

For all who are  
led by the Spirit  
of God are  
children of God.

ROMANS 8:14, NRSV



*The Service for the Lord's Day  
Trinity Sunday  
May 27, 2018*

**Boldface type indicates a spoken response.**  
The asterisk (\*) is an invitation to stand if able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be God, Eternal Majesty, Living Word,  
Abiding Spirit.

**Glory to God forever. Amen.**

Jesus said, the way to see God's dream for the world  
is to be born from above by the Spirit.

*John 3:3*

The way to take part in that dream, says Jesus,  
is to be born of water and Spirit.

*John 3:5*

That gift is available this day.

May you receive God's Spirit, be made whole,  
and dwell more deeply in love divine. **Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN (*Call out*)

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to the One who gives life eternally.

**Holy God, we know that you are always there to lead us,  
yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear.**

**We confess that we have stumbled,  
and we recognize our need for you to lift us up  
and help us start again.**

**Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength,  
and reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other,  
through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, hear the good news:  
We did not receive the spirit of slavery, but rather  
the spirit of adoption.  
Your guilt has departed; your sin is blotted out,  
for you are God's beloved children—forgiven, loved,  
and free.  
May God's peace be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Rom. 8:15*  
*Isa. 6:7*

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #440      *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* (verse 4)

\*SHARING OUR GIFT OF PEACE FROM CHRIST      (Please place prayer request cards in baskets)

\*\* Please be seated.

HYMN (*Call out*)

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Sheila Wahamaki

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON      Isaiah 6:1–8 [p.635 OT]

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON      Romans 8:12–17 [p. 158 NT]

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE      ***"You Have Received..."***

Pastor Jim Rausch

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

*Registration of Attendance*

OFFERTORY HYMN (*Call out*)

\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS #648

*Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy God, your love overflows in the gift of your Spirit.  
Bless these gifts that we offer  
that they may spread your blessing  
in a world of hurt and need;  
in Christ's name. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN (*Call out*)

\*GOD'S BLESSING AS WE GO

\*POSTLUDE

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### *Questions for Reflection*

Jesus invites us to be born from above to receive new and abundant life. Salvation, or abundant life, is understood as a present reality in the Gospel of John. If the gift of God's love made known to us in Christ through the Spirit is stirred up by gratitude, what daily practice could increase your sense of gratitude? How could a simple practice of thanking God at any given moment in the day enliven your experience of salvation?

### *Household Prayer: Morning*

Life-giving God, awaken me to your threefold presence  
in the world this day  
that I may share your love with others  
as freely as you have done for us in Christ. Amen.

### *Household Prayer: Evening*

Abba, I give thanks for the immeasurable gifts of this day,  
above all, for the gift of your love made known in Christ.  
How grateful I am  
that by his love I am counted as a precious member of your family.  
Mere words cannot convey the wonder of this love. Amen.

## ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

LAY LITURGIST: Nicole Kary; GREETERS: Dorcas Yost, Ron & Mary Rop; USHERS: Jeanne deVette, Julie Anderson, Suzanne Carl & Kay Ostrom; AFTER WORSHIP HOSPITALITY: Jon & Kendra Mills; OFFERING COUNTERS: Dave & Vella Caruso

## NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

**Welcome Guests!** We're so glad you joined our church family in worship today. Please join us following the worship service in the chapel for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

***The sanctuary flowers this morning have been provided by Bill and Peggy Schaefer.***

The ***Pentecost Offering*** is one of four annual church-wide special offerings of the PC(USA). The offering provides for children at risk, youth and young adults. Forty percent of the offering is kept locally and the rest is invested by the General Assembly in faith-focused ministries for youth programs in this country and around the world. This year the local portion of the offering is designated to Pathfinders. Offering envelopes can be found in the pew racks. The offering will be received through the month of June.

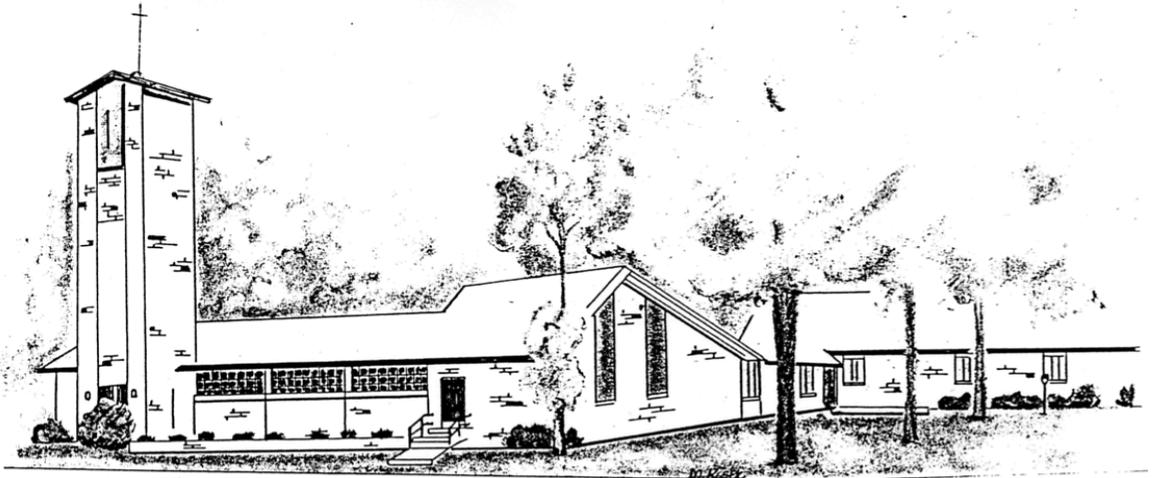
***Please join us for a photography class taught by Kendra Mills on Tuesday, June 12 at 7pm.*** You do not need a fancy camera - even your cell phone is okay! Sign up on the flyer by the library.

***Start thinking about VBS!*** The theme is "Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity." If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, contact Arisha. We are in need of donated items. VBS needs are posted on the bulletin board next to the nursery. Please add your name to an items request (lion cut-out). Be sure to make note of what you are donating. Register now at <https://vbspro.events/p/fpcmuskegon-vbs>.

***Marriage Fellowship*** will meet in the chapel on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Sherman hallway. Questions? Contact Sharon Genter at (231) 206.1639.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FPC

05/27 Sunday	10:00 am 11:00 am		Worship Hospitality
05/28 Monday		Memorial Day – Church Office Closed	
05/29 Tuesday	7:15 pm		Gentle Yoga
05/30 Wednesday			
05/31 Thursday			
06/01 Friday	9:30 am		Gentle Yoga
06/02 Saturday	1 – 5 pm	Jacob Rausch’s Graduation Open House	
06/03 Sunday	10:00 am 11:00 am		Worship Hospitality/BFW Bread Sale



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