



First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024 – 10:30 AM

Enter to worship – Leave to serve

PRELUDE

“Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid” or “Eternal Paraclete, to Thee”

(Reformation tune of 1541)

James Mansfield (1927-2018)

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Jacob Dalager and Paul McLaughlin

“Angels, From The Realms of Glory”

Arr. Lloyd Larson

****The Prelude functions like a curtain that separates our world from the worship place of peace and sanctuary. We enter prayerfully. We wait expectantly, listening for God’s Spirit and truth, which challenges us to return to the world equipped for faithful and useful Christian service.**

*** Those who are able, please stand**

Please turn off all cell phones

WELCOME, GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. (John 4:21, 22-23 NRSV)

CHORAL INTROIT

#281 “Holy Spirit Come To Us”

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Congregation is invited to participate in the repetitive singing

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bea Conner

Leader: Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters.

People: From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust. Come Holy Spirit!

Leader: Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith.

People: You clothed them with power to bearers of your Word.

Come Holy Spirit!

Leader: Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples.

People: **You gave gifts that the whole creation may become what you want it to be. Come Holy Spirit!**

Leader: True and only Light, from whom comes every good gift, send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind. Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your wisdom. Loosen our tongues to show you praise, for only in your Spirit can we claim that Jesus Christ is Lord.

People: **Come Holy Spirit!**¹

HYMN OF PRAISE

#289 "On Pentecost They Gathered"

Munich

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Lord, send the gift of your Spirit to fill this place and myself and the world. Touch me with truth that burns like fire, with beauty that moves me like the wind; and set me free, Lord, free to try new ways of living; free to forgive myself and others; free to love and laugh and sing; free to lay aside my burden of security; free to join the battle for justice and peace; free to see and listen and wonder again at the gracious mystery of things and persons; free to be, to give, to receive, to rejoice as a child of your Spirit.² **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**

PLEASE BE SEATED

CALL TO CONFESSION "Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire" Veni Creator Spiritus
Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Our Heavenly Father and Creator of all things, you breathed the breath of life into each of your children. You know our every need and care for us faithfully. Yet, too often we fail to follow your call and your guidance. We confess that we have not loved as you would have us love. We have not always been peace makers in our families, our communities, and in our world. Loving God, forgive us that our love for you has not been more passionate; that our dreams and vision have fallen short of your

¹ From Book of Common Worship PC(USA), Litany for Pentecost

² Prayer by Rev. Ted Loder, retired pastor at First United Methodist Church of Germantown, PA.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 1:4-8 John 15:26-27, 16:4-13 Dr. Janet Loman
Acts 1:4-8 (New Revised Standard Version)

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

John 15:26-27, 16:4-13 (New Revised Standard Version)

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Norm Story

*CLOSING HYMN

#295 "Go To the World"

Sine Nomine

GO IN GOD'S NAME

BENEDICTION

#288 "Spirit of the Living God"

Living God

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

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

*Liturgist-Bea Connor Deacon Captain-Divine Mboh
Sound System-Rusty Smith Video-Brent Brewer*

Greeting before Worship Service:

Divine Mboh-E Sandy Abernathy-W Linda Pearson-S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Rev. Nick Koontz-E Bea Connor-W Rev. Norm Story-S

Rev. Dr. Norm Story	Pastor	Rev. Pyong San Yu	Korean Congregation
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5/19 Frank Westfall

5/20 Lyn Ames

5/21 Caitlin Candusso

5/22 Randy McFerrin

5/22 Rev. Karl Dalager

5/23 Kip Smith

HAPPY
BirthDay
TO YOU

Fellowship

Join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following Worship this morning in the Jones Hall Fellowship area. This is a time to welcome and greet new friends and old friends alike. Fellowship this morning is hosted by the Deacons.

Please Remember in your Prayers

- Catie Brewer's family as they mourn the loss of her grandmother.
- The family of Norma Klein, who passed on April 22nd.
- Laura, a friend of Dinah, who is facing a difficult week with her cancer journey.
- Jose, Alora Nevarez's husband; and Liliana Pena who are facing health concerns.

Continued Prayer List

Jack and Joyce Curry at Solstice; Jerry and Rayma Claessen at Grace Village; Arnold McMillan; Kathy Story; Jessica Borchert-Stout; Jeremy Borchert; Cindy Medina; Dorris Hamilton, Mel Parish and Ann Miller at The Heritage.

Our Worship services are now available:

- 1.) In-person, with Covid19 precautions
- 2.) Live-stream on YouTube, First Presbyterian Church Las Cruces, NM
- 3.) Video archive on the church website, our Facebook site or YouTube

CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS:

- Seating in the West and South sections of the Sanctuary is unrestricted.
- The East section is reserved for those wishing to wear masks and social-distance. Hand-sanitizer and wipes are located in each aisle.
- Please register your presence with contact information and any prayer requests on the small slip of paper in your Bulletin and place it in the purple offering box in the aisle, so that if we need to do contact tracing later, we can contact those who were present.

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5. Text 84321



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