



First Presbyterian
Church of York

Worship for the Lord's Day
Day of Pentecost
May 19, 2024
8:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

“Chorale Prelude: Kommst du Nun Jesu Christe”

Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT** (Hymn No. 1 vs. 1)

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Rev. 4:8-11

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit.

People: Bring us together.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit.

People: We are many. We are one.

Leader: Let us worship God.

***HYMN** No. 289

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

MUNICH

*Please stand if able.

CALL TO CONFESSION

On that first day of Pentecost, the disciples were all gathered in one place. Today we too are all gathered in one place - the hurt, the lonely, the confused – and, most of all, the sinful. But we gather. This is us. God, take it from here.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pentecost God, even as we celebrate this day when you came to dwell within us, we confess that we are not sure we are ready for the Holy Spirit. We have resisted your presence, denied your power, and are content to do life without you. Forgive us. Remove our pride. Turn our hearts toward you. Breathe new life in us.

Leader: In this time of silence, breathe *in* the word “Lord” and breathe *out* the phrase “have mercy on me.” Continue your breath prayer to God.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said to the disciples, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

THE PASSING OF PEACE

Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. To this peace we are called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to greet one another with words and signs of peace.)

***GLORIA PATRI** (Hymn No. 581)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING (Sensory Reading): Psalm 93:3-5

The floods have lifted up, O Lord *(Lift up your hands.)*

The floods have lifted up their voice; *(Make the sound of waves.)*

The floods have lifted up their roaring. *(Roar like a lion.)*

More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, *(Slap hands on thighs.)*

more majestic than the waves of the sea, *(Wave hands in air.)*

Your decrees are very sure; *(Lock hands together.)*

holiness befits your house, *(Fold hands in prayer.)*

O Lord, Forevermore. *(Open arms wide.)*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 2:1-13

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

“Story People”
Rev. Katie Rosenson

*HYMN No. 288

“Spirit of the Living God”

LIVING GOD

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Stewardship remains a part of what we do about what we believe. Please mail your offering by check to the church, or send it electronically via the “Give Now” button at the top of our homepage. If you are attending services in person, you can place your offering in the red boxes or in the plate, as the ushers come down the center aisles.

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY (Hymn No. 37)**

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing
With glad adoration, a song let us raise;
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION

CONCLUDING PRAYER

***HYMN No. 65**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

"Three-fold Amen"

POSTLUDE

Peace Pearl: *If the world seems cold to you, kindle fires to warm it.*

Next Sunday, May 26, 2024 Trinity Sunday

8:30 a.m...Service for the Lord's Day with Communion

9:40 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Education

10:45 a.m.....Service for the Lord's Day

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