

***A special note to children and their parents:***

We welcome all children in worship! Please pick up a worship bag filled with activities to engage the children, right outside the Sanctuary. For infants and toddlers (up to 4 years old) the nursery is available in room 245. For those wishing to attend the service with children outside the Sanctuary, the Gathering Room is located up the stairs from the Narthex and is equipped with a television that shows the service. Toys are also available.

**Sunday Express** is our Sunday morning program For Pre-K - 5th grade students. During the school year, *Sunday Express* begins at 10 am and continues through the end of the 11:15 worship service. As a part of their education program, the children will join us in the Sanctuary at 11:15 am until the Conversation with Children and resume their *Sunday Express* in their respective classrooms. Parents are asked to pick up their children after the service.

\*Please note that *Sunday Express* goes on break beginning May 21 - June 11 as we gear up for **Summer Express**, which is our summer program for Pre-K-3rd grades. *Summer Express* begins Sunday, June 18th.

**If you need a hearing assistance device or large print bulletins, please see an usher.**

**Service For The Lord's Day: Glebe Sunday / Pentecost  
9:30 a.m. Service of Worship**

\*Please stand, if you are able. #The ushers will seat worshipers.

***Gather Around God's Word***

# PRELUDE *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*  
arr. Stephen Nielson

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) **Henry Brinton**

L: In the beginning, God's Spirit helped to create both heaven and earth.

**P: The Spirit breathed life into human beings.**

L: The Spirit inspired prophets to speak for justice.

**P: The Spirit came to Jesus on the day of his baptism.**

L: The Spirit filled the apostles and gave birth to the church.

**P: The Spirit moves among us today, making one body out of many people.**

L: Let us praise the work of the Holy Spirit!

**P: Spirit of the living God, come to us today!**

#\* HYMN 291 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (refrain and verses 1 and 2)*  
Lyrics Included on Back Cover

\* CALL TO CONFESSION **Yena Hwang**

L: God offers the Holy Spirit, but we turn away. Let us confess our sins together.

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)  
**God, we thank you for your Spirit, which came to the**

**apostles on Pentecost Day. We confess that we resist the power of the Spirit, and turn away from its challenges to do justice, to act with love, and to share good news with people around us. Instead, we often tolerate unfairness, withhold love, and keep our faith to ourselves. Forgive us, Lord, and inspire us as individuals and as a community. Help us to welcome the flame and the light of your Spirit, and give us strength, courage and hope, as we seek to launch a new day in the life of this church. All of this we pray in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Time for silent confession)

\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

L: Hear the good news: The Spirit is with us today,

**P: Offering us the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus.**

L: I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\* RESPONSE TO OUR ASSURANCE *Gloria Patri*

#\* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

***Proclaim God's Word***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Katie Sievers**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 2:1-11

L: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

**P: Thanks be to God.**

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN  
*The nursery is available during the service for children under 4 in room 245. Children will remain in worship. If your child needs a break, please take advantage of the Gathering Room or the narthex extension area. Summer Express for rising PreK-3rd grades will begin on Sunday, June 18.*

\* HYMN 288 *Spirit of the Living God*  
Lyrics Included on Back Cover

SERMON *When the Church Fails to Launch* Henry Brinton

***Respond to God's Word***

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

(Portion of The Nicene Creed)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS  
RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING SENIORS  
**Isaac Bumgardner**

OFFERING OF CHRIST'S PEOPLE  
OFFERTORY *O Day Full of Grace*  
arr. F. Melius Christiansen (1871-1955)  
**Gretchen Kuhrmann, Soprano**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)  
**Accept these gifts, O Lord, and use them to support efforts that are fueled by the Holy Spirit. May they connect us with our neighbors and send us out on a mission to bring good news to the world. All this we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER  
Invitation  
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer (unison)  
**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup  
Communion of the People

*Communion will be served by intinction. Please walk to a Communion station, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and partake. You may then return to your seat.*

Communion Music:

"Dona Nobis Pacem" from *Mass of the Children*  
John Rutter (b. 1945)

*Text from Lancelot Andrews (1555-1626) and St. Patrick's Breastplate (5th Century)*

Prayer after Communion

### ***Follow God's Word Into the World***

- \* HYMN 291 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (refrain and verses 3 and 4)*  
Lyrics Included on Back Cover
- \* PASSING OF THE SHEPHERD STAFF  
Henry Brinton to Yena Hwang
- \* BENEDICTION
- \* CHORAL BENEDICTION
- \* POSTLUDE *Come, Thou Almighty King*  
arr. Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

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#### NOTES ON WORSHIP

The flowers this day are provided by Matthew Scheeser and Scott Kryzstofiak in celebration of their wedding yesterday here at FPC.

OUR USHERS today are Isaac Bumgardner, Eleanor Duffield, Carolyn Gore-Ashe, Gary Sowers, and Ellen MacGregor.

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## *HYMN 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

### **Refrain**

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow  
through the wilderness, calling  
and free. Sprit, spirit of  
restlessness, stir me from  
placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

### **v1.**

You moved on the waters; you  
called to the deep; then you  
coaxed up the mountains from the  
valleys of sleep; and over the eons  
you called to each thing, "Awake  
from your slumbers, and rise on  
your wings."

### **v2.**

You swept through the desert; you  
stung with the sand; and you  
goaded your people with a law  
and a land. When they were  
confounded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your  
prophets to open their eyes.

### **v3.**

You sang in a stable; you cried  
from a hill; then you whispered in  
silence when the whole world was  
still. And down in the city, you  
called once again when you blew  
through your people on the rush  
of the wind.

### **v4.**

You call from tomorrow; you  
break ancient schemes; from the  
bondage of sorrow the captives  
dream dreams. Our women see  
visions; our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your  
people arise.

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## *HYMN 288 Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

### *Today At Fairfax Presbyterian*

- We recognize and honor the following seniors who are graduating from high school: Clark Bowden, Emilia Cabrera, Elise Offutt, Will Rodman, Serena Thapa, Meg Verhagen, and Faith Wilson.
- Thanks to members of the Confirmation Class for serving Communion this morning: Ben Anderson, Charlie Arase, Sarah Campbell, Emily Lamb, Marin Ward, and Alex Yee.
- Glebe Sunday Fiesta is a "Farewell Fiesta" for Henry's final Sunday before taking his sabbatical. Reflecting Henry's Honduran/Spanish theme for his sabbatical, we will feature some food with a Latin American flair.

# Fairfax Presbyterian Church



*Fairfax Presbyterian Church is  
An Uncommon Christian Community  
Embracing all people with God's love and grace.*

*By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
We at FPC worship God with honesty, joy, and imagination;  
Nurture our lives of faith in Christ;  
Extend hospitality and grace to all people;  
Serve a world in need; and  
Work for reconciliation among people of diverse perspectives.*

## June 4, 2017

### **Visitors: Welcome to Fairfax Presbyterian Church**

*We are glad you have joined us for worship and want you to feel warmly welcomed to this community of faith. We hope you will experience the Holy Spirit moving in this place through our worship, fellowship and mission. Please sign the red friendship pad, including your name, address, email and phone number so that we might be in touch to welcome you to our congregation. You are invited to join us for a cup of coffee or tea in the Narthex outside the Sanctuary following the service.*