

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 15, 2016      10:15 A.M.

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## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

*Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence and turn off all electronic devices  
for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship.*

Prelude: "God Is Here"

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## ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

\* Call to Worship: Isaiah 44:1–5

But now listen, O Jacob, my servant, Israel, whom I have chosen.

**This is what the LORD says—he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you:**

Do not be afraid, O Jacob, my servant, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.

**For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground;**

I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.

**They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by flowing streams.**

One will say, 'I belong to the LORD'; another will call himself by the name of Jacob;

**still another will write on his hand, 'The Lord's' and will take the name Israel.**

\* Hymn: Bulletin p 4

"God Is Here"

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\* God's Greeting:

Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Who made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be God,

**And blessed is his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

\* Prayer of the Day:

**Glory to you, our God! Glory to you! Holy Spirit, Lord and Comforter, Spirit of truth everywhere present, filling all that exists, treasury of good gifts and source of life, come and dwell in us; cleanse us from all sin and in your love bring us to salvation. Holy and immortal God, be glorified in us. Amen.**

\* Response: PH 484

"Humble Praises, Holy Jesus"

VESPER HYMN

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

Ephesians 4:29–32

Prayer of Confession:

**Almighty God, who sent the promised power of the Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith: We confess that we resist the force of your Spirit among us, that we are slow to serve you and reluctant to spread the good news of your love. God, have mercy on us. Forgive our divisions and by your Spirit draw us together. In flame us with a desire to do your will and be your faithful people.**

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Lord, in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Ezekiel 36:25–28

God's Will for Our Lives:

Galatians 5:16–25

Response: PH 424

"Spirit of the Living God"

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Responsive Congregational Prayer for Pentecost:

We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit, saying, Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

Generous God, we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit. We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better. Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to help us understand better your will for us. Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to keep us confident of your love whenever you call us. Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness, and sorrow. Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to equip us for the work you have given us. Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus. Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit given on Pentecost. We ask you to keep the whole church in the joy of eternal life. Lord, come to bless us

**and fill us with your Spirit.**

Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon the Messiah at the river Jordan and upon the disciples in the upper room: In your mercy fill us with your Spirit.

**hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you in Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

\* Hymn: PH 425

"Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"

MELITA

[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave after the hymn.]

Scripture Reading:

Ezekiel 37:1–14; Acts 2:1–21

Sermon: *Pentecost: God Giving of Himself*

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 20, Q. & A. 53

Q. What do you believe concerning "the Holy Spirit"?

A. **First, he, as well as the Father and the Son, is eternal God.**

**Second, he has been given to me personally, so that, by true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his blessings, comforts me, and remains with me forever.**

Prayer:

**Most powerful Holy Spirit,  
Come down upon us and subdue us.  
From heaven, where the ordinary is made glorious,  
And glory seems but ordinary.  
O bathe us with the brilliance  
Of your light like dew.  
In the glory of Christ our Lord, amen.**

adapted, Northumbria Community

\* Hymn: PH 422

"Eternal Spirit, God of Truth"

FOREST GREEN

## THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

\* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

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## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

\* Blessing:

Celtic Daily Prayer

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever He may send you.

May He guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

\* Benediction:

May the love of the Father enfold us, the wisdom of the Son enlighten us, and the fire of the Spirit kindle us; and may the blessing of the Lord God come down upon us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

\* Doxology:

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

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O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
all praise to you let earth accord: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run,  
With Father and with Spirit one,  
Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

\* Postlude: "Once to Every Man and Nation"

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