



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FENTON

To be a loving community of faith dedicated to helping people know
Jesus Christ and grow, share and serve as his disciples.

Day of Pentecost
May 19th, 2024 10:00 a.m.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT PH #288 BH #322 “Spirit of the Living God”

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 104

O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

**There is the sea, great and wide;
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.**

**There go the ships
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.**

These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;
when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

**When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.**

**When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.**

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works—

**who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.**

Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Praise the LORD!**

OPENING PRAYER—from Hildegard of Bingen, 12th Century Benedictine Abbess

Holy Spirit,
 making life alive,
 moving in all things,
 root of all created being,
 cleansing the cosmos of every impurity,
 anointing wounds.
 You are lustrous and praiseworthy life,
 you waken and re-awaken everything that is.
 Awake our hearts now so that we might turn
 and be filled with your mercy, love and power. Amen.

HYMN PH #41 BH #476 “O Worship the King All Glorious Above!”

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Do not marvel that Jesus says to us: "You must be born again." That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the spirit, he who convicts us of sin and leads us into all righteousness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, both by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. Too often we have failed to welcome into our hearts your quickening Spirit of love and power. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. Wash away our sins; send rain on our dry ground; bend our rigidity; inflame our cold hearts; anoint us for witness; and direct our wandering feet into your ways. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

There is, therefore, now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus: For the Spirit of life in Jesus Christ has set us free from the law of sin and death.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

You come, Holy Spirit, in wind, flame, voice, joy and life. Be here now in the Scriptures as it is read, sung and preached. May we hear anew and be strengthened to do your will. Amen.

LITURGY FOR PENTECOST

On this day of Pentecost, we remember Christ’s great promise to us. Before he ascended from the earth, he said to the disciples

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and to the ends of the earth.

Thank you, Father, for this place to gather and your Spirit who gathers us. May we accept your gift with grace and wisdom, hope and fearlessness. Give us strength and wisdom to act on your will.

And on this day, we marvel at the possibilities of God’s Holy Spirit here with us.

For in the last days, says the prophet Joel, the Lord will show wonders in the heavens and signs on the earth below: blood, fire, smoke, a darkened sun, and a moon turned to blood.

God Almighty, we are humbled in your awesome presence. We are reminded of our weakness, our insignificance. Ashamed, we pray for mercy.

But on this day, we remember the sacrifice that made this gift possible: the perfect Lamb who was slain, the blood that was spilled, the curtain that was torn in two. And we remember the stone that was rolled away.

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Praise be to the Father, worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and holy is your precious Spirit. For we were lost in the depths, but you have found us and invited us to your table. Now we are bearers of your holy Name.

And on this day, through the prompting of the Holy Spirit within us, we put aside our grievances. We reach out to those around us. We lift up our talents and gifts. We ask to be filled and then poured out. We are no longer satisfied with a life not lived abundantly.

I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters, they will prophesy. The young will see visions; the old, they will have dreams. I will pour out my Spirit upon you, and you will prophesy.

Lord, we receive your gift with patient anticipation. Make us the hands and feet of your invisible Spirit, and like your Spirit, make us invisible, so that the light of Christ Jesus may shine through us.

And all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Lord, give us the ability to speak not in languages of hate or greed, complacency or discontent, but in love and peace, mercy and kindness; in generosity and benevolence, in humility and patience, and in truthful words of encouragement.

On this day of Pentecost, may the moving of your Spirit not be to us a chasing after the wind, but a warm breeze of hope. May the Church act as one body to bring love, joy, and your holy truth to every generation and people. And may we also have the wisdom to receive these things graciously.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body will live in hope, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.

Praise and glory, honor and thanks be to the Father, and to Christ Jesus, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ANTHEM When in Our Music God is Glorified

arr. Ziegenhals

Congregation will join on the 5th Verse

**Let every instrument be tuned
for praise!**

**Let all rejoice who have
a voice to raise!**

**And may God give us faith
to sing always: Alleluia!**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Colossians 3:20-24

20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is your acceptable duty in the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, or they may lose heart. 22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything, not with a slavery performed merely for looks, to please people, but wholeheartedly, fearing the Lord. 23 Whatever task you must do, work as if your soul depends on it, as for the Lord and not for humans, 24 since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ.

SERMON

Becoming an Adult

Pastor Robbie Carnes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

In what ways do you seek the approval of God over the approval of people?
How has the Spirit matured you?

HYMN PH #300 “We are One in the Spirit”

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

OFFERING

Let us give as we are called to give, offer what we will with a glad heart and discover what God might do with the faith seeds we plant today. Let us pray...

Dear Holy Spirit, These gifts are but the bare bones of who we are, and what we could offer. So, move over them, filling them with muscles, and sinews, and breaths of our lives, so they might become living gifts of hope and grace to others. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

(If you would like a written prayer request included in our prayers today, please indicate that and an usher will collect them)

Will the Ushers Please come forward.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

***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.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit, saying, Lord, come to bless us...

and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to equip us for the work you have given us. May LOVE be evident in all we do, say and think. Lord, come to bless us...

and fill us with your Spirit.

Generous God, we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit. We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better. Fill us with your JOY as we go about your work. Lord, come to bless us...

and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us. Fill us with your PEACE so that we might confidently go into the world and proclaim your goodness. Lord, come to bless us...

and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness, and sorrow. May your presence in us fruit PATIENCE in our lives. As we wait on you, Lord, come to bless us...

and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to help us understand better your will for us. May your GOODNESS form us and all we do. Lord, come to bless us...

and fill us with your Spirit.

Holy Spirit, you fill us with the strength to notice others around us and act to their benefit. Empower us with KINDNESS so that we can see rightly and act justly. We ask you to reveal in our lives the loving kindness of Jesus. Lord, come to bless us...

and fill us with your Spirit.

Spirit, we find that we are too easily swayed and so often we turn away to our own interests. Buttress us with FAITHFULNESS. Make our hearts strong and our consciences' clear. Lord, come to bless us...

and fill us with your Spirit.

Like a wind, you blow into your church pushing us into God's will. Your GENTLENESS is precious because our hearts are frail. Grant us a double portion so that we might treat each other gently. Lord, come to bless us...

and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit given on Pentecost. We ask you to keep the whole church in the joy of eternal life. Dwell in us so that we can exhibit SELF CONTROL and thus be good witnesses to your Goodness. Lord, come to bless us...

and fill us with your Spirit.

Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon the Messiah at the river Jordan and upon the disciples in the upper room. In your mercy fill us with your Spirit,

hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you in Christ, our Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES**TABLETALK WITH GOD'S CHILDREN ~ The Marshmallow Test**

HYMN PH #291 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

CHARGE

God's Breath of hope has torn open
the shutters of our hearts,

**So that we may open them to all who long
for grace and life.**

Justice is the strong wind poured into us
by the One who is Brother to the forgotten.

**We will go into the streets of our neighborhoods
to serve our siblings.**

A new community is being shaped by the Holy Spirit,
made up of those from every place, every tongue.

**We will join hearts with those we meet,
We will learn songs of joy in new languages.**

Go out to Love and Serve the Lord!

BENEDICTION PH #66 BH #315 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

POSTLUDE

Peace be with you!...and also with you!