

# The Service for the Lord's Day



**May 28, 2023**

Pentecost Sunday

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of Royal Oak

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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**

*~Jubilate Bells*

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

*arr. Lloyd Larson*

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### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

One: A wind breathes among us,  
calling us to gather  
in the name of the Holy One.

**All: A fire burns within us,  
calling us to service,  
calling us to prayer.**

One: A spirit moves around us,  
calling us to turn in joy  
toward the sorrows of the world.

**All: Burning, breathing, Spirit of Compassion,  
we bring our lives to you.**

#### **\*HYMN #333**

“Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow”

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### **CALL TO CONFESSION and KYRIE ELEISON**

One: God has promised that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.  
Therefore, let us call on God, confessing our sins. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

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

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: When we follow other spirits, rather than the spirit of Jesus, forgive us. When we refuse to give full reign to the Spirit in our actions and words, correct us. When we ignore the clear direction that the winds of the Spirit are blowing, set**

**us back on the path. Loving God, restore us to Spirit-filled and Spirit-led lives, that we may know your presence and be witnesses to you.**

*[silence for individual prayer]*

One: By the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray,

**All: Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God offers forgiveness for our sins and the grace of repentance. So let us accept that grace and be restored to abundant life.

**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: We are renewed in love and reconciled in faith. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** Dedication of H.O.M.E. (Helping Out, Mission Edition) Birthday Bags

One: Dear God, thank you for helping us celebrate together.

**All: Happy birthday, church!**

One: Thank you for the opportunity to help others celebrate in their families and homes.

**All: Happy birthday, church!**

One: Thank you for the people who put these bags together and for the joy they found in sharing.

**All: Happy birthday, church!**

One: Let our church be a place where joy and celebration are always welcome.

**All: Happy birthday, church! Amen.**

## **II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**All: Almighty God, by the power of your Spirit, speak to us in the language of our hearts, that we may hear your word with understanding and answer your call with confidence. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 20:19-23

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 119***PSALM**

"Psalm 104"

*Hal H. Hopson**Please join in singing the Psalm refrain upon a cue from the cantor*

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**SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 2:1-21

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 123*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.****ANTHEM**

"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

*Getty and Townsend**~Chancel Choir*

*"Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul. Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole. Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see. Give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me. Holy Spirit, come abide with-in; may your joy be seen in all I do. Love enough to cover every sin in each thought and deed and attitude. Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made. Show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways. Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice, that in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me."*

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**SERMON**

"What Now? Living into Pentecost"

*Rev. Emma Nickel***III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD****INVITATION TO THE OFFERING****OFFERTORY**

"Spirit of God"

*Donald Hustad**~Brady DeVecchio*

*"Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from sin, through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art, and make me love Thee, as I ought to love. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no opening skies; but take the dimness*

*of my soul away. Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh; teach me the struggles of the soul to bear, to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; teach me the patience of unanswered prayer. Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame; the baptism of the heaven descended Dove, my heart and altar, and Thy love the flame."*

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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**

#### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH<sup>2</sup>**

One: We sing of God the Spirit,  
who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation,  
animating all energy and matter and moving in the human heart.

**All: We sing of God the Spirit, faithful and untameable,  
who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.**

One: The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy  
not only in what is familiar, but also in that which seems foreign.

**All: We sing of the Spirit, who speaks our prayers of deepest longing  
and enfolds our concerns and confessions, transforming us and the world.**

One: We offer worship as an outpouring of gratitude and awe  
and a practice of opening ourselves to God's still, small voice of comfort,  
to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.

**All: Through the power of the Spirit,  
in community and in solitude,  
God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world.**

### **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 #326**

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Text & Music: James Manley © 1978 James Manley

## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

“Come, Holy Spirit”

*Paul Leddington Wright*  
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*\*Indicates please stand as you are able.*

### **Liturgist:** Melissa Ross

- 1 From Seekers Church, Pentecost 2005, <http://www.seekerschurch.org/>
- 2 Excerpted and adapted from *Song of Faith* of the United Church of Canada (2006). <http://www.united-church.ca/beliefs/statements/songfaith>

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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.*

## Please Note Upcoming Worship Schedule

There will be **one worship service at 10:30am** for the following weeks:

**June 4** Confirmation Sunday; **June 11** Global Hymn Festival

### S.T.A.G.E. Schedule • Youth Ministry for Grades 6-12

**May 28:** No meeting, Enjoy Memorial Day weekend!

**June 4:** End of Year Picnic at Cana/Drayton at 4:30pm for students and families.

**July 9-15:** High School Mission trip to Chicago.

**July 24-27:** Middle School Mission Week in Metro Detroit. Registration coming soon!

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### Little Free Pantry

FPCRO's Little Free Pantry serves unhoused neighbors as well as those who may be running short on funds. Below is a suggested list of non-perishable items which may be dropped off during church office hours. For cash or check donations, please indicate the "Little Free Pantry" on the check or note.

**Pull-Tab Cans:** stew (beef and chicken), fruit (cocktails, peaches, pears, etc.), vegetables (corn, green beans, peas, etc.), baked beans, soup (any variety), beefaroni/ravioli (ready-to-eat), canned tuna, chicken, or turkey.

**Non-perishables:** granola bars (soft/chewy, any flavor), cereal (small individual boxes), tuna/chicken (ready-to-eat pouches), Knorr rice/pasta sides, peanut butter, snack crackers/cookies, small bottled waters, juice boxes, Easy Mac and Cheese (pouches/cups).

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### Cereal for Summer during June

During the month of June, bring a box or two of cereal to help kids and families in need. No child should go hungry. However, many kids who rely on receiving a subsidized breakfast or lunch during the school year often face long summer days without enough to eat. FPCRO will support the Cereal for Summer campaign at the Presbytery of Detroit again this year.

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### Beginning after Memorial Day, the church office will be closed on Fridays through Labor Day.

The office and the Good Book Nook will be open on the following schedule: Monday, 9am-1pm; Tuesday, 9am-7pm; Wednesday, 9am-3pm; Thursday, 9am-3pm; Friday, 9am-1pm on May 26; Closed Fridays beginning June 2.

**Online Giving:** Giving online is a fast and easy way to give at FPCRO. Through our PayPal page you may give a one-time gift, or you may set up recurring gifts using a debit/credit card, or your PayPal account. Thank you!



Today's **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in memory of Melton Brown, husband of Evada Brown.

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### **Global Hymn Fest of Anthems on June 11 at 10:30am**

On Sunday, June 11 at 10:30am we will give God our praise in song through a Global Hymn Festival. In singing the **music of many peoples and languages**, we seek to recognize the diversity God has created in humanity. We also seek to experience our connection to God through sounds and songs that may be new to us. The Chancel Choir, Jubilate Handbell Choir, and Sunburst Singers Children's Choir will end their program year in this celebratory service! The **Nacho Grill Food Truck** will be at FPCRO following worship. Purchase a tasty lunch or snack and join us for a picnic on the lawn as we kick off the summer!

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### **New Member Class**

For those ready to join the church as members, or for those interested in exploring what that means, **join us on Sundays June 4, 11, and 18 from 9-10am.**

- **Sunday, June 4 and Sunday, June 11 from 9am-10am:** Join our facilitator, Suzanne Lewand, to learn more about the history of Presbyterians, our general beliefs, and what it means to be part of this church community at FPCRO.
- **Sunday, June 18 at 9am:** Enjoy a delicious brunch with our Session (board) members. We will welcome you in the worship service that morning, which will be at 10am.

To RSVP, contact Pastor Emma at [enickel@fpcro.org](mailto:enickel@fpcro.org) or by phone at the church.

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### **Summer Worship Time Change to 10am begins June 18**

The Session has voted to move to one worship service during the summer months this year.

**We will worship each Sunday this summer at 10:00am, beginning June 18** through Labor Day. We hope the adjusted time brings members who attend each of our normal services together for a single worship opportunity. Those who normally worship in the sanctuary can also get out a few minutes earlier on Sundays to enjoy the summer weather!

On the **third Sunday of June, July, and August we will worship outdoors on the Hendrie Lawn. June 18 at 10am will be an outdoor service.** Bring a lawn chair or blanket, a hat, and sunscreen and enjoy worship out in God's creation!

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### **STELLAR Vacation Bible School • Volunteer for STELLAR VBS!**

Our 2023 STELLAR VBS is **June 26-30 from 9 am-12 noon**. Registration is now open! Visit <https://form.jotform.com/223405660685054> to register. Our fun week of finding Jesus' light is coming soon! We are looking for volunteers for a variety of areas. Please visit our sign-up genius at <https://tinyurl.com/ycka7hwhf> to join in on the fun!