

## The Service for the Lord's Day

June Sermon Series

# Finding God in the Flames

Campfire Stories  
from the Bible



**June 26, 2022**

Third Sunday after Pentecost

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*Please silence all devices*

## **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**

“Andante”

*Sigfrid Karg Elert*  
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**10:30**

“Prelude on Psalm 37”

*Herbert Howells*  
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#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

One: Christ, we are here to commit to you.

**All: Quiet our anxious minds, and still our troubled hearts.**

One: We are here to commit to you.

**All: Focus our wandering thoughts and deepen our good intentions.**

One: We love you, Lord, with all that we are:

**All: as sinners and saints, failures and faithful, we commit our lives to you!!!**

##### **\*HYMN #351**

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

*Text: Charles Everest (1814-1877); Music: Southern harmony, 1835; Public Domain*

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: God’s forgiveness is wider and deeper than we can imagine. God’s forgiveness comes more freely than even we can forgive ourselves. Trusting in God’s mercy, we pray.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

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

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All:** Jesus Christ, friend and Savior, we confess to denying you in thought, word, and deed. We act as if we have not heard your commands, your calling, or even your name. Lord, forgive us for our weakness, our fear, and our daily denials. Give us the courage to bear your strong name, to be the Christians you would have us be, wherever we go.

*[silence for individual prayer]*

One: In your holy name, we pray.

**All: Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: We have told the truth and confessed to God. God, who is merciful and just, cleanses us and forgives us. By the power and mercy of Jesus Christ, we are set free!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **\*GLORIA PATRI**

*Hymn #734*

*Glorify 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**

### **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 41”

Sung to the Hymn-tune “*Tallis’ Canon*” #715 “Now Let Us from This Table Rise”

***“The Hands which shared my broken bread, my Love with their deceit repaid;  
And friends whose trust I counted mine have left me wounded and betrayed.***

***To me, O Lord, in mercy turn; Thy favor is a shield to me.***

***My mouth shall sing the victor’s song, my tongue declare my love for Thee.”***

Paraphrase of Psalm 41 ©1999 Michael Morgan, The Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 18:15-18, 25-27

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 116*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“Denial by Firelight”

*Rev. Emma Nickel*

## III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

**9:00**

“Rock of Ages”

*arr. Diane Bish*

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**10:30**

“Come Sunday”

*(from Black, Brown and Beige) Duke Ellington*

*~Sharon Rhinesmith*

*“Come Sunday, oh come Sunday, that’s the day. Lord, dear Lord above: God Almighty, God of Love, please look down and see my people through. I believe that God put sun and moon up in the sky. I don’t mind the gray skies ‘cause they’re just clouds passing by. Heaven is a goodness time, a brighter light on high. Do unto others as you would have them do to you; and have a brighter by and by. Lord, dear Lord above; God almighty, God of Love, please look down and see my people through. I believe God is now, was then and always will be. With God’s blessing we can make it through eternity. Lord, dear Lord above: God Almighty, God of Love, please look down and see my people through.”*

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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

## **ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS**

### **SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE**

One: There are a variety of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

One: Together, we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

### **STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

#### **\*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.**

### **CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS**

### **QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION**

### **PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND LAYING ON OF HANDS**

### **DECLARATION OF ORDINATION/INSTALLATION AND CHARGE**

### **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 #504**

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Text and Music: Anonymous Public Domain

##### **\*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.***

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**(10:30)**

##### **POSTLUDE**

“Processional”

*Grayton Ives*

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

1 Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession by Rev. Carol Holbrook Prickett.

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We welcome our guest soloist Sharon Rhinesmith. Sharon grew up in Royal Oak where she attended Jane Addams Elementary and Junior High Schools, and what was then both Kimball and Dondero High Schools. After high school, she moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to attend Temple University where she received her Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in Voice Performance. She still lives in Philadelphia where she works as a professional singer and voice teacher.

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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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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 Ron & Shirley Gilliam in grateful thanks for 64 wonderful years of marriage.

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### **Send Us the Names of Two of Your Favorite Hymns!**

In August, our worship series will focus on our congregation's favorite hymns and the scriptures that inform them. To determine which hymns we'll focus on, please email Pastor Emma ([enickel@fpcro.org](mailto:enickel@fpcro.org)) the titles of two of your favorites no later than **June 25**. Program staff will use your choices to guide our selections for the series. We can't wait to hear your thoughts!

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### **Outdoor Worship Services During July**

During the month of July, we will enjoy **worship outdoors on the Hendrie Lawn each Sunday at 10:30 am**. Starting **July 3 through July 31**, you're invited to bring a lawn chair, your sunscreen, and sun hat and join us for worship out in God's creation. We enjoyed meeting new neighbors during last summer's outdoor services and having a more casual worship experience. To ensure that we can also livestream worship for those unable to attend in person, the **9 am service will gather in the Sanctuary**, rather than the Chapel, throughout the month of July. **The 9 am service will be livestreamed**. If you prefer to worship from the pews indoors, please join us at 9 am on Sundays next month. We're glad to be able to offer many ways and places to worship!

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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.

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### **Save the date for CARS outdoor movie on July 15 at 7:30pm**

Mark your calendar for our monthly outdoor movie nights throughout the summer, each beginning at 7:30 pm on the Hendrie Lawn. We're grateful to Sean and Cassie Coates for hosting these fun events. Bring your lawn chair and a friend! In the event of rain, the movie will be shown in Kirkman Fellowship Hall.

July 15 at 7:30 pm • *Cars* and August 26 at 7:30 pm • *Raya and the Last Dragon*

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### **Flower Dedications for Worship 2022-2023 - New Chart Available**

A new chart with dates in Fall 2022 through Summer 2023 is now posted in the hallway outside the reception office. You're invited to sign-up to make a flower dedication in worship to celebrate, honor, or remember friends and family. Once you've signed up, fill out a card and include a check for \$45. Place the items in the basket at the reception desk. Thank you!