

First Presbyterian Church

Huntsville, Tennessee

Day of Pentecost

June 9, 2019

11:00 A.M.

Prelude

The Lone Wild Bird

*Call to Worship

Leader: O God, open us this morning to the powerful winds of your Spirit.

People: Grant us a spirit of humility as we come before you.

Leader: Open us to the powerful winds of your Spirit.

People: Grant us a spirit of prayer so that we may know you.

Leader: Open us to the powerful winds of your Spirit.

People: Grant us a spirit of compassion for those in need.

Leader: O God, open us this morning to the powerful winds of your Spirit, as your Holy Spirit joins with ours.

People: Come Holy Spirit! Wash away our sin and heal our wounded spirits, that we may worship you in spirit and in truth.

*Hymn 236

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

*Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Life-Giving Spirit, you breathe your life into us, calling us to follow where you lead. Yet we confess that we have not followed you. We have allowed the temporary sufferings of this life to turn us inward. We have acted with caution and timidity rather than courage. We have been forgiven much, yet we harbor old resentments, hang on to past hurts, and turn away from reconciliation. Forgive us, Wondrous Spirit. Continue to breathe your life and love into our existence, until fear and timidity and hardness of heart are replaced by clear thinking, bold action, and compassionate hearts, for the glory of your holy name. We pray in the name of Christ, who reigns with you and the Creator, One God, now and forever. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Love

from 2 Timothy 1

Leader: God does not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. God has saved us and called us for his own purpose through the grace given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

People: Christ Jesus has abolished death and brought us life and immortality. In him we have put our trust and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we will guard this treasure, knowing that we will have forgiveness in the Day of Judgment.

*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you! **And also, with you!**

Concerns of the Congregation

Message to the Children

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology (Hymn 544)

*Prayer of Dedication

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 11:1-9

New Testament Reading:

Acts 2:1-21

Gospel Reading:

John 14:8-17

Anthem:

Living Spirit, Holy Fire

Sermon:

As Simple as Breathing!

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*Hymn 445

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

*Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer (Bulletin Insert)

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

*Affirmation of Faith

from The Heidelberg Catechism

I believe that my only comfort, in life and in death, is that I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*Hymn 374

Be Still, My Soul

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

*indicates you may stand

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Leader: With joy we give you thanks and praise, Almighty God, Source of all life and love, that we live in your world, that you are always creating and sustaining it by your power, and that you have so made us that we can know and love you, trust and serve you.

People: We give you thanks that you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him may not die but have eternal life.

Leader: We thank you that Jesus was born among us; that he lived our common life on earth; that he suffered and died for us; that he rose again; and that he is always present through the Holy Spirit.

People: We thank you that we can live in the faith that your kingdom will come, and that in life, in death, and beyond death you are with us.

Leader: Holy Lord God, by what we do here in remembrance of Christ we celebrate his perfect sacrifice on the cross and his glorious resurrection and ascension; we declare that he is Lord of all; and we prepare for his coming in his kingdom.

People: We pray that through your Holy Spirit this bread may be for us the body of Christ and this wine the blood of Christ. Accept our sacrifice of praise; and as we eat and drink at his command unite us to Christ as one body in him, and give us strength to serve you in the world.

Leader: And to you, one holy and eternal God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we give praise and glory, now and forever, praying as Jesus taught us, saying together:

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.

Thank you, Cole, choir, and musicians, for the gift of music today. Our guest flutist is Haley Watters.