the out - cast the Word. Built of tears and words with - in the and as cries

(hymn continues on next page)



Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshiping community.

TEXT: Marty Haugen, 1994 MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1994 Text and Music © 1994 GIA Publications, Inc. TWO OAKS 9.6.8.6.8.7.10 with refrain

- \* Benediction
- \* Response 539, v. 1 (singing together)

We Will Go Out with Joy



**Postlude** 

A Westminster Carillon The Handbell Choir

Michael Bedford



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#### WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, education, mission and common life of First Church.

#### **During Today's Worship**

If your infant or child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the Sanctuary and return as you wish. Child care for infants and children under four years old is available all morning. The nursery is in Room 159. We have a texting system to alert you if you are needed while in the worship service. The ushers will be glad to help you.

Flash photography during worship is not permitted. Please, no food or drink in the Sanctuary.

#### If you are new to First Church

**Communion** is served on the first Sunday of each month.

Disabled persons entrance is through the Main Entrance in the rear of the building.

We invite you to become a member of First Church. Please speak with Pastor Ken or call the church office to set a time to meet.

#### Interested in the mission and activities of First Presbyterian Church?

Visit the church's website, www.firstpreshc.org for more info.





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