

May 20, 2018



11:00 a.m.

*Where faith is nurtured, curiosity is encouraged,
diversity is welcomed, and all are loved.*

***Those who are able, please stand*

Prelude Variations on "Veni, Creator Spiritus" Maurice Durufle

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Dr. Sue Coller
Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others in your row, and then return it to the center aisle.

Minute for Mission Pentecost Offering Lisa Jasa

A Conversation Begins...

****Hymn #289** "On Pentecost They Gathered" MUNICH

Call to Prayer Joan Berglund

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

One: Spirit of God, Spirit of life: We rejoice in your presence around us and in us, like wind in our faces and breath in our lungs. We rejoice in your power to give new birth and new life, like fire, warmth and radiance. We rejoice in your accepting us, continually seeking us, and freely treasuring us, with love older than mountains.

All: Holy Spirit, who brings all people together in the wind and the fire, you silence all our tongues, and cause all the peoples of the earth to tremble: hear our confession:

One: The eyes you gave us to behold your glory, we have averted to avoid your light.

All: The arms you gave us to hold our neighbor, we have folded in distrust.

One: The tongues you gave us to proclaim your wisdom, we have employed to show our foolishness.

All: The church you gave us as a sign of your love, we have silenced and shackled, lest it suggest a greater truth than our own.

One: Enter even now our trembling hearts and heal our divisions. As you gave birth to your church with tongues of fire, shake us back to life with the rush of your wind. Leave us not to our own devices but call us to such a repentance that the world will bow down, not before its arsenals, but before you, and be held at long last in your arms.

All: Amen.

Mission Statement:

First Presbyterian Church is a living ministry of the Risen Christ in the heart of Lincoln.

We praise God through worship

We strengthen faith through study

We live our beliefs through mission

We nurture a diverse community

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: This is the promise: "I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh—young and old, men and women, rich and poor—and all people will see." This promise is for you, and for us. No matter who we are or where we have been, the Spirit of the Living God falls fresh, with mercies new every morning. Know that you are forgiven, and let the Spirit speak through you!

All: Thanks be to God!

**The Peace

One: Knowing that we are forgiven, let us be at peace within ourselves and be seekers of peace with one another. The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.

Song of Joy #280

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"
(verse 1 only)

EBENEZER

Children's Time

Michele Langer

The Conversation Continues... John 3:3-8 (NT Pg. 93-94)

Kris Brammer

The Conversation Continues... Acts 2:1-18 (NT Pg. 119)

Litany of the Spirit's Presence in Fire

One: We are the people of the Spirit.

All: We are found by fire.

One: The flames of God flickering in the bush called to Moses.

All: The pillar of flame and smoke guided Israel through the wilderness.

One: Jesus came to baptize us with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

All: Without the flames of the Spirit, we are like unlit candles; cold, dark, useless.

One: There appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them.

All: Send your flames, your fire, O God of Pentecost, to light us and stir us to be people of the Spirit.

Reflections on the Fire of the Spirit

Sung Response #288

"Spirit of the Living God"

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Litany of the Spirit's Presence in Wind

One: We are the people of the Spirit,

All: We are formed by the wind.

One: The breath of God gave life to the first human being;

All: The winds of the Spirit blew over the valley of the dry bones and brought life.

One: "The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit."

All: Without the wind of the Spirit we are like a sail on a dead quiet day; stale, empty, useless.

One: A mighty rushing wind came from heaven to fill disciples with the Spirit.

All: Send your breath, your wind, O God of Pentecost, to fill us and stir us to be people of the Spirit.

Reflections on the Wind of the Spirit

Choral Response

"As the Wind Song"

WAIKUA TAPU

arr. Brian Pfofner

Litany of the Spirit's Presence

One: We are the people of the Spirit,

All: We have been gifted by the Spirit's touch.

One: The Spirit gives to us the words we preach, the music we sing, and the prayers we offer.

All: The Spirit gives to us the love we show, the faith we teach, and the hope we share.

One: The Spirit is here in every breath, in every spark, in our words and our silences, our speaking and our hearing.

All: Send your gifts, your grace, O God of Pentecost, to give us power to be people of the Spirit.

Celebrations

Recognition of Graduates

Recognition of Teachers

Prayers of the People & The 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.

The Offering

Please place the top sheet of the friendship pad in the offering plate.

Text MissionPossible to 73256 to give by text

