 **Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church**

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**Let Us Gather Together…**

**Musical Prelude** …………………………………………..………………………………………………………………………. Frederick Bolden

**Scripture** ………………………………………………….. 1 Chronicles 16: 23-27 ………………..…….……..………….. Martin Rangel

**Greetings/Call to Worship** *(N.Townley)* ………………….…….…………………………………………………… Michael Blankenship

Come, Holy Spirit, come! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence! Come, Holy Spirit, come! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do. Come, Holy Spirit, come! Be with us, shake us, and transform us into the people you would have us be. Come, Holy Spirit, come as we worship your Holy name. AMEN.

**Gathering Song**……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………. Joyce Bolden

**Might We Pray**

# **Call to Confession**

# O Lord, we confess the mistakes of our life which we cannot undo. Help us to accept the consequences without bitterness, to learn from our sin with obedience to your wisdom, and to respond with joy to the blessing of a new opportunity. O Lord, your truth provides our understanding while the love of Christ nurtures our purpose. Trusting in God’s grace, let us silently confess our sins to the Lord…

**Silent Confession** ………………………………………………………………………….……………………………………….. Kimari Spangler

**Assurance of Pardon**

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and quick to love. The Lord hears us when we call from within our sin and offers mercy to retrieve us from it. Our confessions remind us of this gift. *Therefore, we believe the good news of the gospel: in Christ we are forgiven…*

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer:**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, the 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.

**Gloria Patri** ……………………………………………………………..……………..…….……………………………………….. Frederick Bolden

**O Lord, Speak to Us…**

**Scripture Lesson** ...…………….*.*…….…………….. Acts 2: 1-8; 12-13 ………………….………………………………… Nickey Wright

**Reflect in Song** …………………………………..……………………………….….…………..……………………………………….. Janie Bolden

**Sermon** ….…….……………..…………….… *“What Does This Fire Mean?”* …….…………….………… Rev. Vernie L. Bolden, Jr

**And How Shall We Respond…?**

**Song of Commitment** …………………………………………………………..……………….…………………….. Rev. Ellen Woodworth

The Invitation to the Lord’s Table

**Meditation** …………………………………………… Luke 23: 35-43 ………………………………………….. Rev. Vernie L. Bolden, Jr

**Prayer of Praise**

**The Sharing of the Bread and Cup** (Let Us Break Bread Together) ………………………………………………….. Joe Wilson

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Affirm Our Faith *(Psalm 23, NIV)***

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley,I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. AMEN

**Let Us Spread the Good News…!**

**Charge/Benediction** ……………………………………………………………..……………………………………. Rev. Vernie L. Bolden, Jr

**Closing Music** ………………………………………………………………………………..……….................................. Frederick Bolden

**Our Prayer List**

**Carolyn Coleman, Irene Coleman, Jon Barton, Cyndi Hale, Rhonda Hale, Robert and Katrine Cole, Rayfus Parham, the family of Joy Ledwell on her passing, Thom Witting, Dr. Walter Claytor and family…**

**SESSION MEETING TODAY following the worship service…**

**ATTENTION: There will be NO Forming Faith Bible Study on this Memorial Day, Monday, May 29…**

***Acts 2: 1-8; 12-13***

*When the day of Pentecost came,* *they were all together in one place.****2****Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.****3****They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.****4****All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

***5****Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.****6****When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.****7****Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?****8****Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?*

***12****Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”*

***13****Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”*