

PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 9, 2019



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship,
and please make sure electronic devices are off or using silent mode.*

Prelude

“On Pentecost They Gathered” (Munich)..... Ann Slowins (1932 - 2018)

Welcome and Announcements

+Silent Prayer

Almighty and most merciful God, grant, we beg you, that by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we may be enlightened and strengthened for your worship; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich,
Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten!
Es ist doch ja kein anderer nicht,
der für uns könnte streiten,
denn du, unser Gott, alleine.

Grant us merciful peace, O Lord!
For there is no one else to protect us
in our time of strife
except you, the one and only God.
Mendelssohn/Martin Luther's German translation
of the Medieval Hymn *Dona Nobis Pacem*

Call to Worship

***Hymn of Praise to God**

“For Your Gift of God the Spirit”

No. 339

+Confession of Sin

Silent Prayer

Corporate Prayer

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, both by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. Too often we have failed to welcome into our hearts your quickening Spirit of love and power. Too often we have spurned the promptings of your Holy Spirit and ignored your presence by the Spirit. Too often we have grieved the Holy Spirit and have not kept in step with him. Too little have we participated in his great work of summoning the world to

faith in Jesus Christ. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. Wash away our sins; send rain on our dry ground; inflame our cold hearts; and direct our wandering feet into your ways. And all for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:13-14 (ESV)

***Confession of Faith**

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. Heidelberg Catechism No. 53

Q. What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic church”?

A. I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member. Heidelberg Catechism No. 54

8:15 a.m. Service

***Hymn of Faith in Jesus Christ**

“This Day at Thy Creating Word”

No. 394

11:00 a.m. Service

The Baptism of Wanrong (Windy) Xia

***Hymn of Faith in Christ**

“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

No. 415

Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

L'dor VadorMeir Finkelstein (b.1951)

O Lord of heaven, and earth, and sea, to thee all praise and glory be;
How shall we show our love to thee, Giver of all?

Thou didst not spare thine only Son, but gav'st him for a world undone,
And freely with that Blessed One Thou givest all.

Thou giv'st the Spirit's blessed dower, Spirit of life, and love, and power,
And dost his sevenfold graces shower Upon us all.

We lose what on ourselves we spend, we have as treasure without end
Whatever, Lord, to thee we lend, Who givest all. Amen.

*Congregational Petitions

Scripture Lesson

Acts 2 (ESV pp. 909-911)

Sermon

“Pentecost: Cooperating with the Divine Weaver”

*Hymn

“O God of Mercy, God of Might”

No. 433

*Benediction

+Silent Prayer

Send, we beg you, Almighty God, your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that he may direct and rule us according to your will, comfort us in all our afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the same Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, world without end. Amen.

Viumbe vyote vya Mungu wetu na Mfal me wetu

All creatures of our God and King

Pazeni sauti ilinasi mwimbe.

Lift up your voice and sing with us

Watu wote, viumbe vyote, awaye yote, sifu Mungu!

All men, all creatures, everybody praise God

All creatures of our God and King,

O, sifuni Mungu!

Lift up your voice, and with us sing!

O, sifuni Mungu!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,

Imbeni! Imbeni! *Sing! Sing!*

Thou silver moon with softer gleam;

Pazeni sauti imbeni!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,

Make music for thy Lord to hear!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,

Imbeni! *Sing!*

That givest man both warmth and light;

Imbeni!

Tusifu Mungu! Let all things their Creator bless,

O, sifuni Mungu!

And worship Him in humbleness,

O sifuni Mungu!
 Praise the Father, praise the Son,
 Imbeni!
 And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
 Pazen! sauti imbeni!
*Words and Music by David Maddux, Marty McCall,
 Mmunga Mwenebulongo Mulongoy
 and Asukulu 'Yunu Mukalay, arranged by Roger Emerson*

Postlude

“Holy Spirit, Give Your Grace” Scott Finch (b. 1974)

***Congregation standing**

+The congregation is invited to kneel

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Pentecost Sunday – June 9

Morning Worship	8:15 am & 11:00 am
Sunday School	9:45 am
Choir Rehearsal	4:45 pm
Evening Service	6:00 pm

Welcome & Announcement Elders

Jerry Savage	8:15 am
Dick Hannula	11:00 am

Congregational Petitions Leaders

Craig Jimmink	8:15 am
Chad Isenberger	11:00 am

Nursery Schedule

Christina Sullivan	8:15 am
Emily Downie & Connie Pfefferle	9:45 am
Clara Hemmings	11:00 am
Sandy Milton & Jane Lewellen	6:00 pm

Coffee/Tea Hosts

Zach & Katie Raines	8:15 am
Nancy Rowan	Prep for 11:00 Service
Jim & Shari Roland	11:00 am

Church Library

Samuel Green	9:40 - 10:45 am
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Building Monitors

Paul Darby	11:00 am
Kyle Proctor	6:00 pm

Monday – June 10

- Better English on Sixth	6:50 – 8:30 pm
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Tuesday – June 11

- Women's Bible Study, Home of Beth James	12:00 – 2:00 pm
- Samson Society, Pastor Nicoletti's Office	7:00 – 8:00 pm

Wednesday – June 12

- Luke 15 Prayer Group	6:30 – 7:00 pm
- Prayer Meeting, 7:00 pm, sanctuary, Daniel and April Murphree speaking, "When the Lord minds a mercy to a people, he helps them before hand to pray for it. --Thomas Boston	
- Sr. High Youth Group, DeSoto Hall	7:00 – 8:30 pm
- Jr. High Youth Group, Room 301	7:00 – 8:30 pm
- <i>Choristers</i> (ages 5-9), Choir Room	7:00 – 7:30 pm
- <i>Choristers</i> (ages 10-14), Choir Room	7:30 – 8:15 pm

Thursday – June 13

- Session Meeting, Conference Room	6:30 pm
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Saturday – June 15

- Better English on 6 th Picnic at Whittier Park	4:00 – 8:00 pm
- Youth Group Sacred Road Mission Trip	June 15 - 22

Lord's Day – June 16

Morning Worship	8:15 am & 11:00 am
Sunday School	9:45 am
Choir Rehearsal	4:45 pm
Evening Service	6:00 pm

Welcome & Announcement Elders

Mark Aown	8:15 am
Peter Chiou	11:00 am

Congregational Petitions Leaders

John-Michael Kvale	8:15 am
Isaac Dye	11:00 am

Nursery Schedule

Savannah Jackson	8:15 am
Erika Skrivan & Rachel Nicoletti	9:45 am
Marcia Brodersen	11:00 am
Nancy Miller & Cessalie Darby	6:00 pm

Coffee/Tea Hosts

Jim & Stacey Sheridan	8:15 am
Tina LeFebvre	Prep for 11:00 Service
Robert & Kathryn Schuster	11:00 am

Church Library

Brandon Welch	9:40 - 10:45 am
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Building Monitors

Max LeFebvre	11:00 am
Mark Murphy	6:00 pm

Upcoming Events – For details please see Information/Events on the web site.

June 18 – Alaina Wescott Wedding Shower
June 19 - Eat, Talk, Pray: Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal
June 22 – Women’s Ministry Field Trip
June 23 – Jay Stoms preaching in the Evening Service
June 26 – Pete Williamson speaking at Prayer Meeting
July 15 – 19 Vacation Bible School
July 20 - Better English on Sixth Picnic
August 7 – Jay Eastman speaking at Prayer Meeting

This Evening

Pastor Nicoletti will continue his series on 1 & 2 Samuel in 1 Samuel 16:14-23, with further reflections on Pentecost. The Lord’s Supper will be served. The Lord’s Supper is observed every Lord’s Day at Faith Presbyterian Church alternating between the morning and the evening services. The officers have wanted to retain evening communion not only because all the Lord’s Suppers explicitly mentioned in the New Testament were in the evening, but as well to reinforce the importance of Sunday evening worship as a regular part of the observance of the Lord’s Day.

Wedding Shower for Alaina Wescott

Ladies, you are invited to come shower Alaina with some Faith Pres. love and fellowship on Tuesday, June 18th at 7pm in De Soto Hall. Alaina and fiancé, Danny Matsuda, will be marrying the following month, and their registry can be found on theknot.com/us/danielandalaina. Contributions to the group gift can be placed in the box in the narthex.

Luke 15 Prayer Group this Wednesday, June 12th

A Luke 15 prayer group meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month to pray for the adult children of our congregation who are questioning or rejecting faith. This concern is heavy on many hearts in our church, so if you would like to add your voice to the prayers for the spiritual lives of these beloved children, join us at 6:30 pm, in Room 105 downstairs.

Faith Presbyterian Church – New Directory

You will find the directory proof pages displayed in the Narthex today for changes, additions and corrections. Please take a moment to review your information; we want it to be as accurate as possible. Note that birthdays are listed on the last several pages; we would like to include yours there (birth year not needed). You may also contact the church office with directory changes.

If you are new to the church since the publishing of our last directory, we would very much like to include you in this update. *We do not automatically add you to the directory, so please write your information on the pages provided in the narthex or provide it to the church office.*

Ladies, Mark Your Calendars!

We have planned an outing to Bellevue Gardens (a 52-acre botanical garden) on June 22 from 9 am to 3 pm. Sign up today in the narthex. The cost is \$5 per person to cover the tip for an hour and half guided tour. You can bring a bag lunch or eat at the food court. If you have questions, contact Marcia Brodersen.

Men's Summer Softball

Men's summer softball is just around the corner, so if you're interested in basking in sunshine, belting home runs, and sharing in the fun of a championship run, then contact Kyle Murphy at for team information. The season begins June 20th, with games scheduled for Thursday nights at SERA field in Tacoma. Don't feel afraid of joining even if you can only make a game or two! And if you're the type of guy who's afraid of real commitment, stop your worrying: Walk-ons, shadow roster players, and late-bloomers are all welcome.

Adult Sunday School

- *The Women of Faith Class I* (Room 117) Martyrs and Missionaries and the Persecuted Church: In this Sunday School class we are reading stories and books about past and current missionaries and persecuted Christians around the world. We want to be aware of the plight of the persecuted church of today and to pray for them regularly.
- *The Women of Faith Class II* (Covenant High School Office) We are studying together the book *Union with Christ* by Rankin Wilbourne.
- *The Word of Faith Class* (Sanctuary) Bob Case discusses the life and times of the most significant black Presbyterian minister in America before the Civil War - Samuel Eli Cornish. Ordained the same day in the same presbytery as the great Princeton theologian, Charles Hodge, Rev. Cornish's life has application to us at Faith Presbyterian Church today. This is the final installment in this series.
- *High School Sunday School* (North Side of DeSoto Hall) Pastor Nicoletti will interview the newly graduated seniors.
- *Better English on Sixth ESL Sunday School* (Room 304) Kathy Lewis facilitates the Better English class where individual American partners help each international who wishes to read or discuss material at an appropriate level of English. Please contact Kathy or Jonathan Nichols if you would like to become a partner or assist Better English on Sixth in any way.

Explanation of the Cover Symbol

The anchor is an ancient Christian symbol for hope. It is derived from Hebrews 6:19: "We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul..." When combined with a cross it makes plain that Christian hope is in Christ and His redemption. The symbol was frequently used in this sense in the catacombs of ancient Rome.

Men of Faith, Morning Prayer Meetings & Devotions

There are opportunities to meet with fellow Men of Faith for prayer and devotions each week:

- Wednesday mornings with Phil Perkins: We meet at Bluebeard Coffee Roasters, 2201 6th Avenue in Tacoma. This group meets at 6 am for Bible reading and prayer. After several years we continue to focus solely on the Psalms which serve as a life guide. This is our third time through the Psalms over the course of nine years. One of the ancient church fathers, Athanasius wrote, “Whatever your particular need or trouble, from this same book (the Psalms) you can select a form of words to fit it, so that you...learn the way to remedy your ill.”
- **Thursday** mornings with Thom Wilson, 6:30 am at the church, Conference Room. Join us in studying through the Gospel of John as we pray for our concerns and the world around us.

College & Career Community Groups

College & Career is a young adult ministry of Faith Presbyterian Church. The goal is to provide opportunities for young adults 18 and older, whether single or married, to “do life” together throughout the week and form deep Christian friendships. C&C Community Groups are weekly small groups that meet in a home for dinner and fellowship. We currently have one established group that meets on Thursdays at Nate and Rachel Shelden’s home at 6:30. For more details, or if you’re interested in joining a C&C Community Group, please contact one of us and we’ll help you get connected!

Meals on Wheels

The purpose of Meals on Wheels is to provide meals for those families needing extra help due to illness, death in the family, adoption or childbirth. If you know of a need, please contact Kathy Haass, Alisha Bennett or the church office. Meal needs will be requested via TNT (This ‘n’ That), the church’s e-mail announcement system. To receive TNT e-mails, please contact the church office. Thank you!

Nursing Mothers

In addition to the nursery rooms, Room #117 – the Women in the Church room, is open and available for your convenience during all Worship Services. The service can be seen and heard in the WIC room.

Hearing Assistance

If you would like a device to help with hearing the worship service, please see a Deacon.