

Forest Hill Church:
Communion/Pentecost Service

June 5, 2022 ~ 11:00 am

You may also join worship online using this link:

<https://youtu.be/7haldRh62bc>

Centering Words

“Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid”

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

“Sounds of Nature”
FHC Percussion Ensemble

Greeting Our God with Joy

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Holy One calls our sons and our daughters to prophesy. **We come, ready to hear the word of God.** The Holy One calls our young people to see visions. **We come, ready to see new visions.** The Holy One calls our elders to dream dreams. **We come, ready to dream new dreams.** The Spirit of the Holy One is poured upon all flesh. **We come, ready to be filled with God’s Spirit.**

OPENING HYMN NO. 283

“Come, O Holy Spirit, Come”

Come, O Holy Spirit, come; Come, almighty Spirit, come; Come, come, come.

Wa wa wa E-mi-mi-mo; Wa wa wa A-lag-ba-ra; Wa-o, wa-o, wa-o.

Renewing Our Relationship with God

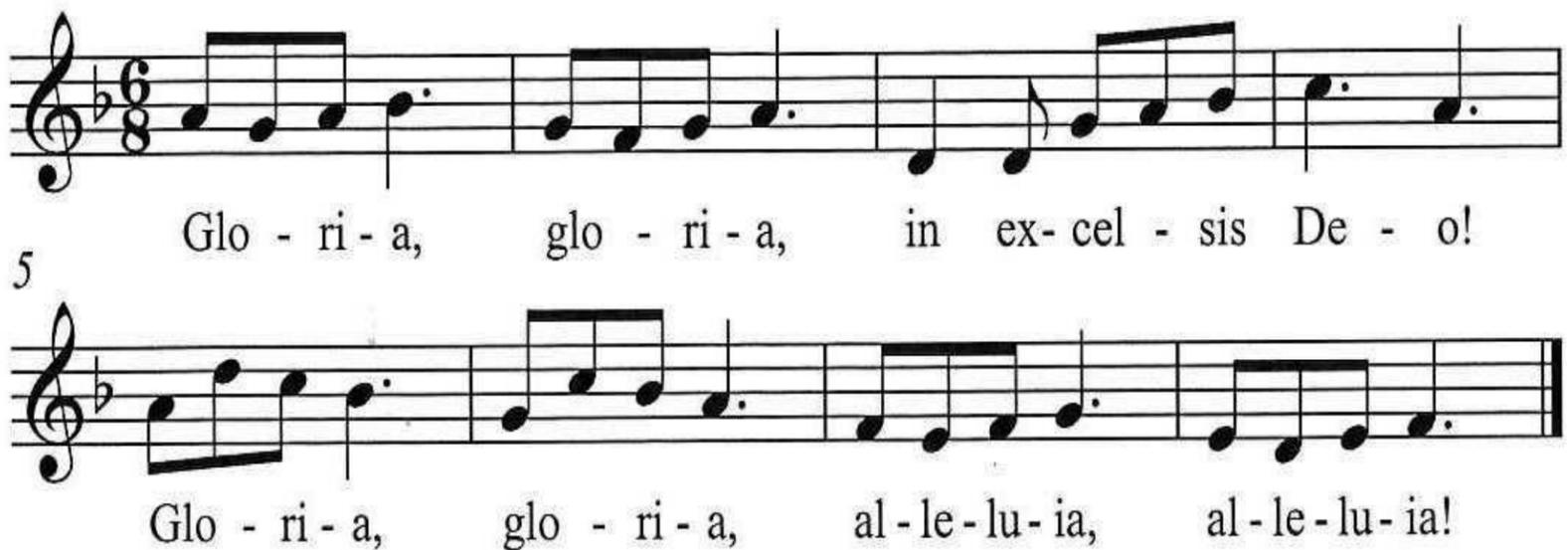
PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Spirit of truth, Giver of visions, Sender of dreams, our hearts remain troubled and afraid. **For we fear the future, forgetting your promise to do whatever we ask in your name.** You promise to fill us with new vision, to give us gifts of prophecy and dreams. **Yet, we act as if we are on our own, forgetting your promise to fill us with your Spirit.** You tell us that we are not alone, that you are always with us. **Forgive us when we forget, and we fail to keep your commandments to love you and one another.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: The Holy Spirit is always with us, filling us with prophecy, visions and dreams. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

All sing first time. Second time: low voices, begin;
high voices enter two measures later; children and
youth enter two measures after that.



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

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Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

“Spirit Come Now Live In Me”

O holy Dove of God descending, you are the love that knows no ending.
All of our shattered dreams, you’re mending: Spirit, now live in me.
O holy Wind of God now blowing, you are the seed that God is sowing,
You are the life that starts us growing: Spirit, now live in me.
O holy Rain of God now falling, You make the Word of God enthralling.
You are the inner voice now calling: Spirit, now live in me.
O holy flame of God now burning, you are the pow’r of Christ returning.
You are the answer to our yearning. Spirit, now live in me.

Opening Our Hearts to God’s Word

THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: *‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’*”

After the readings

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 288

“Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“The Disruptive Spirit”

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

To participate in our online Friendship Register, please leave a comment in the Live Chat box listing the names of those participating in this morning's Live Worship or email the office.

OFFERING

Giving and Offering is available by texting: 216-400-5300

Or you may give online: <https://fhc.breezechms.com/give/online/>

You may also mail a check to the church office.

OFFERTORY

François Couperin

“Nightingale”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Antonio Vivaldi

“Cantabile from “Il Gardelino””

Ethan Ramaly, flute

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN NO. 744

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

1. Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on us today.
2. Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.
3. Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.
4. Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Going Forth to Live as God's People

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hillsong Worship
Chancel Choir

“Church on Fire”

The Holy Spirit is here and his power is real
Anything can happen and it probably will
Something very good, something good is going on around here
The Holy light that shines to make the dark disappear,
A power at work, but there's nothing to fear.
Something very good, something very good is going on around here.

(Chorus)

This is a church on fire. This is the Holy Spirit flame
We have a burning desire. To lift up Jesus' name
Let fire burn in every heart. To light the way, defeat the dark
Let the flame of love burn higher. This is a church. This is a church on fire



Prayer Request:

To request prayers for a personal concern, please email Pastor Lentz (pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org) or Pastor Goines (pastorgoines@fhcpresb.org) no later than Thursday afternoon of each week for inclusion in next week's congregational prayer. Please direct all prayer concerns that arise between Friday and Sunday morning to the Pastor's on-call phone line (216-319-3596). The on-call phone is operational after office hours on weekdays and Saturday through Sunday morning.

Prayers are requested this week for:

Kiva Bohanon, Barb Cloud, Mark Davidson, Mark Hansen, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, Dave Neff, Grace Uhle, and Susan Way.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Robert Kellermeyer, Florence and Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Emelia McGuire, Elaine Tapié, Beryl and Henrietta Williams.

Care Group: *The Nazareth Care Group* will assist our pastors with members' needs in **June**. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will be passed on to the **Care Group leader, Kay Dunlap** (deacons@fhcpresb.org).

Thank you, all office volunteers: Joan Bacon, Lynda Bernays, and Cathy Ghiandoni.

The deadline for the bulletin and weekly email is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. The next TOWER deadline is **June 16 (for the July TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to office@fhcpresb.org.

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