

**First Presbyterian Church  
Chippewa Falls, WI  
Worship Service  
May 23, 2021 – 10:15 AM  
Pentecost**

**PRELUDE:**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**Psalm 104**

One: O Lord, how manifold are your works! The earth is full of your creatures.

**All: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

One: May my meditation by pleasing to you, O God, for I rejoice in the Lord.

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!**

One: Let us worship God!

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION:**

Our God is a God of justice, waiting to be gracious to you, yearning to have mercy on you.

Blessed are all who wait for the Lord. In penitence and faith, let us confess our sins to almighty God. (Isa. 30:18)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

**All: O God, like bones in the desert our faith is dried up and lifeless. The winds of false doctrine sear our spirit; the heat of conflict saps our strength. We seek an oasis to escape your judgment; we wander aimlessly in search of direction. Have mercy on us, and fill us anew with your Spirit. Give us counsel and guidance, and forgive us our waywardness.**

One: The prophet Joel declares that in the last days God's Spirit will be poured out upon all flesh. "And it shall be that whoever calls on God shall be saved." Know that as you call on God's name, Christ intercedes on your behalf to deliver you in his righteousness blameless before God.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

...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

## **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:**

### **Acts 2:1-21**

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, <sup>1</sup>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."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

## **GOSPEL:**

### **John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15**

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

**SERMON:                   “Big Changes in the Disciples’ Lives”           Rev. Rich Estrem-Fuller**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION:**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS:**

**CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:**

**POSTLUDE:**

