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Below you will find the bulletin for the
11:00 a.m. service for The Day of Pentecost, May 19, 2024.
We come as Christ's body to honor God's presence together.
We come to share faith, hope, and love with one another.
We come to proclaim and to hear "God is with us! Thanks be to God!"
~Pastors Otto and Jeremy



May 19, 2024

The Day of Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Silent Meditation

*Don't be afraid! God's Holy Spirit brings you healing comfort and hope.
You are being prepared to serve God in some mighty ways.
Rejoice! God's Holy Spirit is with you always. Amen.*

Nancy C. Townley, ordained elder in the United Methodist Church

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE:

“Come Down, O Love Divine”
Nicholas Lazzara, oboe

arr. Charles Callahan

† CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!
Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action.
Come, Holy Spirit. Energize our lives to work for God.
Let your wind of hope swirl around us, lifting and moving us from complacency.
Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your blessing on us.
**Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God's presence and
love in everything we say and do. Amen.**

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ENTRANCE

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 539 “O Spirit of the Living God” FOREST GREEN

1. O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine, descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine. Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace; till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.
2. Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee. Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal, to preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.
3. Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear, the language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear; till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one, and earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.
4. So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save; so shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave; and earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole; till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!

Text: Henry H. Tweedy, 1935

† COLLECT:

Almighty God, may your Holy Spirit burst into our lives today, encouraging and inspiring us to proclaim boldly the good news of Jesus Christ, who offers healing and hope to all people. Amen.

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† GLORIA PATRI: No. 70

MEINEKE

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

Text: Lesser Doxology, 3rd-4th century

PROCLAMATION

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM:

“Spirit Moving Over Chaos”

David Ashley White

Joe Turner, percussion; Nicholas Lazzara, oboe;
Robert Dunbar, Nancy Hogewood, Catherine Crowder, and Kendra Hiatt, handbells

*Spirit, moving over chaos, bringing light where there was none,
be to us a light, revealing where the work is to be done.
Praise to God, among us dwelling, praise the Spirit giving light.
Breath, instilling animation, giving life, informing soul,
breathe into all our beings life that makes the Body whole.
Praise to God, among us dwelling: praise the Spirit giving life.
Power, Life-force, Inspiration, blowing, breathing, brooding here,
call, enliven, and empower for your work, both far and near.
Praise to God, among us dwelling, praise the Spirit giving strength.
Spirit, moving over chaos, bringing light where there was none,
be to us a light, revealing where the work is to be done.*

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LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-21 (NRSVue)

Reader: Mary Ann James

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 people 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, 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, "Fellow Jews 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.'"

The Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

SERMON: "This Is What Was Spoken" The Reverend Dr. Otto Harris

RESPONSE

† **RESPONSIVE HYMN:** No. 544 "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" BRIDEGROOM

1. Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight, like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**
2. To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the Vine, to the church in faith assembled, to her midst as gift and sign: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**
3. With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer, with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

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† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “I Will Sing With the Spirit” John Rutter

*I will sing with the spirit: alleluia... And I will sing with the understanding also: alleluia...
I will sing with the spirit: alleluia...*

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† **DOXOLOGY:** No. 94 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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† **OFFERING BLESSING**

SENDING FORTH

† **HYMN OF DEDICATION:** No. 541 “See How Great a Flame Aspires” AFRON (MAJOR)

1. See how great a flame aspires, kindled by a spark of grace. Jesus' love the nations fires, sets the kingdoms on a blaze. To bring fire on earth he came, kindled in some hearts it is; O that all might catch the flame, all partake the glorious bliss!
2. When he first the work begun, small and feeble was his day; now the Word doth swiftly run, now it wins its widening way; more and more it spreads and grows, ever mighty to prevail; sin's strongholds it now o'erthrows, shakes the trembling gates of hell.
3. Saints of God, your Savior praise, who the door hath opened wide; he hath given the word of grace, Jesus' word is glorified; Jesus mighty to redeem, who alone the work hath wrought; worthy is the work of him, him who spake a world from naught.
4. Saw ye not the cloud arise, little as a human hand? Now it spreads along the skies, hangs o'er all the thirsty land. Lo! the promise of a shower drops already from above; but the Lord will shortly pour all the spirit of his love.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1749

† **BENEDICTION**

† **CHORAL BENEDICTION:** No. 543, v. 1 “O Breath of Life” BISHOP POWELL

**O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power.**

**O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.**

Text: Bessie Porter Head, 1920

POSTLUDE:

“God of Grace”
Joe Turner, timpani

Paul Manz

***Our Service of Worship is ended.
Let our worship through service begin.***

† Please stand as you are able.

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**We thank oboist, Nicholas Lazzara, and percussionist, Joe Turner,
for joining us in worship today.**

**The flowers for today's service are given to the Glory of God by Ken Acker
in celebration of Pentecost, the birthday of the church.**