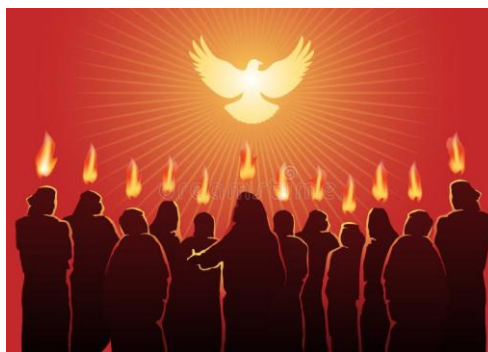




## First Presbyterian Church of Ridgewood NJ

*We are a welcoming community formed in Christ, committed to sharing his love with others – with feet that carry us out into the world, with hands that serve, and with hearts in fellowship and faith.*  
– First Presbyterian Church Mission Statement, adopted October 2018



### PENTECOST SUNDAY YOUTH SERVICE SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

Watch live: <https://www.youtube.com/live/Ix3lN3mmHCU>

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#### PRELUDE

*Spirit of the Living God* – Daniel Iverson  
Hymn 322

Brian Princing, Guitar *and* Linda Sweetman Waters, Piano

#### WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE *for* MISSION ~ Jessica Strader-Paz  
Capital Campaign Contribution Match

#### CALL *to* WORSHIP

When the world divides us

**Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.**

When the world calls us orphaned

**Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.**

When the world leads us astray

**Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, come! Come and fill this place!**

*\*HYMN 128 - On Pentecost They Gathered*

#### PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

**God of fire and wind, holy and powerful, mighty and mysterious, we are drawn by your Spirit to this place. As we gather and behold your glory, we become aware of our sin. We have ignored your word. We have rejected your gifts. We have failed in your work. Ignoring the truth of Pentecost, we exclude those different from us. We divide our loyalties, and we divide our hearts. Let your Spirit burn away our sins and fill us with faith and courage, so that we might live into the promise of this day and receive the fullness of all that you have prepared for us in Jesus Christ. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE *of* FORGIVENESS

*\*HYMN 579 – Gloria Patri*

*\*PASSING of the PEACE*

*The students will wish peace to all in different languages.*

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES *and* SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

MUSICAL OFFERING

*The Gift of Love* – arr. Hal H. Hopson  
Cole Bellorgey

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING ~ Acts 2:1-21

*Our High Schoolers and Confirmands will light red candles  
symbolizing the tongues of fire that rested on the apostles.*

SECOND READING ~ John:14:8-17, 25-27

SERMON ~ Confirmands

Cole Bellorgey, David Edelbach, Maddie Eliya, Luca Torielli & Hudson Wall

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE *and* THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's promise of new creation, let us pray to the  
Maker of heaven and earth, saying: God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church. Pour out your Spirit on your people,  
so that we may dream and prophesy, bearing witness to your saving love.  
God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world. Scatter the plans of the proud and disrupt the schemes of the wicked.  
Establish your reign of justice and peace. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community. Help us to listen with understanding to the voices of our neighbors,  
so that we may learn to live as one. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for loved ones. Open your hand to those in need. Breathe with mercy upon the broken.  
Renew and restore their lives. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Loving Spirit, we thank you for the energy and new life you send to your people. We thank you for  
giving us boldness to tell your good news to others. We thank you that the discouraged hear a message of  
hope, that the sick are healed, and that people still continue to grow in love and compassion because of  
your Holy Spirit. May all know your presence. Come among us, Holy Spirit, like a mighty, rushing wind.  
Come among us, Holy Spirit, like a blazing fire. Come among us, Holy Spirit, like a still small voice.  
God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, keep us working and praying for the coming of your holy realm of peace,  
when we will share abundant life with you; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

And now we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

CALL *to* OFFERING

You may make your offering via Tithe.ly,  
place an offering in the plate as it is passed,  
or mail a check to the church office. Thank you!



OFFERTORY

*As the Wind Song* – Swee Hong Lim  
Brian Princing, Guitar *and* Linda Sweetman Water, Piano

\*DOXOLOGY – Hymn 592

\*PRAYER *of* DEDICATION

RECEPTION OF THE 2025 COFIRMATION CLASS

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*HYMN 315 - *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit* – Doris Akers, arr. Mark Hayes  
Brian Princing, Guitar *and* Linda Sweetman Water, Piano

CHANCEL FLOWERS

*Chancel Flowers are given by Bob Tedeschi in glory to God and in honor of birthday celebrants,  
Dean Frances R. Comstock Tedeschi, Robert L. Tedeschi, Caitlin Marge Tedeschi  
and the rest of the Tedeschi family.*

\*Please stand if you are able.



SCRIPTURE READINGS  
*for* SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." <sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel <sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

SECOND READING

John:14:8-17, 25-27

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. <sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>25</sup> "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

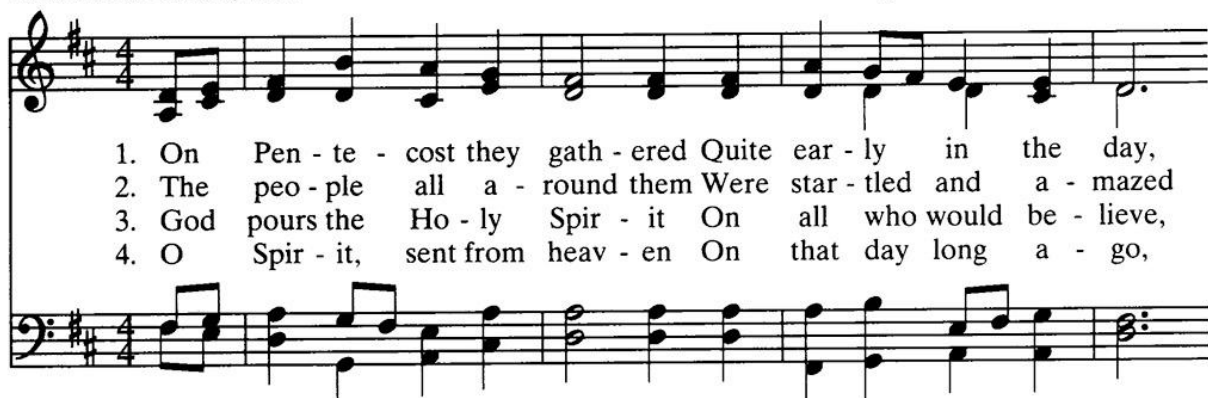
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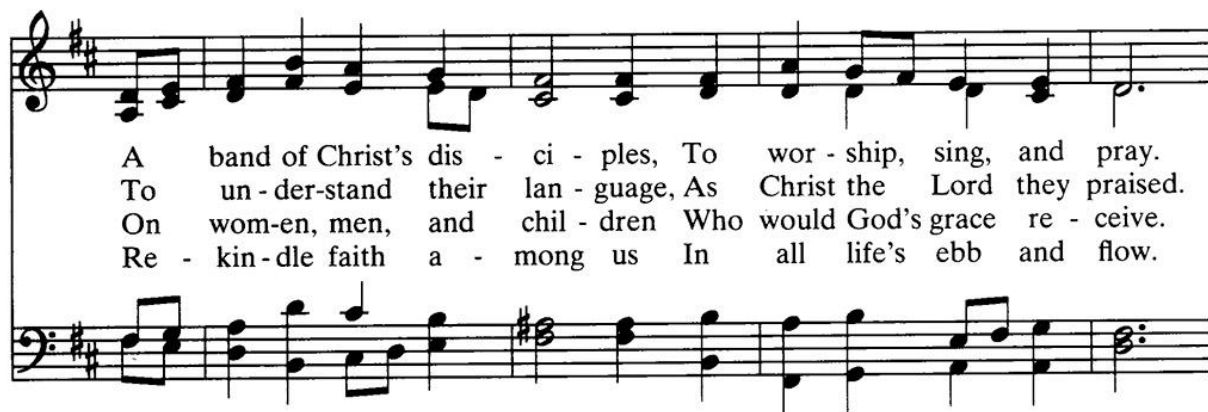
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*Neuvermehrtes Meiningsches Gesangbuch, 1693*  
*Adapt. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847*

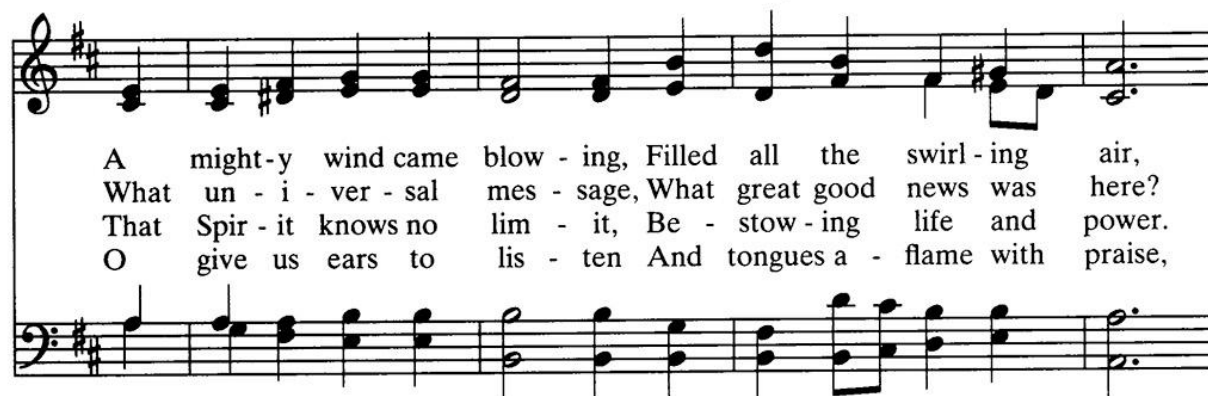
Jane Parker Huber, 1981



1. On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered Quite ear - ly in the day,  
 2. The peo - ple all a - round them Were star - tled and a - mazed  
 3. God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it On all who would be - lieve,  
 4. O Spir - it, sent from heav - en On that day long a - go,



A band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, To wor - ship, sing, and pray.  
 To un - der - stand their lan - guage, As Christ the Lord they praised.  
 On wom - en, men, and chil - dren Who would God's grace re - ceive.  
 Re - kin - dle faith a - mong us In all life's ebb and flow.



A might - y wind came blow - ing, Filled all the swirl - ing air,  
 What un - i - ver - sal mes - sage, What great good news was here?  
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, Be - stow - ing life and power.  
 O give us ears to lis - ten And tongues a - flame with praise,



And tongues of fire a - glow - ing In - spired each per - son there.  
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en To van - quish all our fear.  
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, Re - sponds in ev - ery hour.  
 So folk of ev - ery na - tion Glad songs of joy shall raise.

African-American spiritual  
 Arr. Joseph T. Jones (1902-1983)  
 Adapt. Melva W. Costen, 1989

African-American spiritual  
*Refrain*

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my

heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the

Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray. *Fine*

1. Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, Out of God's  
 2. Jor - dan riv - er, chil - ly and cold, It chills the

mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me,  
 bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train

it looked so fine, Till I asked my Lord if all was mine.  
 up-on this track; It runs to heav - en and then right back. *D.C.*