

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

10:30 AM

PRELUDE

Holy Spirit, Light Divine

Mary Jo Cox, organ

WORDS OF GREETING

One: Come! Let us speak plainly and boldly of our faith.

**All: The Spirit of God descends upon us,
and Christ's promise to us is fulfilled.**

One: The expression of the Spirit's power
in our community is a wonder to behold.

**All: We each have a different voice,
Yet we witness God's joy together!**

WELCOME

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tim Fitzgerald

One: Do you hear it,

**All: The sound of rushing wind beginning to
fill this house?**

One: Do you see it,

**All: the glowing pillars of fire reflecting in
every pair of eyes?**

One: Do you feel it,

**All: God moving in this place, calling us
to worship?**

One: The spirit has come! The church is born!

All: Let us worship God with thanksgiving!

*HYMN No. 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(Silent Confession)

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, as your Spirit filled the church on the first Pentecost day, so fill this house of worship with your presence, and fill us with your passion. You are doing a new thing, actively moving in the world. Forgive us when we act as if your stories have all been written. You hear the prayers of every language and call us to hear each other. Forgive us when we act as if your Spirit only spoke our native tongue. Wash us in your grace, O God, and illumine us with your fire. Send us out to follow your spirit and teach us to hear the prayer of all your people. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*RESPONSE No. 591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

(sing twice)

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CHILDREN'S OFFERING; BLESSING

Congregation: **May the Lord go with you as you worship and learn together.**

Children: May the Lord be with you as you worship here.

Congregation: **Go in peace.**

Children: We go in peace. Amen.

During the response to the Passing of the Peace, newborns through 5th grade are invited to come forward to the chancel steps for the blessing. After the blessing, they will be dismissed to the Nursery and to the Children's Worship Center in the lower level for the Children and Worship time. Please pick up your child from the Nursery or Worship Center when they have finished their time of worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Pepper Choplin

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

The Spirit speaks to the church today. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

“The Teachings of Pentecost”

Andrew Miller

Question of the day: What images, feelings, or ideas come to mind when think of Pentecost?

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.20

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the world of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all. Amen.

*HYMN No. 285

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(If you have a prayer of concern or joy, please text 989-954-3297.)

MORNING PRAYER AND 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 sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN No. 301

Let Us Build a House (v.1,2,4,5)

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 408 *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* (v.1)

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

**Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.**

* POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Come Holy Spirit"

Grimoaldo Macchia

Notes:

*Stand in body and spirit.

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox; Tim Fitzgerald; Andrew Miller

Following Worship there be a time of fellowship in the Witherspoon Room.

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

Bill Wilson, Laura Havens (Marge Havens' daughter in-law), J T Schmitt (Barb Lindley's son-in-law), Nick Baker, Wendy Shugert, Mike McNabb, Scott Campbell (Andrew & Martha Miller's friend), Betty Gempel, Jillian & Flynn Gray, Martha Loubert (sister-in-law of John, Pete, and Sheri Loubert), Lois Miller, Jaime Love (brother of Kevin Love), Louisa Ellis (Jeff & Cam Ellis granddaughter), Olivia Geisthardt (friend of Anna Clare Miller), Suzanne Hand, Charles Loubert, Jim Gilbert, Peter and Verna Russell, Lois Kerr, Sarah Gilbert, Joyce McNabb, Colleen Long, Lavona Osborne. Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez, and Noah Lapp, Vowles Elementary, Fraser Presbyterian, Cass City, MI, Evangelical Christian Church in Halmahera, and Isabella County Restoration House Rotating Homeless Shelter.

Offering

If you are joining us for worship in-person and would like to give an offering, please place your offering in an offering plate. You can also give your pledge, per capita payment, or offering by mailing it to the church office: First Presbyterian Church, 1250 Watson Road, Mt. Pleasant, 48858. You can also give an offering by going to the church's website, www@fpcmp.org and hit the "Give Now" button or use the QR Code,



Celtic Worship

Please join us for a Celtic Worship Service, to take place from 6:00-6:30 on Wednesdays May: 5/15, 5/22, 5/29. Come to any or all! We'll meet in the sanctuary to celebrate this ancient tradition, which is our heritage as Presbyterians. We'll pray, sing, read scripture, and share communion and the joy of being together.

Spring Financial Statement Notice from the Church

If you made a financial contribution to the church since January 2024 and the church has your email address, you will be receiving your spring financial statement electronically in the next couple of weeks. The email will be coming from support@ccissoftware.com. If you have questions or concerns about your statement, feel free to email Peter Loubert at bookkeeper@fpcmp.org. Thank you for sharing your gifts with the church.

3rd Tuesday Food Truck and Fellowship

On the 3rd Tuesday of June 18, July 16, and August 20 the Cruisin' Chef food truck will be parked in the church parking lot from 5-6:30PM. Come and get some food and have casual conversations with church and neighborhood friends. All are invited and all are welcome.

FPC Loons Baseball Game

Sunday, June 9 at 1:05 PM

Location: Loons Ball Park in Midland, MI

Tickets : \$12.50 per person

Meal Deals : Choice #1 is a meal of a hot dog, chips and a soft drink for \$7.50 , OR, Choice #2 is a meal of 2 slices of pizza for \$7.50.

Payment: Make checks out to the First Presbyterian Church; on the memo line add "Loons Game".

Pick up your tickets at the ball park and tell them you are with the FPC group from Mt. Pleasant. Call or text Allan Riggs at (989)-560-5604 with any questions.

The deadline to order tickets is Monday , June 3, at 12:00 Noon. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

ICRH Capital Campaign Kick-off & New Building Open House

Join us at our new location to celebrate the kick-off of our capital campaign.

- Tour our new facility
- Meet with staff and board members
- Learn about our future Indulge in ice cream from Doozies
- Support our vision

Thursday, May 16, 4-6pm

ICRH New Location

555 N. Main, Mt. Pleasant

RSVP-icrh@icrhouse.org