

June 8, 2025; 9:00 am

Day of Pentecost

We Gather Together

***Welcome** to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom, watching on our YouTube channel, or listening on KFIZ, we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.*

Prelude: "Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire" *arr. by Wilbur Held*

Welcome & Announcements *Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin*

Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

Opening Scripture: Acts 2:1-21 (Common English Bible)

(page 119 in the pew Bible, page 1324 Common English Bible)

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. They were surprised and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!" They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, "What does this mean?" Others jeered at them, saying, "They're full of new wine!"

Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, "Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! These people aren't drunk, as you suspect; after all, it's only nine o'clock in the morning! Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy.

Your young will see visions.

Your elders will dream dreams.

Even upon my servants, men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.

The sun will be changed into darkness,

and the moon will be changed into blood,

before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes.

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

***Call to Worship**

Jolene S., liturgist

Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

For God has done wondrous things for us.

Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!

Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.

Help us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen. AMEN.

*** Opening Prayer**

God our creator, earth has many languages, but your gospel proclaims your love to all nations in one heavenly tongue. Make us messengers of the good news that, through the power of your Spirit, all the world may unite in one song of praise; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Sung Response: GTG 2 "Come, Thou Almighty King"**

Carol W., Cantor

***Call to Confession**

Jolene S.

Jesus says: Let anyone who is thirsty come to me. Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

***Prayer of Confession**

Jolene S.

Almighty God, you poured 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.

Silent Confession

(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

Have mercy on us, O God. **Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

***Sharing God's Peace**

When Jesus left his disciples, he did not leave them alone. He promised that the Holy Spirit would be present in their lives, and he gave them an amazing gift: his peace, the peace of Christ. Through the Spirit, this gift lives still, and it is ours to share with others. Turn to those around you and offer Christ's gift with these words: "The peace of Christ is yours today!"

The Peace of Christ is yours today!

(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you. You may use the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.)

***Sung Response: GTG 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"**

Daniel A., saxophone; Dan B., drums; Eddie H., bass

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (CEB)

page 555 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 746 (CEB)

Lord, you have done so many things!

You made them all so wisely!

The earth is full of your creations!

And then there's the sea, wide and deep,

With its countless creatures--

living things both small and large.

There go the ships on it,

and Leviathan, which you made, plays in it!

All your creations wait for you

to give them their food on time.

When you give to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand, they are filled completely full!

But when you hide your face, they are terrified;

when you take away their breath, they die

and return to dust.

When you let loose your breath, they are created,

and you make the surface of the ground brand-new again.

Let the Lord's glory last forever!

Let the Lord rejoice in all he has made!

He has only to look at the earth, and it shakes.

God just touches the mountains, and they erupt in smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I'm still alive.

Let my praise be pleasing to him;

I'm rejoicing in the Lord.

But let my whole being bless the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

Scripture Reading: John 14:8-27 (Common English Bible)

page 108 in the pew Bible (NRSV), page 1312 (CEB)

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father; that will be enough for us.”

Jesus replied, “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been with you all this time? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I have spoken to you I don’t speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me does his works. Trust me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe on account of the works themselves. I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father can be glorified in the Son. When you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can’t receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you.

“I won’t leave you as orphans. I will come to you. Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Judas (not Judas Iscariot) asked, “Lord, why are you about to reveal yourself to us and not to the world?”

Jesus answered, “Whoever loves me will keep my word. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever doesn’t love me doesn’t keep my words. The word that you hear isn’t mine. It is the word of the Father who sent me.

“I have spoken these things to you while I am with you. The Companion, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I told you.

“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don’t be troubled or afraid.

Children's Time

Jennifer Zander

Sung response: GTG 291 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Sermon: "The Peace of Pentecost"

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

We Respond to God's Word

Ordination/Installation of Officers (Elders and Deacons)

ELDERS - CLASS OF 2027

Danielle Pike

Mary Jones

Ruth Holstein

DEACONS - CLASS OF 2027

Evan Stark

Scott Zander

DEACON - CLASS OF 2026

Jolene Schry

The Practice of Gratitude

In response to God's Word and remembering all things come from God, we offer with thanks a portion of that which God has entrusted to us. The ushers will collect God's tithes and our offerings. For those who have given in other forms, there are cards in the pew racks that you may use as a tangible action of gratitude to God. No matter what we return to God in material forms, may we spiritually place our hearts, and our very lives, in God's hands, to be re-shaped for ministry in Christ, furthering God's kingdom here on earth.

Offering Music: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" arr. by Anthony Giamanco

***Offertory: GTG 240 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" (refrain only)**

***Offertory Prayer**

Prayers of the People

Arnold L.	Jack K.* (Jolene S BIL)	Mary C-A.*
Avril N. (Pretorius' friend)	James P.* (Ruth P. friend)	Mike F.
Bob & Ollive B.	Jesse F.	Paige T.
Brian C.	Joan K.* (Marcus A. mom)	Pass Family
Brian M* (friend of Les M.)	Joyce J.	Pat D.
Chastity G. & Joan S.	Kathy A.* (Kevin B sister)	Pat M.* (Bonnie H sister)
Corinne C.	Laurie C.	Paul W.
Dick* (Laurie C uncle)	Liam A.	Qualine S.* (Jodi A mom)
Elias B.* (Laurie C grandson)	Lindsay* (Bill/Mary daughter)	Rod M.* (Mary/Dan R friend)
Gib D.	Lynn M.	Sherry M.
Pete D.	Marie L.	Steven B.* (Kevin B nephew)

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.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

Congregational Meeting – Election of Deacon

***Sung response: “Let There Be Peace on Earth”**

***Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

arr. by Paul Manz

WEEKLY STATISTICS FOR JUNE 1, 2025

Individuals in Person: 96

Zoom Households: 8

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
06/01/2025	\$1717.90	Tithes/Offerings
	\$ 100.00	Special Offerings
5/26-30/25	\$ 500.00	Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings"
	10.00	Vanco Special Offerings
	\$2327.90	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK

Financial Giving and Gratitude

You can give online at www.fdlpresbyterian.org Giving page. (Click on 'Online Giving'.) You can also give by cash or check on Sunday morning, or by mail. We are so very thankful for your contributions that help us do God's work in our church and in our community.

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This Week

Sunday

9:00-10:15am

10:15-11:15am

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June 8 Pentecost Sunday

Worship with Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary

Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall

Growing Connections-Summer Music Opportunities in Fellowship Hall

Monday

12:00-1:30pm

June 9

Staff Meeting in the Office

Tuesday

1:00-2:30pm

6:00-8:00pm

June 10

Personnel Team in the Parlor

Endowment Board in the Parlor

Wednesday

8:00-9:00am

5:30-7:30pm

June 11

Men's Breakfast at Pump & Pantry

Women in Faith in the Pavillion

Thursday

10:00-4:00pm

June 12

Winnebago Presbytery Meeting in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

Sunday

9:00-10:15am

10:15-11:15am

10:15-11:15am

June 15

Outdoor Worship

Fellowship Time

Growing Connections-Influential Men in our Lives

Looking Ahead

Pentecost Sunday

Congregational Meeting-for the election of Deacon

Winnebago Presbytery Meeting at FPC FDL

Blood Drive

Lifest

June 8

June 12

July 8

July 10-13

AV Task Force In-Worship Assessment for June 8

The AV Task Force will be seeking your input over the next several weeks. We want to know your perspectives on both the sound quality for worship (both in person and on-line) and the visual quality (including the screen, room lighting (both congregational lighting and the chancel “theater” lighting), and the camera and zoom windows presented online.

This assessment is for you to point out any specific examples we can reflect on right away. There is a more generalized survey available as well. Please continue to keep the AV Task Force in your prayers (Ruth Holstein, Sara Stowell, and Gwen Kober) as they work to provide your Session with a few options.

Please use the space on the back of this page to share with us specific examples of how the audio and visual elements of worship enhanced or detracted from your worship experience today.

These may include moments such as:

- when the speaking or singing was very clear or you couldn't understand it
- when you couldn't read text on the screen or the text was very clear
- when the lighting (including sunlight) had a positive or negative impact
- when the sound seemed to drop out
- when an instrument was too soft or too loud
- when you feel a change in lighting may have set a different mood or helped focus your attention to a particular element of the worship service

Please let us know approximately where you were sitting.

AV Task Force In-Worship Assessment for June 8

Please list specific examples of how the audio and visual elements of worship enhanced or detracted from your worship experience today. (*see other side*)

NAME (optional): _____

Please leave this page in the basket on the Welcome Desk just outside the sanctuary doors as you leave church today. We will be reviewing these on Monday morning, while the service is still fresh in our minds.