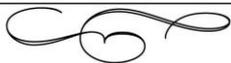
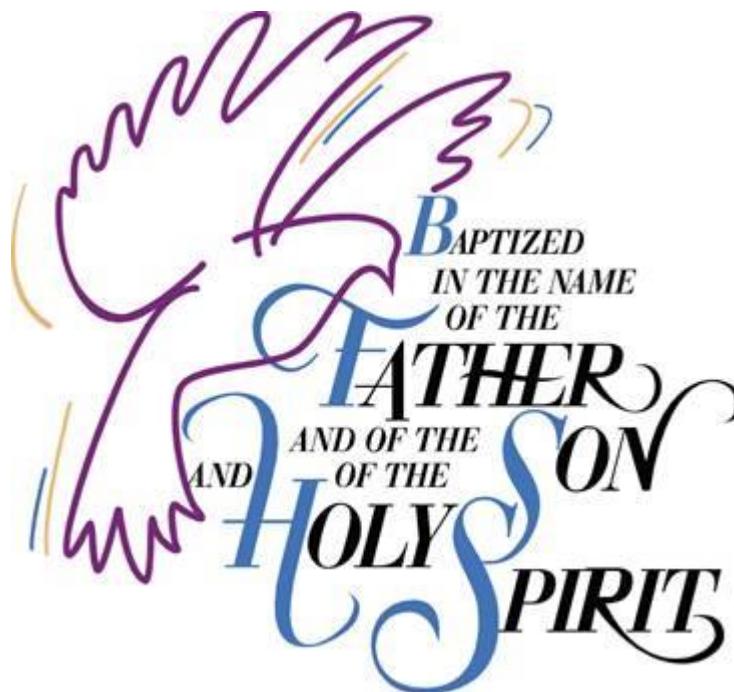


# *The Church in Brielle*

A Congregation of the Reformed Church in America



*Center for Spiritual Wellness*



*Celebrating Baptism, Ascension and Pentecost*

June 9, 2019

## **WELCOME!**

Please accept a special welcome to this service of worship. God has gathered us as his people and we pray the worship hour will bring refreshment, renewal and inspiration. Guests are encouraged to fill out the *Welcome cards* found in the pew racks. Prayer requests can be written on the flip side of those cards and placed in the collection plate. We will include your prayers in today's service. Please join us for fellowship at our coffee hour following the service. Nursery care (up to 3 yrs. old) and Sunday School are offered during the worship hour. If you are not sure where to find these services, please speak with the usher.

**Please silence your cell phone when entering the sanctuary**  
Large Print Bulletins Are Available From The Ushers

# *Day of Pentecost*

*10:00 am*

## **Prelude**

## **Welcoming, Announcements & Greeting**

## **Introit**

### *We Celebrate the Ascension of Jesus: Acts 1:1-11*

Friends of God, after Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection he walked among his disciples for 40 days, teaching them, comforting them, and loving them, until it was time for him to return to the Father...

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him,

**'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?'**

He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses...

**in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'**

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said,

**'People of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven?**

**This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'**

♪**Song of Praise:** *(please stand)* **"Shout to the Lord"**

### *We Celebrate the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit: Acts 2:1-17*

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—**

**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:

‘People 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.**

♪**Song of Praise #721: (please stand) “Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

**The Sacrament of Baptism** Colbie-Ann Harper Christiani

Baptism is the sign and seal of God’s promises to this covenant people.

In baptism God promises by grace alone:

**to forgive our sins; to adopt us into the Body of Christ, the Church;  
to send the Holy Spirit daily to renew and cleanse us;  
and to resurrect us to eternal life.**

This promise is made visible in the water of baptism.

(Water is poured into the fount at this time.)

**Water cleanses; purifies; refreshes; sustains: Jesus Christ is living water.**

Through baptism Christ calls us to new obedience:

**to love and trust God completely; to forsake the evil of the world;  
and to live a new and holy life.**

Yet, when we fall into sin, we must not despair of God’s mercy, nor continue in sin,

**for baptism is the sign and seal of God's eternal covenant of grace with us.**

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

### **The Welcome:**

Let us welcome our new sister in Christ.

**Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ. Join with us as we give witness in the world to the good news, for we are all one in Christ Jesus. Alleluia.**

♪ **Hymn #470:** *(please stand)* **“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”**

## **Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings**

### **Anthem**

♪ **Doxology: #809** *(please stand)*

### **Prayer of Dedication:**

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

**Lord Jesus, ascended and glorious One, who poured out your Holy Spirit on Pentecost, who comes to us to heal and forgive us, and to call us your sisters and brothers in your Kingdom agenda, who gave us gifts to use among the Body of Christ in the world, and who promises one day to return in the same way you ascended, we give because we are sold out to your plan for our world – to bring fully your Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.**

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.**

Fulfill your plan for us, and for all your Church, until all humanity has enough, until all creation is at peace, and until heaven and earth fully meet.

**For thine is the Kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory now and forever. Amen!**

## **Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon:** “Who We Are Because of Ascension, Pentecost and Baptism”

Reverend Louis LaFazia

## **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

♪ **Hymn #272:** *(please stand)* **“The Trees of the Field”**

**Benediction** *(please remain standing)*

## **Postlude**