

COMBINED WORSHIP



At First Presbyterian Church 121 S. Harrison St. Saginaw, MI 48602-2193

Livestream service in collaboration with Countryside Trinity and Second Presbyterian Churches Sundays online@10:30 am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 31, 2020 - 10:30 A.M.

"Soli Deo Gloria" – "To God Alone The Glory" **Day of Pentecost**

-----ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME-----

WELCOME, GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Elder Adam Engel, Second Presbyterian)

PRELUDE

"Precious Lord"

by Thomas A. Dorsey featuring Michael Wechner, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP (Elder Adam Engel)

HYMN NO. 289

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

MUNICH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Pastor Ted McCulloch)

Short opening collect, then silent time of confession

DECLARATION OF PARDON (Pastor Ted McCulloch)

GLORIA HYMN NO. 587

"Alleluia!"

CELTIC ALLELUIA



PASTORAL PRAYERS (Elder Adam Engel)

Short intercessions with time for silent reflection

ANTHEM "The Falconer" by Richard Leach and Alfred V. Fedak,

featuring Peggy Knutson, soprano, Michael Wechter, piano

FIRST SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

(Pastor Ted McCulloch)

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21

(Pastor Brant Piper)

SERMON (Pastor Brant Piper) "Spirited Beyond Stuck"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Brief Statement of Faith, Part 3

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor. and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed.

claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit

gives us courage to pray without ceasing. to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture. to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Spirit of the Living God"

by Daniel Iverson and Lowell Alexander, featuring Andrew Glynn, piano

OFFERING OF GIFTS (Pastor Ted McCulloch)

OFFERTORY "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

by Peter Scholtes, arranged by Charity Book Putnam, featuring Andrew Glynn, piano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Pastor Ted McCulloch)

HYMN NO. 315 "In the Midst of New Dimensions" NEW DIMENSIONS

BENEDICTION (Pastor Grant Piper)

POSTLUDE "Grand chœur dialogue" by Eugène Gigout (1844-1925) featuring Collin Whitfield, organ

On Pentecost They Gathered Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly 1 On peo - ple all a - round them were star-tled and 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve, Spir-it, sent from heav - en on that day long band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray. un - der-stand their lan-guage, as Christ the Lord they praised. and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive. on wom-en, men, kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow. might-y wind came blow-ing, filled all the swirl-ing air, What u - ni - ver - sal mes-sage, what great good news was here? be - stow - ing life and power. That Spir - it knows no lim - it, give us ears lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise, and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there. That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van-quish all our fear. The church, formed and re - form - ing, re-sponds in ev - ery hour. na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise. ev - ery

This narrative and interpretive text was written to fill what the author perceived as an unfortunate gap in available hymns concerning the Holy Spirit in general and Pentecost in particular. The setting of a 17th-century German tune is from Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*.

315 In the Midst of New Dimensions



In this simultaneously-created text and tune, the author-composer was seeking to incorporate imagery from both Native American and Hebrew spiritual traditions. Also included is the mythological phoenix, which had received a Christian interpretation as early as the first century.

