



First Presbyterian Church

New Haven, Connecticut

Day of Pentecost

May 20, 2018

10:45 a.m.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prelude	<i>Have Mercy, God, Holy Spirit</i>	Bach
Introit	<i>Come Down, O Love Divine</i>	Vaughan Williams

Call to Worship

Spirit of the Living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit.

Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers, come, Holy Spirit.

Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame, come, Holy Spirit.

With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues, come, Holy Spirit.

With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation, come, Holy Spirit.

With power from above to make our weakness strong, come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Spirit gathers us to worship God and builds us up in faith, hope and love so that we may go into the world to proclaim the gospel and work for justice and peace.

Come, let us worship God together!

*Hymn 407	<i>Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers</i>	NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET HER'
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Call to Reconciliation

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you poured out your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again. Shake our hearts and enliven our souls with your love. Send us out into the world rejoicing in your power. We hold out to you our particular burdens of guilt and sin, and we ask for your help to live the way of your justice, love, grace and peace. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

..... by the power of the Spirit, we are united with Christ and given a new spirit.

We shall live in the joy and peace of this assurance. Thanks be to God!

*Song of Praise	<i>Come, O Spirit</i>	BOUNDLESS MERCY
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*The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Before sitting, please greet those around you with words of Christ's peace.)

Words of Welcome

Please sign the black friendship pad and pass to others in your pew.
Children are welcome to participate in the Children in Worship program.

Response

There's a Spirit in the Air

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Receiving New Members

*Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

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, engaged 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.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Ezekiel 37: 1-14 (p. 806)

Hymn 292

As the Wind Song

WAIRUA TAPU

Second Lesson

Acts 2: 1-21 (p. 119)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

What Does This Mean?

The Rev. J. C. Cadwallader

*Hymn 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Service of Confirmation and Receiving New Members

...And, today, we mark together a new reality. Not an end, but the recognition that your journeys continue in a new way.

Beginning today, you will no longer be strangers among us. Today, you will become equal citizens, participating equally in the journey of faith we take together. Discussing, discerning and voting, challenging, supporting and loving with equal voice. Today, we recognize that you are participatory citizens and full members in this household of God. Through Jesus Christ, being the head and cornerstone in whom this church is held together, we are not just a group of people but a community of faith in which Christ dwells, in which God is present, and in which the Holy Spirit cares for us.

Gifts/Blessing the Confirmands

The Offering

Offertory Anthem

Come Down, O Love Divine

Martin

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of wind, word and fire, we bless your name this day for sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit among your people. We give you thanks for all the gifts, great and small, that have been poured out upon your children. Accept us with our gifts to be living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (Philippians 4:6)

When you pray, offer prayers for ...

Our country and its leaders.

Church members and friends who seek God's healing grace, including Ken Haynam, at Benchmark Senior Living in Hamden.

Jeff Miller, David Miller's brother, who is recovering from surgery.

Kathy Milligan, who is recovering at home.

Gordon Ambach, who is resting at home.

Louisa Cunningham, a friend of Caty Poole, who is ill.

Molly Myers, a friend of the Latham family.

Stuart Fritts, who is recovering at home.

Jean Struble, Joan Wells' sister-in-law, who is ill.

Those who mourn or are victims of gun violence.

The young people who seek change.

People who are homeless.

Nelson Pinos Gonzalez and Sujitno Sajuti, our immigrant neighbors who are in local sanctuary churches.

James Smit and Patrick Copeland, who are serving in the armed forces.

Those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis.

Prayers for other people and situations in need of our supplications.

This Week

Sunday, May 20

9:30 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages

9:30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

10:45 a.m.

Worship

12:00 p.m.

Friendship Hour

Tuesday, May 22

6:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Training

Wednesday, May 23

2:00 p.m.

Bible Study

7:00 p.m.

Elijah Performance at Bethesda

Saturday, May 26

9:30 a.m.

Women's AA

Sunday, May 27

9:30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal

10:45 a.m.

Worship

12:00 p.m.

Friendship Hour

The Session of First Presbyterian Church

Class of 2018

John Dinkler

Phillip Phiri

Robert Williams

Class of 2019

Lucy Ambach

Rona Johnston

Fiona Scott Morton

Mary Porterfield

Class of 2020

Sue Balakrishnan

Jennifer Ballew

Jennifer Herbst

Timothy McConnell

Clerk

Tim McCloskey

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Mike Spicer

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