

# The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9 AM Worship + June 20, 2021

## Welcome & Announcements

**Prelude** *Jesus Loves Me (setting of Clair De Lune)* arr. Bock

### Call to Worship

Leader: We worship a God who calls us to ask ourselves, “who is my neighbor?”

**All: We worship a God who challenges us to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

Leader: We worship a welcoming, expansive, and inclusive God who calls us to look beyond ourselves and into our communities.

**All: We worship a God who challenges us to love the stranger and to remember what it was like to be a stranger.**

Leader: Let us be open to the guiding of the Holy Spirit as we seek to become better neighbors and welcomers.

**All: Let us worship our God!**

**Song** *Breathe On Us*

**Verse** There is a shaking | Let hearts awaken | Our God is moving  
Forever changing us | There is a trembling | There is revival  
The sound of worship | So great and glorious | Holy Spirit hear us now

**Chorus** Breathe on us | Holy fire fall | Come and fill this place with  
Your presence | Like a rushing wind | Send Your Spirit here  
Breath of Heaven breathe on us (Breath of Heaven breathe on us)

### Repeat Verse

### Repeat Chorus

**Bridge** Lift up your hands and shout | The Lord is with us now  
Lift up your voice and sing | He is holy

### Repeat 3X

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### Prayer for Confession (unison)

**O Holy God, we come in confession for our lack of love. We have neither loved ourselves nor our neighbors. We have passed by suffering and misfortune because of fear or busyness or preoccupation. We have held prejudices against people as deep as those against the Samaritans. Heal our pains, amend our faults, and guide us in ways of danger and compassion, for we pray in the name of Jesus, our most beloved neighbor, who cared for us even to the cross.**

*(Allow a few moments of silence to observe personal confession)*

**Amen.**

### Declaration of Forgiveness

The Word of God assures us that we are able to love through the Spirit of Christ. Let us go from this place with authority, knowing that God’s Word gives us strength to love our neighbors near and far and power to speak up for those who are broken. Thanks to the Word of God!

### The Children’s Message

*Children 4th grade and younger are invited forward for the Children’s message. After the Children’s Message, children Kindergarten and younger may leave for Wee One’s Worship.*

### Pass the Peace (Leader)

The Peace of Christ be with you!

*Friends, the peace of Christ be with you! You are encouraged to pass the peace to neighbors by waves and/or air hugs. If you are worshipping with us online, we encourage you to text a friend and pass the peace.*

### Hymn 749 *Come! Live in the Light!*

*FPC does not have permission to print the lyrics. Lyrics can be found on the internet. | Scan this QR code for lyrics on hymnary.org.*



### Scripture *Luke 10:25-37*

<sup>25</sup> A legal expert stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to gain eternal life?”

<sup>26</sup> Jesus replied, “What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?”

<sup>27</sup> He responded, “*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.*”

<sup>28</sup> Jesus said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup> But the legal expert wanted to prove that he was right, so he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

*(Scripture continues on back page)*

<sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. <sup>31</sup> Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. <sup>32</sup> Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. <sup>33</sup> A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. <sup>34</sup> The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day, he took two full days' worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, 'Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.' <sup>36</sup> What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?" <sup>37</sup> Then the legal expert said, "The one who demonstrated mercy toward him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

**Summer Sermon Series: "Faith Like a Child"** *Who is My Neighbor?*

### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

And now as Christ taught us, we are bold to pray... 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.

### Call for Offering

Friends, our giving is one way of saying thank you to God for what God has given us. It's an act of gratitude. It is also an act of worship. Just as we present our words in liturgy and song and prayers to God, we present a portion of the fruit of our work to God, our money. May we reflect on what we have been given and respond by giving generously to the work of God through this community.

**Today's Offertory Song** *Build Your Kingdom Here*

### Benediction

Knowing Jesus blessed even vulnerable, trusting, excited and expectant children, we now extend that blessing in God's name. Friends, know that you are a child of God. You are a child of God whether you are 5 or 95. You are a beloved child of God. May you accept God's loving and comforting embrace, may you receive Jesus' hands upon your head, and take your place at the welcoming table of God, and in childlike faith, grow into God's kingdom. And with God's infinite help, may you pull up a chair for other children of God when they come to join the party. Amen.

**Postlude** *Come! Live in the Light!*

**Singers** Lisa Pluska, Courtney Warner, Tara Holmes, and Praise Band

**Worship Music** Praise Band

**Pianist and Leader of New Stone Gathering** Amy Bowman

**Director of Children's Ministry** Todd Bowman

**Worship Leader** The Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas

**Liturgist** The Rev. Dr. Dan McCoig Jr.

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**Next Week's Worship Times** *Sunday, June 27*  
10 AM in our Parking Lot (outside) | 11 AM in Sanctuary

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- Masks are optional.
- Social distancing is optional.
- Room capacities are lifted.
- All entrances and exits of the building are available for use.

Persons who are not yet fully vaccinated should continue to mask and distance when indoors per CDC guidelines.

Persons with COVID-19 symptoms or who have been in contact with a person with COVID-19 symptoms in the past two weeks are asked to remain home and worship virtually.

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