

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Our Approach to God

Prelude "Spirit of the Living God" arr. Malcolm Archer

The Call to Worship

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

We dwell in him and he is in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the people.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,

and tell of all his marvelous works.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,

who was and is and is to come!

*The Hymn of Praise "Come, Thou Almighty King" 139

*The Call to Confession

When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to his will. We also remember that Christ died for our sins once and for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God. Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*The Prayer of Confession

Lord, you tell us about the Holy Spirit, yet we close our hearts to the Spirit because it is hard for our minds to comprehend. We read of the promised Helper, yet how often we fail to seek your help. You tell us that if we love you, we will obey your commandments, yet we let our love become lukewarm and our obedience half-hearted. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to respond in faith, love, and obedience. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. **Thanks be to God!**

*The Response "Alleluia!" GTG hymnal 587
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Anthem "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. John Rutter
Chancel Choir

The Recognition of Graduates and Scholarship Recipients

2023 Graduates

Maki Berden, Ethan Hoepner and Claire Rousseau

Scholarship Recipients

Ethan Hoepner, Larry Long, Alexis Martinez and Claire Rousseau

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Gospel Reading John 14:15-26 page 146 NT

The Sermon Rev. Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) page 14

*The Hymn "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" 326

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; 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 of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Improvisation on "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

*The Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

GTG hymnal 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one. Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" 376

*The Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Come, Thou Almighty King" arr. Phillip Moore
(We invite you to remain seated and enjoy the postlude.)

* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.

Liturgist: Karen Kalina

Greeter:

Ushers: Brian & Cathy McNalley

Fellowship Hour: Christian Education Committee

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*Celebrating our
Graduates,
Scholarship
Recipients, and
Moms!*



Seeking and Serving Christ, We are a Place for Growing Christians.

Sunday School



Sunday School will be following the new program from The Sunday School Store. **Next Sunday, May 21 will be the last Sunday School until September**) Please let the Christian Education Committee know if you are interested in helping on Sunday mornings. The members are Pam Moran @ 989-792-7388, Natalie Martinez @ 989-714-1011; and Laura Bosley @ 989-780-1420.

May Mission Project



National Foster Care Month is celebrated in May, and the Mission Committee has chosen to acknowledge this important subject by supporting "River Jordan, Inc.," located in Bay City, Michigan, and serving surrounding counties. River Jordan's mission statement reads: "to empower current and former foster youth to take responsibility of their own individual lives and become productive members of society."

Pamphlets concerning River Jordan's mission and services will be available on the Mission table, and you may also explore their services online at www.riverjordan.org and view the YouTube video "I changed my story" of the founder's life story and how this organization came into being. Cash/check donations will be collected during the month of May. There are also volunteer opportunities (if interested, information and specifics found in web site/pamphlet).

50 Year Member Recognition



Please join us on **Pentecost Sunday, May 28** as we recognize the following members of the congregation who have been a part of Second Presbyterian Church for 50 years.

Dick & Gerry Brown
Fred & Genie Herter

Helen Hellman
Tom & Carol Poole

On Pentecost – Wear Red!

We hope that you will wear red when you come to worship on Pentecost Sunday, May 28. It is the day we celebrate the giving of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Red symbolizes the "tongues of fire" that were seen that day. We read in Acts 2:



"Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit."

On May 28 we will receive the Pentecost offering.

F.I.S.H.

Feeding Individuals



Sharing Hope

On communion Sundays, we invite you to bring non-perishable food items and personal care items. We do so knowing that it is our privilege to feed the hungry and care for the poor as we are fed and sustained by the grace of God. We will receive communion on Pentecost Sunday, May 28.

Pentecost – PCUSA Special Offerings

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Our support today helps nurture the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

PENTECOST OFFERING

Amount \$ _____

Name _____

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above. —James 1:17