



**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Las Cruces, New Mexico**  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
**June 8, 2025 - 10:30 AM**  
*Enter to worship – Leave to serve*

**PRELUDE**

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" (tune by Louis M. Gottschalk, 1829-1869) - Robert J. Hughes (1916-1999)

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" – Michael Burkhardt (b.1957)

"Fanfare for Pentecost" - John Purifoy (b. 1952)

**\*\*The Prelude functions like a curtain that separates our world from the worship place of peace and sanctuary. We enter prayerfully. We wait expectantly, listening for God's Spirit and truth, which challenges us to return to the world equipped for faithful and useful Christian service.**

**\* Those who are able, please stand**

**Please turn off all cell phones**

**WELCOME, GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy. is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever. (Revelation 5:11-13 NRSV)

**CHORAL INTROIT "O Day of Joy and Wonder!"**

**Jonathan's Tune**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 104)**

**Paul Deason**

**Leader: O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

**People: These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

**Leader: When you send forth your Spirit, they are created; you renew the face of the earth. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works.**

**People: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)**

Eternal and loving God, we praise you for bestowing on us the power of your Holy Spirit at Pentecost. With wind and fire you breathe on us and claim us as your children. Come, Holy Spirit! May we be your dwelling place! Transform this humble gathering into the church of Jesus Christ – people of dreams and visions, people of hope and witness, people of love and service. Burn away all that is false in us, ignite in us a passion for the gospel, and sweep us out into the world to love and serve only you, our living God. We pray in the name of Christ our Lord, who taught us to say: **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.**

**PLEASE BE SEATED****CALL TO CONFESSION**

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

Bridegroom

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION****ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY**

**Leader:** If the Lord remembered our sin, who could stand? For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. But the Lord has promised, "I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more." In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare that our sin is forgiven. Thanks be to God.

**People:** **The Lord's name be praised. In Jesus Christ all our sin is forgiven. Amen.**

**Leader:** Now cleansed from our sin, how should we live in faithful response?

**People:** **Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.**

**HYMN OF ASSURANCE**

#408 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

**GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Amon Taylor

- Children are asked to sit on the carpet squares in the front.

CALL TO PRAYER #407 “Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers”      Nun Danket All’ und Bringet Ehr’

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## ANTHEM

## “Invitation”

Mary Kay Beall

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

## Genesis 11:1-9

## Acts 2:1-13

Catie Brewer

## Genesis 11:1-9 (New Revised Standard Version)

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the LORD said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

## Acts 2:1-13 (New Revised Standard Version)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# SERMON

## “Wind, Fire, and Praise”

Dr. Janet Loman

\*CLOSING HYMN

## #305 “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

Darwall's 148th

## BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Now Go in Joy"

Junkanoo

\*POSTLUDE

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck

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*Liturgist- Paul Deason   Sound System-Jonathan West   Video-Rusty Smith*

*Greeting before the Worship Service:*

*Bob Distlehorst-E   Dawn Griffin-O'Neal-W   Nick Koontz-S*

*Greeting after the Worship Service:*

*Nick Koontz-E   Janet Loman-W   Amon Taylor-S*

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Church, due to unforeseen circumstances, we are unable to provide you with the announcements section of the bulletin this week. Please look forward to its return next week. However, in the meantime, a few pertinent notes:

- All are encouraged to join us for After-Worship fellowship time following service in Jones Hall for refreshments and fellowship.
- This evening at 6 PM in the Jones Hall library, we will have the first of our Summer movie Nights, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves*. Discussion questions for families will be provided, and popcorn will be served.
- The calligraphy guild meets in Jones Hall on Monday at 5:30.
- The foundation meets in the Jones Hall Parlor Tuesday at 9:30.
- Committee Action Night is this Tuesday at 7 PM.
- This Wednesday, all who are interested in serving at the soup kitchen, please contact Lon Anderson.
- This Wednesday, the youth hike is to White Sands for its full moon night. Those interested should meet at the church parking lot at 6 PM on Wednesday.
- Next Sunday (June 15<sup>th</sup>), following after worship fellowship time, there will be a VBS workday for preparing classrooms, decorations, and planning our week together.
- Vacation Bible School Egypt will be June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 to noon for Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup>.