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Worshiping, serving, and living with a fresh vision of God's vibrant energy and grace for all.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pentecost Sunday // May 19, 2024 // 10am

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

RINGING THE BELL & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

GATHERING SONG #388 Uyai Mose

*CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building.
- All: Ring your wind chimes, bells, and wave your flags and streamers.
- One: Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.
- All: ...Ring your bells, wave your streamers and say: This is the day our God has made let us be glad and rejoice in it!
- One: Like a wildfire, we proclaim the Holy Spirit is with us at this moment.
- All: We praise God for the Holy Spirit which fills us at this moment! Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER**

All: Dear Creator of Heaven and earth, be with us as we gather as the community of God to worship and praise your name. We dare to ask that the Holy Spirit descend upon us as it did in that upper room of our ancestors so many years ago. May your Spirit sustain us today and each and every day. Amen.

*HYMN #280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

INVITATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

PRAYER

All: We invite you, Spirit of the living God, to move in our lives and in our world. We confess that we are often scared to trust in You. We don't know how to look for your movement. We often trust ourselves first and forget to open ourselves to the Spirit's guidance. Open our hearts. Open our Eyes. Move among us. Change us. Fill us. Free us to share the love of Christ in the world.

SONG #283 Wa Wa Wa Emimimo

ASSURANCE OF THE SPIRIT'S PRESENCE

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***PASSING THE PEACE**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN	I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing			
ANTHEM	Be Thou My Vision Bob Chilcott			
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION				
SCRIPTURE READING	Acts 2:1-21 Romans 8:22-27			
One: The Word of God for the people of God. All: Thanks be to God.				
SERMON	All Creation Groans	Rev. Paul Van Kempen		
*HYMN #286 Breath on Me, Breath of God				

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Please take this time to sign the red Friendship Pad found on the pew near you. If you have a prayer request that you would like shared in worship, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND LIVES

OFFERTORY Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (Tune: Morecambe) Brenda Portman

*DOXOLOGY #606

All: Praise God whose image we all bear. Praise Christ whose mercy we all share. Praise Spirit making justice grow. One God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: God of grace,
it is our delight and our devotion
to give these gifts to you.
All we are and all we have
are yours alone.
Accept this joyful offering
as a token of our abiding love:
use it to bring peace, justice
and comfort to all the world, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER #288 Spirit of the Living God

Some choose to begin this prayer, "Our Creator," "Our Mother," or "Our Parent."

 All: 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.

CARRYING GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDIC	ITON	The Peace of God	John Rutter
POSTLUDE	Every Time I Fe	eel the Spirit (Traditional Spiritual setting)	John Carter

 Worship Leaders: Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Chuck Norris, Beth Magennis, FPC Choir, Karen Howells
 Thanks to: Sound and Video team, Greeter and Ushers, Bus Drivers, M&M Café Providers, Kate Overbeek and Nursery Care Providers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACTS needs our help! // ACTS is one of our long-standing outreach partners. Each year they help plan and lead our Peace Camp program—we couldn't do it without them! Because of family health concerns, Jaime is spread extra thin this season and needs our help caring for the kids at ACTS. You can help by shopping and donating supplies to save Jaime time in shopping.

Here is the list: Individually wrapped snacks, small bottles of juice drinks, dish soap, hand soap (gel pumps preferred), easy dinner preparation meal packages (i.e. macaroni and cheese, spaghetti with spaghetti sauce, pancake mix, soup and crackers etc.)

Thank you for Supporting the work of ACTS!

Pentecost Offering // **Today**, we will receive one of the special offerings of our denomination, the **Pentecost Offering**. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also addresses the needs of at-risk children within our communities. More information is available in the pew racks. You may give through the church or online at pcusa.org

CROP Walk// Happening **today**! Join us in a picnic at Centennial Park beginning about 12:15. The walk begins at 1pm. *See you there!*



Youth Group CROP Walk team // Several of our Youth are walking in the walk today! If you are looking for a way to support the youth and the CROP scan the QR code to donate to the Youth Group Team!

Sunday, May 26 // "Guest" Preacher, Barb Schreur. We look forward to welcoming our dear friend, Barb, to the pulpit. Barb is a brilliant theologian and storyteller, and we are always blessed by her presence.

Reminder // The church office will be closed **Monday**, **May 27** in observance of Memorial Day. Normal hours resume Tuesday, May 28.

Camp & Paddle Weekend // Get ready for the 2024 Camp and Paddle weekend! We're excited for a new location and new memories to be made this summer. Save the date to join us **July 12-14** at Mystery Creek Campground, 9570 Wisner Ave, Newaygo, MI 49337. You are welcome to bring your own kayak, canoe or flotation device(s) or rent from the campground! We have reserved space for 8 trailers, unlimited tents, and 1 rustic cabin. Price: \$40/night for trailers / \$40/ night for rustic cabin / \$20/night for tents. **Sign-ups coming soon**

Save the Dates! // Wear Orange (gun safety) >>> June 9th, 2 – 4 >>> Centennial Park Juneteenth Freedom Festival >>> June 15th, 2 – 7, Kollen Park Holland Pride >>> June 29th, 12 – 5 >>> Centennial Park

Peace Camp: Wild Wonder // Are you ready to explore the wild and wonderful world around you? Do you want to learn how to live in peace with the earth? Do you want to have fun, sing songs, make crafts and learn all about God's good creation?

Peace Camp: Wild Wonder will be held August 5-9 from 9-11:45 each day. Campers entering K-6th and teen helpers entering 7th-12th grade are welcome! *As always, Peace Camp is totally free!*

CAMP CURRICULUM -

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out: paul@fpcholland.org

Head on over to our website homepage to register!

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DEACONS:

Class of 2025: Nancy Staal, Lauren Stouffer, Paul Van Kolken.

Class of 2026: Tom Glover, Terri Schamper. Class of 2027: Lloyd Helder, Michele Richardson, Leah Wallar.

ELDERS:

Class of 2025: Gail Hering, Beth Magennis, Jon Mc Fadyen, Danielle Peterson, Ben Rund-Scott Class of 2026: Carleen Bauer, Bill Evenson, Cassie Kregger, Bruce Rosensteel. Class of 2027: Jen Laux Ludwig, Tom Salley, Dave Zessin

Children of all ages are encouraged and welcome to be with us during worship. If you prefer an alternative:

- Nursery: Newborn 3 years of age (main level)
- Celebration Time: 4 years of age through 1st grade are invited to attend following Children's Time within the Service; attached to the Nursery.
- Education Time: 11:15am noon.
- Adult Class Michigan Room (typically) main level.
- · Youth Youth Room lower level.
- Worship Center PreK 5th grade lower level.
- Nursery Newborn through 3 years main level.

All children and youth options are supervised with two adults who have been background checked and adhere to the Child & Youth Protection Policy.

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