

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 12:1-13 (read responsively)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-4

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Heidi Bolt

***HYMN OF HOPE** (insert) "Lift Our Voices"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Declaration of Faith)

The Spirit came with power to the followers of Jesus. Led by the apostles they began to proclaim with boldness the new thing God had done in Christ. They began to experience in their fellowship a new quality of common life. We believe that by the power of the same Spirit the church can be set on its way again, even when it seems beyond hope of renewal. We are grateful heirs of reformations and awakenings. We are faithful to the reformers of the past when we hold ourselves open in the present to the reforming and renewing work of the Spirit.

The early Christians recognized a diversity of abilities and functions as gifts of the Spirit. Some were tempted to use these gifts to serve their own needs and ambitions, to form elite groups who looked down on others. But the gifts were given for the common good, to build up the community in love and to equip it for its mission in the world. We are convinced that the Holy Spirit still calls people to various offices in the church and gives diverse gifts to believers. We are to use them to speak and embody plainly the gospel of Christ in the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Petitions

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (p. 16 in hymnal)

Response

WORSHIP THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: Marianna Martin, violin

***Doxology** No. 591

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

503 West Sixth Street PH: 388-9584

June 4, 2017—9:30 a.m.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"The dove descending breaks the air
With flame of incandescent terror
Of which the tongues declare
The one discharge from sin and error.
The only hope, or else despair
Lies in the choice of pyre or pyre-
To be redeemed from fire by fire.

Who then devised the torment? Love.
Love is the unfamiliar name
Behind the hands that wove
The intolerable shirt of flame
Which human power cannot remove.
We only live, only suspire
Consumed by either fire or fire."
--T.S. Eliot, Four Quartets

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Spirit of God, Fill My Heart"—M. Roberts
"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"—J. Jones
"God of Grace & God of Glory"—J.B. Weber

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC “The Lord’s Prayer” —David Hulse, soloist

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On the day of Pentecost, the church was gathered together in one place. Could it have looked something like this?

(Turn and look around you; notice the people who sit near you today.)

One: On the day of Pentecost, the Spirit of God blew through the church like a howling wind. Could it have sounded something like this?

(Respond by making wind noises with your mouth and by rubbing your hands back and forth.)

One: On the day of Pentecost, differences were minimized as people came together seeing and hearing one another. Could it have felt something like this?

(Respond by holding hands with someone close to you.)

One: On the day of Pentecost, the Spirit of God fell down like rain on everyone gathered there that day. And sons and daughters prophesied.

(If you are a son or daughter, no matter your age, place one hand on your heart.)

One: And young people saw visions.

(If you consider yourself young, or young at heart, place a second hand on your heart.)

One: And old people dreamed dreams.

(If you consider yourself wise in years, place a second hand on your heart.)

One: Thanks be to God for bringing us together in this worship place. May we, like those before us, worship God with our whole heart. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** No. 130

“Let Every Christian Pray”

(Prayer Request cards are collected by the Usher.)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Mighty God, you showed up in dazzling light and in a still, small voice. You showed up as a tiny baby lying in a manger.

You showed up on a long, dusty walk to Emmaus.

You keep showing up in the most mysterious ways, so we should have known you might show up like a powerful wind, bringing with you the reminder of warmth, and the ability for us to hear one another. We should have known, and yet we didn’t. We don’t. We doubt.

Like the men on the way to Emmaus, we can’t see you. Like the weary people of Bethlehem, we don’t make room for you.

And like members of the early church community, we look for excuses to explain your presence away. Loving God, forgive our weak hearts, because from the beginning you have been here, revealing yourself to us.

And from the beginning, we have struggled to see that.

Despite our bad track record, we come to you today, asking that once more you might give us a second chance;

We ask that once more you might pour your Spirit out on us.

For we are in desperate need of you and the mysterious ways you keep showing up.

Amen.

***SILENT PRAYER**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Brothers and sisters, hear this good news: Despite our failings, God is here, and God has poured out God’s spirit on all flesh.

Many: We are united, we are made clean, and we are free to dream new dreams for this broken world. Thanks be to God!

***PRAYER RESPONSE** – Hymn No. 595

Alleluia, alleluia: alle, alleluia;

Alleluia, alleluia: alle, alleluia.

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

1 Corinthians 12:1-13 (read responsively)

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²**You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak.** ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says ‘Let Jesus be cursed!’ and no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴**Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;** ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶**and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.** ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸**To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,** ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰**to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.** ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²**For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.** ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Acts 2:1-4

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

***Prayer of Dedication**

One: God, you have given us absolutely everything we have.

Many: **You gave us sunsets and speckled eggs, tiny newborn hands, and silver moons, so that we could know what beauty looks like.**

You gave us major keys, and harmonies, forgiveness and poetry, so that we could know what love sounds like.

You gave us hands to build, fire to warm, water to clean, and food to fill, so that we could know what peace feels like.

You gave us hearts to give, minds to hope, hands to serve, and mouths to pray, so that we know what your Kingdom looks like.

So today we pray that you might be able to use these humble gifts to bring your kingdom here, so that more may know what beauty looks like, what love sounds like, and what peace feels like, saying all the while, “thank you, thank you, thank you.”

For you have given us everything we have.

Gratefully we pray, Amen.

*** HYMN OF TRUST**

No. 131

“Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Sacrament

(Please partake of the elements as they come to you. Pass the tray to your neighbor with the words, “the Bread of Heaven” or “the Cup of Salvation.”)

