

**The Service for the Lord's Day  
with the Sacrament of Baptism**

June Sermon Series

**Finding  
God in the  
Flames**

Campfire Stories  
from the Bible



**June 12, 2022**

Trinity Sunday

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## **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

*For young children, the Prayground in the back of the sanctuary is open and our nursery is also available for those who prefer childcare for infants and toddlers. Sunday school classes are available for kids in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade during the 10:30am service, after the Time with Children.*

### **I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

#### **PRELUDE**

**9:00**

“Prelude on *Nicaea*”

*Robert Farley*  
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**10:30**

“Fanfare and Trumpet Tune on *Nicaea*”

*Christopher Tambling*  
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#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

One: We come to worship the great I Am,

**All: who burns but doesn't destroy;**

One: who is our mystery and our answer;

**All: who is three and who is one;**

One: who is beyond us and within us.

**All: I Am, we worship you!**

##### **\*HYMN (see insert)**

“Deep in the Shadows of the Past”

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#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: So often, the Triune God calls us to linger and see what amazing things God is doing.  
So often, the Spirit calls us to get going and help others. Yet so often, we carry on with our priorities and miss these opportunities. Thankfully, God forgives us and calls us, again and again. So we pray, Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: Creator God, we confess that we have tried to make you small. We have tried to put you in our pockets and explain your wildness away. Forgive our domestication, Lord, and teach us to look for you in unexpected places. Give to us a sense of wonder, curiosity, and awe.**

*[silence for individual prayer]*

One: In your holy name, we pray.

**All: Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Our God—Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit—comes to us with steadfast love. By the purifying fire of the Holy Spirit, we are cleansed. By the never-ending mercy of Christ, we are forgiven and set free.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **\*GLORIA PATRI**

*Hymn #734*

***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.***

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: As forgiven people, let's share signs of reconciliation. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Share a sign of peace and reconciliation with your neighbors, such as a hand over your heart.*

**(10:30)**

### **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**(10:30)**

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

### **WORDS OF SCRIPTURE AND PRESENTATION**

### **QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS, CONGREGATION, AND CHILDREN**

#### **\*PROFESSION OF FAITH**

One: Friends, trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**All: I do.**

One: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

**All: I do.**

One: Will you be Christ's faithful disciples, obeying his Word and showing his love? If you so promise, please say, *I will with God's help.*

**All: I will, with God's help.**

## **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

### **BAPTISM OF WILLIAM THOMAS BAACK**

### **PRAYER OF BLESSING**

#### **WELCOME**

One: Liam has been received into the universal church and into God's family through baptism. By the power of the Holy Spirit, he has become a member of the household of faith, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into the body of Christ!**

#### **CHORAL RESPONSE**      "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

*~Chancel Choir*

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*During the song, the elder will light the baptismal candle on the table signifying the light of Christ in the child's life. The family will take the candle home and light it each year on Liam's baptismal anniversary.*

## **II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**All: Through fire and flame, you have made yourself known to your people. Let your love burn brightly, once again, as we hear your word today. Let your sense of justice set us on fire to serve. Let your very presence warm our souls. We pray by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **PSALM**

"Psalm 105"

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Ellacombe*, #31 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

***"Sing songs of praise and thanks to God, who wondrous deeds has done;  
By whose design was life ordained, God's strength, the battle won.***

***The judgements of the Lord are just; earth moves beneath God's voice;  
The righteous glory in God's might, and faithful hearts rejoice."***

Paraphrase of Psalm 105 ©1999 Michael Morgan, Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Exodus 3:1-15

*Pew Bible, OT pg. 55*

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**(10:30)**

**ANTHEM**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

*Franz Schubert*

~Chancel Choir

*"Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord. Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy is He. He, without beginning, He, who always was. Ever is and ruleth, shall be evermore. Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord. Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy is He. Power, wonder, love, all around Him dwell. Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord."*

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**SERMON**

"God's Invitation, Our Participation"

*Rev. Emma Nickel*

**III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**9:00**

"O Trinity, O Blessed Light"

*Robert Farlee*

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**10:30**

"Laudate Dominum"

*W. A. Mozart*

~Chancel Choir; Audrey Frieberg, soloist

*"Laudate Dominum omnes gentes, laudate eum omnes populi. Quoniam confirmata est supernos misericordia ejus. Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum. Gloria patri et filio et spiritui sancto, sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in saecula saeculorum. Amen."*

*"Sing praise to God above all ye nations, praise Him ye people, all ye souls on earth. For He hath shown His kindness toward us, His love and merciful kindness, and the truth of God lasteth forever, for all eternity. Glory to the Father and Son also, and the Holy Spirit, as it was then and will ever be, both now and always through the centuries everlasting. Amen."*

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**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Hymn #34*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen***

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### \*LITANY FOR “*Finding God In The Flames,*” Pentecost season series<sup>2</sup>

One: What is it about God and fire? You may remember Moses and God and the bush with the lights in it. The bush on fire, that never burns up.

**All: Fire and not fire. Burning and not consuming.**

One: Out of the fire God issued to Moses an invitation and command: Go, lead my people out of their slavery. And Moses began a journey to gather a people for God, to lead them out of Egypt, to lead them in the wilderness, to feed them and comfort them.

**All: Moses learned that you want to be careful with fire. You never know what passion it might ignite in you, what command it will give you, what fire it will light in your belly.**

One: What was God thinking as the followers of Jesus sat in that upstairs room waiting?

**All: What was God thinking, sending those tongues as of fire—Fire and not fire. Burning and not consuming. Tongues of fire resting on each of them. What did it mean? Why send fire? Why send the Holy Spirit in fire?**

One: Was God thinking of that first moment with Moses, of a command to go and bring freedom to the enslaved, a command to gather a people who would follow and worship him? To feed that people in the desert and teach them the ways of God?

**All: Did the tongues of fire ignite a passion to go and gather, worship and follow, feed and set free? Is that what the Spirit is for?**

One: A passion was ignited at Pentecost, a passion for the way of Jesus.

**All: A promise was given at Pentecost, a promise of comfort in the darkness, a promise of hope in despair. And a new thing began at Pentecost, the beginning of painful renewal in the image of God.**

One: And so we remember the fire. We remember God’s passionate call to us.

**All: We remember the steady flame of comfort and hope God provides for us. And we remember that no matter how painful our journey, God is tenderly shaping us into something new.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

**All: 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.**

## IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \*HYMN #136

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

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## \*BENEDICTION

## \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

### HYMN #557, v. 1

“Pass it On”

***It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;  
that’s how it is with God’s love, once you’ve experienced it:  
you spread God’s love to every one, you want to pass it on.***

*Text and Music: Kurt Kaiser ©1969 Bud John Songs (admin. EMI Christian Music Publishers)*

(10:30)

## POSTLUDE

“Toccata in Seven”

John Rutter

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*\*Indicates please stand as you are able.*

- 1 Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession by Rev. Carol Holbrook Prickett.
- 2 Litany excerpted from “Pentecost and Fire” by Sylvia Keesmaat, May 14, 2014, *Banner*, <https://www.thebanner.org/features/2014/05/pentecost-and-fire>

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*Our church is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.*

The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are given by Sally & Greg Gilreath to the glory of God in celebration of their son Charlie's baptism 14 years ago.

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Our new Pentecost banner was made by Ginny O'Brien from a design found in a collection called "Raise the Banners High!" by Pamela Hardiman and Josephine Niemann. The authors write about the design they call Pentecost Fire: *The Spirit of God is manifested in many ways. In scripture, the Spirit is depicted as, among other things, a dove, tongues of fire, a gently whispering wind, and a mighty wind. Those who experience the Spirit change; they are moved to do amazing things. For this reason, symbols of the Spirit must be forceful and dynamic. In Pentecost Fire, the flames of the Spirit are bold, filled with color and life. Not bound or contained by a tight border, the curved lines of this design move beyond the inner border to the outer frame.*

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### **Coffee Hour Fellowship**

Join us **today** after the 10:30 am service on the patio outside Kirkman Fellowship Hall for a special coffee hour to roast your own marshmallows at the campfire to make a s'more!

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### **Cereal for Summer!**

During the **month of June**, as part of our mission to be a Matthew 25 Church, FPCRO is supporting the Seventh Annual Cereal for Summer Campaign of the Presbytery of Detroit to help feed hungry children in the presbytery. Starting next Sunday, look for collection bins at the church.

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### **Drivers needed for Saturday grocery trips in June**

Can you take two members of the Motakhasiv family grocery shopping on a Saturday in June?

We are looking for one driver (or a couple in one vehicle) to take Abdul Basir and his son Abdullah grocery shopping at 4pm on each of the Saturdays in June. Feel free to sign up for one week or multiple weeks. We'll provide directions to the house and store and you'll get to meet the whole Afghan family. This is a shorter outing and a great way to contribute to our partnership with the family! Signup here <https://tinyurl.com/bdhasfdp> or call Ted DeVantier, Benny Rediers or the church office.

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### **Compassion Camp: Changing the World with Lovingkindness**

We are excited for our upcoming Compassion Camp on Sundays, **July 10 through August 28**.

Children will begin in worship and then move to our "Campsite" for the hour.

### **Volunteers Needed for "Compassion Camp"**

We are looking for volunteers to help guide our little ones through the activities. Whether you can help every Sunday or just specific dates, we would love to have you. Please contact Joelle Jarrait to sign up to help.