

## Welcome to Our Celebration of Worship

*To all who live joyfully and long to share their excitement ... to all who mourn and need comfort ... to all who are weary and need rest ... to all who are homeless and desire sheltering love ... to all who pray or are in need of prayer ... to all who sin and need a Savior ... to all who recognize Christ in their midst and hunger to share God's love with all the world ... Old First Presbyterian Church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus Christ, says ... WELCOME!*

*\*Those who are able, please stand in body or spirit.  
(The congregation is invited to join in speaking or singing **items in bold.**)*

### WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

Prelude *Improvisation* K. Friese

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Opening Prayer

Introit *Be Filled with the Spirit* L. Leuel

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, O Holy Spirit.  
**People: Come as Holy Fire and burn among us.**  
Leader: Come as Holy Wind and cleanse us from within.  
**People: Come as Holy Light and lead us out of the darkness.**  
Leader: Come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance.  
**People: Come as Holy Power and strengthen us in our weakness.**  
Leader: Come as Holy Life and dwell in each of our hearts and lives.  
**People: Convict us, convert us, consecrate us;  
set us free from the service of ourselves to  
live as your humble servants in the world.**  
Leader: Inspired by the presence of the Holy Spirit among us,  
let us lift our hearts and voices as we worship our God together.

\*Hymn 289 *On Pentecost They Gathered*

Litany for Pentecost (*See Insert*)

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Great God of wind and fire, holy and powerful, mighty and mysterious; we are drawn by your Holy Spirit to this place to worship you. As we gather in your eternal presence and witness your glory, we are aware of how unworthy we are to stand before you. We have neglected to follow your will, ignored the inspiration of your Word, rejected your freely given gifts of the Spirit, and failed to embrace one another with love, mercy, and grace. Ignoring the unity of Pentecost, we continue to exclude those who are different from us by dividing our hearts and loyalties and creating communities of fear, pain, and distrust.**

**Purifying God, unleash the power of your Holy Spirit upon us. Burn away our sins and fill us with faith so that we may live into the promise of each new day. Empower us to welcome the challenge of living in the Spirit, embrace opportunities for the Spirit of God to change and renew us, and receive the fullness of what you have given us in Jesus, our Christ. We rejoice for the gift of your Holy Spirit, who continues to strengthen your church and inspire the faithful today. We pray together in the name of Jesus, our Christ ...**

*(Please continue in silent prayer of confession.)*

Together, let all of God's people say ... **Amen.**

Hymn 551 (Kyrie Eleison) *Lord, Have Mercy*

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: God acts with justice and mercy.  
In everlasting love, God redeems us and sets us free.

**All: God forgives us, frees us, and gives us peace.  
To God we are ever thankful. Amen.**

\*Response of Praise (Hymn 276) *Sing a New Song unto the Lord  
(We will sing the refrain, verse 1, and the refrain once more.)*

\*Passing of the Peace

The Peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**  
*Let us greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.*

### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson John 14:8-17, 25-27 New Testament, p. 108 / P. 133  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven* J. Purifoy  
Sanctuary Choir

Time with Our Young Disciples

Congregational Invitation (*Sung Twice*)

**This, this is where children belong,  
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:  
This is where children belong.**

*Church school is available for children preschool through 6th grade.  
All children will return to their families to share together in Communion.*

Second Lesson Acts 2:1-21 New Testament, p. 119 / P. 144  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **"Got Spirit?"**

\*Hymn 290 *O Day of Joy and Wonder!*

### WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

\*Affirmation of Faith — from *A Brief Statement of Faith - PC(USA)*

**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.**

**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!" Amen.**

Invitation to Receive our Tithes & Offerings

Receiving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *Come Home* C. Courtney  
Ken Duncan, Tenor / Sanctuary Choir

\*Congregational Response (Hymn 606) *Doxology*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Response of Thanksgiving (Hymn 647, no repeats) *Give Thanks*

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

*The congregation is invited to share our prayer requests with one another.*

*If you would like to share a prayer request, please raise your hand  
and the Pastor will invite you to share your need for prayer.*

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.**

Offering of Our Time and Talent

\*Hymn 291 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Choral Benediction *Sung to the tune of "Edelweiss"*

**Come, O Lord, be with us. Fill us with joy and thanksgiving.  
May our hearts, flow with peace. Come with your love and surround us.  
Friendship and love, may they bloom and grow, bloom and grow forever.  
Bless us now. Bless our friends. Bless all people forever.**

\*Postlude *Tocata and Fugue in F* D. Buxtehude

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#### THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Matthew T. Means, Pastor  
Elder Gloria Burgess, Lector  
Ken Friese, Director of Music  
Dan Degnan, Usher Captain

*If you are a first-time guest or returning visitor to our church family, please allow us  
to extend a special welcome to you. We invite you to join us in the Parish Hall after  
worship for coffee, tea, cookies, and a chance to learn more about Old First.*

*Please take this opportunity to be greeted by our members and be introduced to our  
Pastor, Matthew Means. Thank you for joining us and welcome to our family of faith!*

IN OUR PRAYERS:

New to the prayer list this week:

**Cameron Machtel (Son of Kerri and Keith Machtel)  
Family and Friends of George West (Deborah, Alex, and Gus Panagacos)**

Continue to pray for those who remain on our prayer list:

Holly Baptista, Bob and Gail Esser, William Gray (Father of Dorothy Mandrakos), Dave and Else Haddock, Pat Lobasso (Husband of Joan Lobasso), Virginia Perry, Ilse Perwass (Grandmother of Erik Heidenfelder), Angelica Richter, James Schubauer, Rod Tibbetts (Husband of Martha Tibbetts), Arthur Whitfield (Cousin of Emil Backstrom), and Grace Youngquist.

Names on our prayer list will remain for a month.

If you would like to add a prayer request, please contact Pastor Means.

OLD FIRST CHURCH SESSION MEMBERS:

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Curt Abbott	Jim Colbert	Kerry Degnan
Melissa Balm	Katie Dopico	Judy Gilbert
Peter Fetterolf	Beverly Elliott	Jerry Kessler
Laure McKenna	Gretchen Hargis	Susan Oehrig
Julie Salzano	Amy Girimonti	Gillian Plastaras
Cindy Samuels	Marge Sammis	Melissa Terc

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Rev. Matthew Means, *Moderator*

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Key elements of today's service of worship include ...

**Prelude**

The pre-service music is an opportunity for us to be called out of the world and into the presence of God, preparing our hearts, minds, and spirits to worship God together.

**Welcome / Opening Prayer / Call to Worship**

We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ, in whose name we are called to worship in Spirit and Truth. We pray for an awareness of God's presence in our worship and share a responsive "Call to Worship," based upon the lectionary Psalm of the day.

**Confessional Liturgy**

Recognizing that all have fallen short of the glory of God by failing to love and serve God perfectly, we are invited to join together in confessing our corporate and individual sin. After sharing the "Prayer of Confession," we sing our desire for God's mercy ("Kyrie Eleison"). We listen for the "Assurance of Our Forgiveness" in Jesus Christ and then proclaim our gratitude both in song ("Gloria Patri") and through the sharing of God's peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ ("Passing of the Peace.")

**Prayer for Illumination and Scripture Readings**

Given the importance of hearing and heeding God's Word, we pray for God to open our hearts, minds, and spirits to receive and live the Word of God read and proclaimed. We believe that Scripture (the Bible) is the Spirit-inspired Word of God for the people of God. Usually, two Scripture passages are read, each one relating to the Pastor's message as well as the overall spirit, theme, and direction of the service of worship.

**Time with Our Young Disciples**

Children and their faith growth are very important to our church family. Jesus called God's children to his presence to love and teach them and it is our great joy to do the same! Our children have special time in worship to hear the message in ways that help them consider God's Word for their faith and lives. Those who are between preschool and sixth grade are then given the opportunity to exit worship for a time of church school.

**Sermon**

The pastor then enters the pulpit to deliver the sermon, which is intended to offer some comment or instruction on the Bible readings in the service and some challenge to the congregation to live the Christian life, understand the Christian faith, or affirm the Christian commitment. The sermon usually lasts between 15 and 20 minutes.

**Affirmation of Faith**

Following the proclamation of God's Word, we are given the opportunity to respond to God's action in our lives as we affirm the faith we share by reciting the Apostles' Creed.

**Offering**

The ministry of Old First is supported by members and friends of the congregation responding to God by giving our financial gifts. The offering is the moment in the service when, out of gratitude to God, members of the community of faith **freely choose** to give financial gifts to Christ's ministry in and through Old First as an expression of our faith.

**Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer**

One of the great joys of being called to live together as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ is our opportunity to pray for and with one another. We share our prayer requests as a family of faith, gather in a pastor-led prayer, and conclude our prayers by praying the Lord's Prayer **together**, showing our desire to live our lives as followers of Jesus Christ.

**Charge and Benediction**

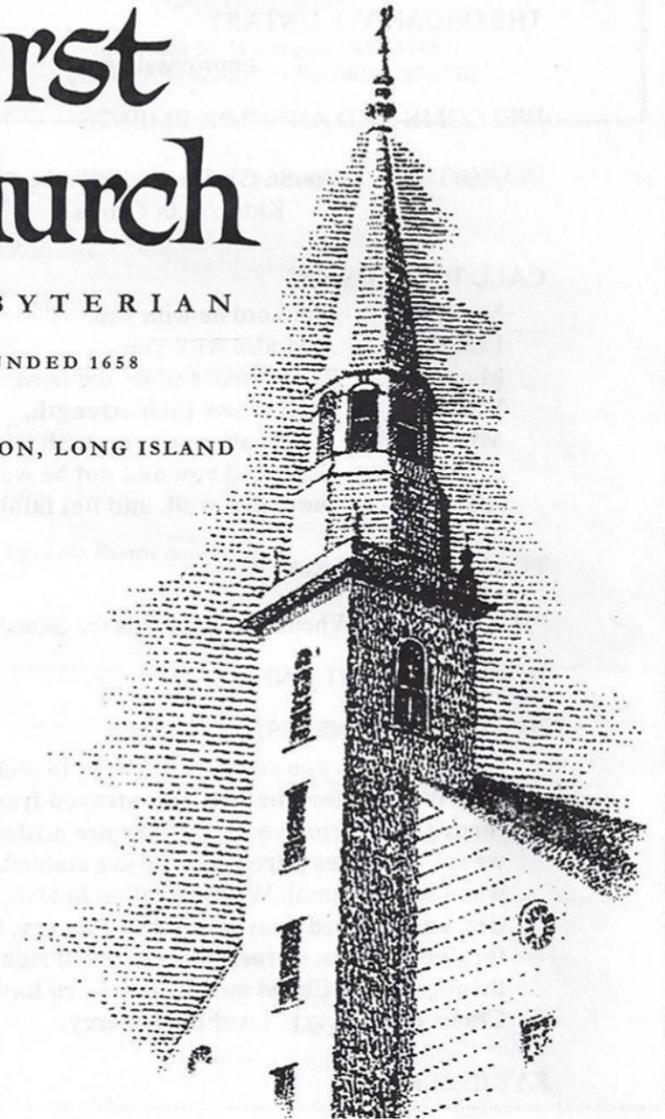
We are sent out into the world with a charge and benediction from the pastor, inviting the spirit of today's worship to go with us as we seek ways to share our faith with others!

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**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**MAY 20, 2018**

**10:00 AM**

**John 14:8-17, 25-27**

**Old Testament, p. 108 / P. 133**

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

<sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>25</sup> “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

<sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Acts 2:1-21**

### **New Testament, p. 119 / P. 144**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

<sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> ‘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