

# Firelands Presbyterian Church

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PENTECOST, by Peter Koenig

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Welcome to Firelands Church, a community of believers gathered by the Holy Spirit, growing together in Christ, and committed to serving God. Everyone is encouraged to stay for fellowship following the worship service.

## The Order Of The Liturgy

↑ Please stand in body or in spirit ↑

### **Prelude**

Morecambe arr. Hayes

Balm in Gilead arr. Stewart

Come, Breath of God Giamanco

### ↑ **Call to Worship** ("A Contemporary Celtic Prayer Book", p 19, *responsively*)

Blessed be the Sabbath.

**Blessed be God's "shalom."**

Blessed be the joy of kinship.

**Blessed be the joy of fellowship.**

Blessed be the joy of breaking bread.

**Blessed be the fruits of fertile earth.**

Blessed be God for our kinship

**With all peoples everywhere.**

And with all creatures of the earth!

**God looks upon us all, and it is all very good!**

### ↑ **Hymn 300**

*We Are One in the Spirit*

↓ **Call to Confession:** Have mercy, Christ, have mercy on all that trust in You, for You are God in glory to all eternity.

### **Prayer of Confession** (*together*)

**Searcher of hearts, You know us from the beginning. You see in us more good and beauty than we dare to believe. You beckon us to do more than we dare**

to try. Forever You call our names, but we have filled our ears with the sounds of the world; we timidly speak of Your great love; we doubt the gifts hidden within each of us.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy and forgive us.

-- Silent Meditation--

Searcher of hearts, shine Your forgiving light into our hesitancy, and embolden us to live with such joy and fire that all the world may know of Your love. Let it be so. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**Hymn 408, verse 1 and refrain** *(together) There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

### **Prayer of Illumination** *(together)*

God, source of all light, by your Word, you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that our hearts and minds may be opened to know your truth and your way. Amen.

**First Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

**Anthem** The Lord's Prayer Kriewald

Janet Gray-Moore, flute, and Serendipity Singers

**The Gospel:** John 20:19-23

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** Changed by the Holy Spirit

Rev. Luke Choi

### **↑ Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Hymn 288**

*Spirit of the Living God (x 2)*

### **↓ Presentation of Our Gifts, Offerings, and Thanksgiving**

### **↑ Doxology - Hymn 593 blue hymnal**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.....*

## ↓ Prayers of the Church and 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Communion Invitation

Hear the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ: The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes. With thanksgiving, let us offer God our grateful praise.

The Lord be with you.     **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.     **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

**The Lord's Supper**     *(approach the table using the center aisle - return using the side aisles)*

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

**Communion Meditation**     Spirit in This House     Spielberg

## Prayer after Communion.

↑ **Hymn 611**     *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

## Charge and Benediction

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

**Benediction Response Hymn 66 refrain** *(together)*     *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

**Postlude**     Eternal Father, Strong to Save     Dykes/Martin

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## Prayer Concerns

Garrett Holcomb; Bill & Pat Sharp; Gene Bailey; Karla Hoffman; Mason Fenton (improved after brain tumor surgery but loss of vision); Flona & Eric Pott; Karen Dietz; Anne Trombatore; Linda Holcomb's sisters, Lois & Carol; Linda Holcomb's neighbor Matt Wammes; Betty Layton's friend, Sue; Gerry, Dan Barlow and family, Kathy Jerran, Sally Wahlers, All who travel this weekend

## This Week at Firelands

<b>Today 5/24 Pentecost</b>	10:30 Worship followed by Fellowship. Assisting in Worship are Mary Caracci (reader), and Karen Dietz and Marilyn Umlauf (Communion servers)
<b>Monday</b>	Memorial Day - church closed
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am - 2:00pm Office Hours 6:00pm - 8:30pm - Power Squadron Boating Course
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 - 2:00 Office Hours
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00am - 2:00pm Office Hours Cleaning Service
<b>Friday</b>	3:30pm - 4:30pm Choir Rehearsal (possible)
<b>Next Sunday 5/31</b>	10:30 Rev. David Aber, preaching. Assisting in worship are Ed Carlson (reader), and John and Kay McIntosh (Communion servers)

Assistant Stated Clerks of the General Assembly with the former Office of the General Assembly and twenty years of parish ministry. He resides in Broadview Heights, OH with his wife Jenis, and they share two adult sons, Stephen and Joshua.

Since September of 2021, Rev. Luke Choi has been serving as a church consultant for the Board of Pensions PC (USA) after four and a half years as one of the