

## THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*Communion is served by Intinction. Please come forward by the aisle closest to the piano, move to a server, select a generous piece of bread, dip it in the juice and commune. Return to your seats using the other aisle.*

### INVITATION

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

When the world's struggle and pain seem too much to bear,  
We give thanks that the Spirit abides — closer, even, than our breath.

### We give thanks!

When we hunger and thirst for righteousness - when God's holy reign seems slow to come, we give thanks for the Spirit's power to kindle us to act, with love and justice for our neighbors' good.

### We offer praise!

When we doubt that there is enough to share. When we fear that love is not enough, we are grateful for the invitation to come to this table where Jesus is the host, who multiplies our hope.

### We offer thanks!

It is truly right (prayer continues) who joyfully declare:

**Holy, holy, holy - God of wind and flame - heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy (prayer continues) That we may offer faithful witness to the joyful news the Spirit gives us to live and share.

**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.**

### COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\* HYMN 369 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE *Pomp and Circumstance March* Elgar

\* *You are invited to stand if able.*



Welcome to  
**Riverside Presbyterian Church**



June 4 ~ Day of Pentecost

Ask an usher for audio hearing units. ~ Please silence your cell phones.  
Childcare is available for children 1st grade and younger in the upstairs childcare room.

### WELCOME

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE (Responsive)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Finale from "Sonata VI"

Mendelssohn

### GATHERING LITANY FOR PENTECOST (Responsive)

*Source: John Paarlberg, pastor of First Church in Albany, New York*

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life: At the beginning of time you moved over the face of the waters; you breathe into every living being, the breath of life.

**Come, Creator Spirit, and renew the whole creation.**

Holy Spirit, voice of the prophets: You enflame men and women, children and youth with a passion for your truth, and through them call your people to the ways of justice and compassion.

**Come, Spirit of Righteousness, and burn in our hearts.**

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Jesus: By your power Jesus came to bring good news to the poor and release to those held captive.

**Come, Liberating Spirit, and free us from the powers of sin and death.**

Holy Spirit, Advocate, Teacher: You speak to us of our Lord, and show us the depth of his love.

**Come, Spirit of Truth, abide in us and lead us in the way of Jesus Christ.**

Holy Spirit, wind and flame: You filled disciples with joy and courage, empowering them to preach your word and to share your good news.

**Come, Spirit of Power, make us bold witnesses of your redeeming love.**

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Peace: You break down barriers of language, race, and culture, and heal the divisions that separate us.

**Come, Reconciling Spirit, and unite us all in the love of Christ.**

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life: At the close of the age all creation will be renewed to sing your praises.

**Come, Creator Spirit, and make us new creations in Jesus Christ.**

\* HYMN 131 *Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow*

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Holy Breath, you search us and know our hearts. You see the walled off spaces, where we try to keep your Spirit at bay. You know our wounded places that keep us from receiving and sharing your love. You meet us in the tight corners and anguished angles of our lives. Those places where we're stuck - gasping and grasping for new life - but trapped in old ways of living. Help us to inhale your grace and trust in your saving presence.**

**Breath of God, forgive us for the barricades we keep building to try to stop your kingdom's coming. Barricades, not just in our own hearts, but in the communities that bear Christ's name.**

**Blow strong and free through us and through your whole church. Topple any structure that is not built on the foundation Jesus laid for us. Transform timidity into courage. Free us to proclaim your love and justice with every breath you give us to live. Empower us to go — with hope and joy — wherever you send us. Like birds set free. Like seeds scattered to the winds. Like kites borne on a breeze. Fill us, Holy Spirit, to live and share the new life Jesus brings.**  
*(Silence is kept)*

\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)

In the spring, when the winter is past, we open the windows and let the warm winds blow through what was once closed and shuttered. Startling the cobwebs. Making fresh the space. In this season of Pentecost, we celebrate the Spirit's sweeping reminder:

**In Christ, we are forgiven! The past is over and done.**

**We are a new creation! In Christ, a new life has begun!**

**Thanks be to God! Amen!**

\* HYMN 579

*Glory Be to the Father*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

### **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are invited forward

HYMN 304

*Jesus Loves Me!*

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING  
SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21 & John 20:19-23

SERMON

*Alive in the Spirit!*

\* HYMN 319

*Spirit  
Ushers will gather the flames*

### **WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

*Go Into the World*

Sleeth

\* HYMN *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow with Alleluias*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION