

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

June Sermon Series

**Finding
God in the
Flames**

Campfire Stories
from the Bible



June 5, 2022

Day of Pentecost

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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 5th grade during the 10:30am service, after the Time with Children.

I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

9:00

“Now We Pray the Holy Spirit”

Dietrich Buxtehude
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10:30

“Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost” BWV 667

J. S. Bach
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

One: Holy Spirit, light the fire.

All: Set our hearts blazing.

One: Holy Spirit, light the fire.

All: Fan the flames of adoration.

One: Holy Spirit, light the fire.

All: Spark in us your love!

***HYMN #334**

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

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Music: Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, 1693; harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) Public Domain*

CALL TO CONFESSION – *The Tower of Babel, selected verses from Genesis 11:1-9*

One: As we celebrate Pentecost today ... Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Lord, forgive us when we are part of a group that tries to dominate some other group of people. Forgive us when we assume that our language, our ways, or our traditions must be the only way. Save us through your gift of diversity: diverse people, languages, cultures, and ways of understanding your holy story of grace. Give us ears to hear the message of Christ, and hearts open to understanding one another in and through our differences. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, when Jesus ascended to heaven, he promised us a gift. That gift was the presence of the Holy Spirit, which we celebrate at Pentecost. It is through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Spirit that God frees us and forgives us!

All: We are indeed forgiven and free! 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.

(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 104”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *St. Peter*, #603 “In Christ There Is no East or West”

***“The absence of the Lord gives rise to stubborn faithless fears;
God’s Spirit, feeble life renews; God’s breath can dry our tears.”***

Paraphrase of Psalm 104 ©1999 Michael Morgan, Psalter for Christian Worship, Witherspoon Press

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2:1-20

Pew Bible, NT pg. 123

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

All: Thanks be to God.

(10:30)

ANTHEM

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

Michael Burkhardt

~Chancel Choir

“Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light; Holy Spirit, ever brooding o’er a world of gloom and night; Holy Spirit, ever raising those of earth to thrones on high; living, life imparting Spirit, you we praise and magnify. Holy Spirit, ever living as the Church’s very life: Holy Spirit, ever striving o’er a world of gloom and strife; Holy Spirit, ever forming in the Church the mind of Christ: you we praise with endless worship for your gifts and fruit unpriced. Holy Spirit, ever working through the church’s ministry; quickening, strengthening, absolving, setting captive sinners free; Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul in communion never ending, you we worship and extol.”

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III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING****OFFERTORY**“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God” *Getty & Townsend, arr. Lloyd Larson*

~Olivia Donnel

“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 within; 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 gentlest 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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***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*SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER****INVITATION****GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and THE LORD’S PRAYER**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

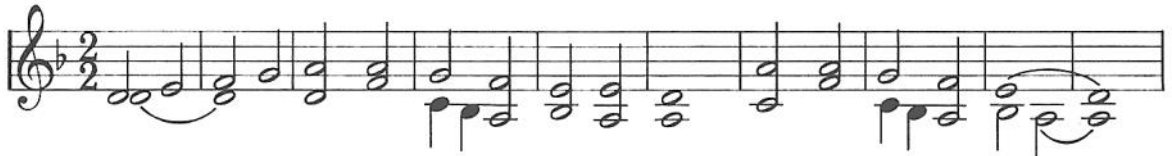
One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.One: Creator God ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn: **page opposite →**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



heaven 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.

One: Creative God ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

One: We come ... This we pray in Christ's name, saying together:

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to come forward to the servers at the front of the church to receive the bread and cup. Eat the bread when you receive it. Take a cup and drink from it, then place the cup in the trashcan nearby. A gluten free bread option is available. If you prefer to be served in the pew, please remain there and a server will come to you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION²

All: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, may we overflow with thanksgiving for who you are, all you have done, and all you have yet to do. May we remember the nourishment and sweet taste of this meal and the warmth of the flames of your Holy Spirit. With your breath in our lungs, you have prepared us to be your witnesses in this world. To you be the glory. Amen.

IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #128

“Spirit, Working in Creation”

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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.***

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(10:30)

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare and Rhumba on *Come, Holy Spirit*”

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

1 Call to Worship by Rev. Carol Holbrook Prickett.

2 Michelle Henrichs, *Come to the Table: Communion Liturgies of Invitation to Celebrate and Experience the Love of God* (2020, Michelle Henrichs, Life in the Labyrinth LLC), 80.

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Compassion Camp: Changing the World with Lovingkindness

We are excited for our upcoming Compassion Camp this summer on Sundays, **July 10 through August 28**. Children will begin in worship and then move to our “Campsite” for the hour. Together, we will explore what it means to have compassion for others, ourselves, and the world! Lovingkindness is the utmost form of selfless love toward ourselves and others. The practice begins with focusing on self-compassion because once we have compassion for ourselves, we can have compassion for others.

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.

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.



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 the FPCRO Congregation
in honor of the Motakhasiv Family.

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.

June Worship Series & Pentecost Celebration

Today we celebrate Pentecost and the tongues of fire from the Holy Spirit. On the following Sundays, through July 3, we'll visit other times when God's presence came near through fire including Moses and the burning bush and the charcoal fire where the disciples met the risen Jesus on the beach. Check out the campfire scenes in worship and enjoy the beautiful new banner that Ginny O'Brien created for this series and the Pentecost season. **Join us after the 10:30 am worship service for fellowship and activities on the church lawn.** It will be a time to experience different languages and cultures as we will be joined by our refugee family from Afghanistan. There is something for all ages so come and celebrate with us!

Senior Vocal Recital

The Watson family invites you to enjoy an afternoon of free music in the sanctuary this afternoon, **Sunday, June 5 at 2 pm**, with Grace Watson, accompanied by Joseph Jackson.

Outdoor Movie Night this Friday

Join us for the first outdoor movie night of the summer this **Friday, June 10 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! Event will be moved inside to Kirkman Fellowship Hall in the case of bad weather.

June 10 at 7:30 pm • *Encanto*

Coffee Hour Fellowship

Join us on **Sunday, June 12** after the 10:30 am service for a special coffee hour to roast your own marshmallows at the campfire to make a s'more!

Operation Paperback

We continue to seek paperback books in good condition. There is a need for adventure, mystery, and non-fiction appropriate for our armed service personnel overseas and stateside. (Please, no romance or risqué titles.) Books may be dropped off in the Steen Library at church. Questions? Contact Adair Calder, 248-835-0070.