

WELCOME TO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

**Pentecost Sunday/Confirmation**

**May 19, 2024**

Prelude

Ring the Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

\*Call to Worship

Come, Holy, Spirit, come.

**Come and move in and through us.**

Whispers of hope around the corner of despair;  
shouts of joy at a graduation and for confirmation:

**You are around us in every place.**

The sweet breath of a baby, the remembrances of the elderly:

**You speak to us through every person.**

Soft breezes on a summer's day; bitter winds through frozen trees:

**You are with us in every season.**

The gentle lullabies of a parent; the birds twittering us awake:

**You sing glad songs to us.**

The sudden rush of newness throwing open our sheltered fears;  
the gale of justice breaking down the walls of oppression:

**You sweep us up in your commitment to transform all lives, all places.**

In every breath, in every song, in every moment, in every tongue:

**Come      Dance      Enflame      Engulf      Transform us!**

\*Opening Hymn #280      "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

\*Call to Confession:

\*Prayer of Confession

**Your Spirit moves over the waters, Gracious God, but we prefer to splash in the puddles of temptation. You would breathe life into us in every moment, but we hold our breath until we turn blue, wanting to get our way. You would give us the words to bring hope to the despairing, to offer healing to the broken, and to share hope in the places of anger and violence, but we turn them in accusations towards those around us.**

**In your mercy, forgive us, God of gusty grace. May your Spirit sing in our hearts, so we may invite others to dance in joy with us. May your**

**Spirit be the still, small voice which silences the shouts of fear and worry all around us. May your Spirit sweep us off our feet and into the arms of Jesus Christ, our Brother, our Savior, our Companion. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

In every breath we take, there is the Spirit;  
in every word we speak, there is the Spirit;  
in every heart we touch, there is the Spirit;  
in every person we welcome, there is the Spirit.

**In forgiveness, we are given the words to speak; the courage to reach out to others; the open heart to offer others, the breath of life to share with those around us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri

Children's Sermon

Scripture Readings      Ezekiel 37:1-14

Acts 2:1-21

Sermon      "Unexpected Answers"

\* Hymn #300      "We Are One in the Spirit"

Confirmation

Presentation - Ellie Duley, Gracie Duley, Adela Herron

Brielle Herron, Annie Swanson, Nick Swanson

Profession of Faith

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

Welcome

Birthdays

Joys/Concerns/Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving for our Tithes and Offerings

**These gifts are but the bare bones of who we are, and what we could offer. So, move over them, filling them with muscles, and sinews, and breaths of our lives, so they might become living gifts of hope and grace to others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn #291      "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

\* Charge and Benediction

Postlude