*SONG OF RESPONSE  "For the Fruit of All Creation” [Insert]

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASSING THE PEACE
One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

(During this time the children and their teachers may leave for Sunday School.)

OFFERING/OFFERTORY  “Children of the Heavenly Father”
by Caroline V. Sandall Berg / Swedish Folk Tune

*DOXOLOGY
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. ~ Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

GOING FORTH TO MINISTER
*CLOSING HYMN  “Thou I May Speak” [335]

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BLESSING  [322]
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.

POSTLUDE  “Solenne”
by G.F. Handel

*Please stand as you are able.
[Bold type] indicates text to be spoken or song to be sung by the congregation.
**GATHERING WITH PRAISE**

**Prelude**

*Alejandro Alumbreros*

Selections by R. Führer, H. Rinck, J.G. Töpfer, J. Blied & H. Oberhoffer

**First Thought**

"Without Pentecost the Christ-event – the life, the death, and resurrection of Jesus – remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now."

*Henri Nouwen*

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

*Call to Worship*

One: When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place

All: Gather us into this place God and unite us in love for You

One: When the Spirit came, it filled the entire house

All: May Your Spirit fill this place and our hearts

One: Come, Holy Spirit of God, fill our hearts with Your love and lips with Your praise.

*Opening Hymn*

"Be Still, for the Spirit" [Renew 201]

*Prayer of the Day*

Welcome! Whoever you are, wherever you come from and whatever you have done or failed to do, welcome to this place where we celebrate the love of God and are inspired by the hospitality of Jesus Christ. May you find God’s love, peace and grace as we worship together.

**Call to Confession**

*Evelyn Alumbreros*

Today we remember the coming of the Spirit to the disciples gathered in Jerusalem. They were changed from being fearful into being fearless, from being timid to being bold, from being doubting to being faithful. We know we have failed to be fearless, bold and faithful so we turn to God to ask forgiveness.

**Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, Your Spirit is here with us but we do not always welcome You. We close the door to new opportunities and stifle new ideas. We draw away from those who are different and shut our ears to the cries of others. We insulate ourselves against the world and fail to follow You in the heart of life. Forgive us and let the wind of Your Spirit blow away our failures and our shortcomings, and fill us with new life, with courage and with faith. ~ Amen

*(Let us continue to pray in silence.)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

One: Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel.
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Act of Praise*

Wind who makes all winds blow—
Gusts that bend the saplings low,
Gales that heave the sea in waves,
Stirrings in the mind’s deep caves—
Aim Your breath with steady power
On Your Church this day, this hour.
Raise, renew the life we’ve lost,
Spirit God of Pentecost.

**Chancel Choir**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”
*by John Rutter*

**Prayer of Illumination**

*John 14:25-31 [N.T. p. 109]*

**Reflection**

The Promise

**Special Music**

“O Holy Dove of God Descending”
*by Bryan Jeffery Leech*

**Scripture**


**Reflection**

Keepers of the Flame

**Scripture**

Galatians 5:22-26 [N.T. p. 191]

**Reflection**

The Fruits
Prayers for our church family—

Additionally, keep Ron Reitsma—brother of John & Patt Reitsma, Ann DePelecyn and her family, Stephen Goodall—grandson of Ollie & Sandy Hopkins, Adam Reiss—son of Ellen Cardwell, Mary Larscheidt—sister of Carrie Massey, Lucille Von Rotz—mother of Diane Lehmann in your prayers.

Food Pantry Delivery

on Tues., May 29th—10:30AM
and Fri., June 1st—1:30AM

CURRENT NEEDS:
◊ Dish soap
◊ Laundry detergent
◊ Body wash and/or bar soap

Thank you!

Daytime Circle Reminder

DAYTIME CIRCLE REMINDER – We will meet at noon on Tues., May 22nd in the chapel for the Newsletter Prep Party and on Thurs., May 24th at the Douglas Avenue Diner, 5121 Douglas Avenue, at 12 noon for lunch.

Following the meal, join us, if you’d like to make a stop at Wayne’s Daughters Nursery, which is located near the diner. Please let Ann Lucareli, 633-9764, know if you are coming for lunch so she can make reservations. Thanks!

Welcome to this sanctuary.
Welcome to this time of worship and wonder.
Welcome to this family of faith.

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
We’re glad you’re here today and pray that your experience with us in worship is both challenging and uplifting!

9:30am—Worship
10:15am—Sunday School
Fellowship to follow in Ihrman Hall.
Nursery care is available during worship service in Room 205.

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GET THE WEEKLY “E-VOTIONAL”
To receive our mid-week E-votional along with news about what’s going on in the church, call/email the office and ask to be added to the list!

notes from the office ...

• The Prep Party will be at noon on Tues., May 22nd.
• Typically, the deadline for Sunday bulletin notices and/or announcements is on Wednesdays by 12:30pm.
• Temporary Change in Office Schedule—Shelley will be in the office Mon., May 21st thru Thurs., May 24th, at which time she will be going out of town. She will not return to the office until Wed., May 30th.
May 20, 2018

GREETERS: Leah Fisher
USHERS: Larry Dickerson, Sharon Campbell, Jeff Leavell, Jen Seversen
PERK-N-POUR: Bev Eifert, Elaine Jacobson
LITURGIST: Evelyn Alumbreros

Sun., May 20
9:30 AM Worship
10:15 AM Sunday School

Mon., May 21

Tue., May 22
11:00 AM Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Newsletter Prep Party

Wed., May 23
11:30 AM and 7:00 PM Underground Railroad Tours with lunch—Red Apple School
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Food Pantry
7:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Thu., May 24
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Food Pantry
4:30 PM Music & More Meeting (Chapel)

Fri., May 25
9:00 AM and 10:45 AM Underground Railroad Tours—Gifford School

Please join us May 27th at 9:30 AM for Worship and Confirmation
Scripture—Isaiah 6:1-8

There will be a short meeting for MUSIC & MORE on Thurs., May 24 at 4:30 PM in the chapel. Extra help is always needed, so please join us if you can.

The Memorial Day Planting order forms are available in the vestibule leading to the hallway. The sign-up sheet for planting is located in Ihrman Hall!