

PRELUDE

Cantilena Joseph Rheinberger
Canonic Etude in A-flat Major, Op. 56, No. 4 Robert Schumann

GREETING

This is the day that the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

The God of the whirlwind and fire sweeps into our presence in this hour.

Glory be to God, who strengthens us and blesses all people with peace.

God, who called all the world into being, calls forth new life in us today.

Glory be to God, in whose creative purpose we are claimed and empowered.

God, whose Spirit unites all people in a common language of love, confirms God's gifts in us as we gather here.

Glory be to God, who created light in which we can walk in confident expectation.

✦ HYMN 280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us EBENEZER

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, you send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid. You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions. You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts. Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again: shake our hearts, set our souls on fire with your love: send us out into the world rejoicing in your power. We hold out to you all our particular burdens of guilt and sin, and we ask for your help to live the way of your justice and love.

(Silent Confession)

In Your name we pray, Amen.

✦ DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Believe in the good news of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

(Please extend the Peace of Christ to your neighbors saying....)

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

✦ RESPONSE 581 Glory Be to the Father GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Following the Blessing of the Children, children 4 years old through 3rd grade may go room 110 for Godly Play. Children 2 and 3 will go to room 107.

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION 288 Spirit of the Living God LIVING GOD

LESSON Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (Page 483 in Pew Bible)

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 688 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart MORECAMBE

LESSON Acts 2:1-21 (Page 885 in Pew Bible)

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Claiming THE Story Rev. Jessica Myers

✦ HYMN 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness SPIRIT

OFFERING

Offertory Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; For when humbly, in thy name,

Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living Make us sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

Affirmation of Faith *--from A 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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Almighty and faithful God....

So now, with Christians in all time and places, we forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

...Every time we come to the Table, we know that mystery called faith:

...And as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.



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Institution of the Sacrament

Serving of the People

Prayer after Communion

As we have been fed by your Spirit, O God of power, may the boldness of the Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us and may the gifts of your Spirit equip us, to serve and worship you always. Amen.

MESSAGES OF OUR LIFE IN COMMUNITY

✦ **HYMN 282** Come Down, O Love Divine DOWN AMPNEY

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Suite Gothique, Op. 25 Léon Boëllmann
IV. Tocatta



WELCOME TO FPC FINDLAY

We hope that you experience the power of God's presence while you are among us this morning. We are a busy congregation, seeking to find God's vision for us as we confront a changing and challenging world outside the community of faith. There are many ways we try to be faithful to God. We invite you to join us in these ministries. The following are just a few:

Mission—come serve our neighbors with us! We host a monthly community meal, offering a free midday dinner to any in our community. We host a food pantry every other month. We support mission around the world and have a mission team heading to Peru this summer. Contact Joan Work for more information: rjwork@roadrunner.com

MOPS—Partnered with the church, MOPS is a growing organization here in Findlay, where moms can have a safe place to be. Childcare is always offered for events at a nominal rate. Contact the office for more information to participate. info@findlayfpc.org

Music—There is *always* room for new members in our choral and bell choirs. New this year we have a weeklong Music and Art camp in July for 3 year olds through 5th grade (half day for younger kids/full day for the older). Applications are available on our website at findlayfpc.org or in the church office. Also, look for future dates to attend concerts through our Artist Series. Contact Brent Neuenschwander: brent@findlayfpc.org.

Greeting cards in the Narthex extend our prayers to members of our church with particular needs. Everyone is welcome to sign.

W O R S H I P L E A D E R S

Pastor: Rev. Jessica Myers **Director of Music:** Brent Neuenschwander
Lay Reader: Carol Dale-Joseph **Musicians:** Chancel Choir
Greeters & Ushers: Julie DeGraw, Al & Janet Holtzsch
Audio: Andrew Pueschel
Video Crew: Director: Duncan McMath
Camera Operators: Patty Weiler, Jody O'Brien
AV Sound: Rollie Smith Video Editor: Rollie Smith

C H I L D R E N I N W O R S H I P

Childcare is provided for **infants and children under 2 years** of age on the first floor in Room 107B. A paging system is available. Childcare is available 9:15am -11:45am.

Children age 2 may go to childcare following the *Blessing of the Children* to Room 107B on the first floor. Children should be picked up from Room 107 following worship or the Christian Education hour.

3yrs old – 3rd grade – following the *Blessing of the Children*, will be escorted to Room 107C for *ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION* children's worship.

Red Worship Bags for children preschool age through third grade and **White Worship Bags** for 4th - 8th graders are available on the rack in the Narthex.

Please return the worship bags to the tray under the rack following worship.

W O R S H I P N O T E S

The 2 large geranium plants are given by the family of Rev. Dr. Richard Merrick in honor of the 58th Anniversary of his ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament, June 7, 1959.

The First Presbyterian Church of Findlay follows the liturgical calendar to mark the season of our life together as Christians. Traditionally, various colors are used in each season.

We are celebrating **THE DAY OF PENTECOST** today. RED is the color of fire and symbolizes the presence of God in the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the first disciples, fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

“Come Creator Spirit,” the mobile in the Chancel, visually depicting the event of the day of Pentecost, is a yearning prayer for intervention, healing, wholeness, and reconciliation by the Holy Spirit upon our congregation.

New Members being received today are: Jordan Clark, Brandi Dominique, Amy Fisher, Curt & Ellen Hugunin, and Kendra Sponsler

✦ *Please stand if you are able.* **Bold type indicates congregational response.**

Its appropriate to use the congregational **AMEN** at the conclusion of all prayers in the service.

We ask that you please turn all cell phones to “silent” during the worship service.

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CHARACTER BUILDERS.....ROOM 209-210
The Character Builders Bible Class will continue to meet in Room 209-210 throughout the summer. On June 4 we begin the new quarter of The Present Word Bible study with the theme “God’s Urgent Call.” The title of Unit 1 for the month of June is “Called to Be Strong.” The Scripture sources come from the book of Judges. The lessons focus upon those people chosen by God to provide leadership during the formative period of Israel. In this first lesson which is based on Chapter 4, we will learn about Deborah, a prophetess who judged Israel, and Barak whom she coaxed to go into battle against the powerful Sisera by agreeing to go along with him! Nancy Wilczynski will be the discussion leader. You are encouraged to come every Sunday or any Sunday you are available.

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

Children and Youth are at the heart of the **PENTECOST OFFERING**. Envelopes can be found in the pews.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY, JUNE 10, sign-up to help today!

COMMUNITY DINNER, JUNE 11, sign-up to help today!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Service for
the Lord's Day*

**JUNE 4, 2017
DAY OF PENTECOST
9:30 A.M. – SANCTUARY**

*We are an active open community of Christians
seeking to know and glorify God,
nurturing all people and sharing Christ's love and teachings.*