

Order of Worship
May 20, 2018 10:00am
Pentecost

MORNING MEDITATION - *(Please enter the Sanctuary and be in quite meditation and prayer)*

Holy Spirit, draw us all together in one place, that when we go forth each to their own purpose, give us the strength to embrace your being. Unknown

PRELUDE: "Jesus Lead Thou On" Johann Sebastian Bach

OPENING WORDS Joyce Monska

*****CALL TO WORSHIP** Joyce Monska

Leader: On the wings of the wind and in the breath of our beings,

People: You have loosened our tongues, and the good news shines like the morning sun.

Leader: Through the dancing of the flames,

People: You stirred our hearts and compassion flowed like a healing breath of peace.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, Come into our hearts.

People: Dwell in our hearts, dwell among us in our church and fill us with our fiery love.

*****OPENING HYMN :** "O Church of God, United" UMH # 547

INVOCATION Joyce Monska

Leader: O Lord, open our hearts that we might love one another and be unafraid of life!

People: Come to us this day so that we might be filled with your marvelous love.

Guide us to recognize your power and help us to live freely, through the Holy Spirit.

Leader: May we live in your sight. May we hear your voice. May we seek your grace.

People: O Lord, grant us the willingness to believe in the things we find hard to comprehend.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. David F. Hurst

Leader: Let us confess our sins.

ALL: God of mercy, we confess before you and each other that we have been unfaithful to you. We lack love for our neighbors, we waste opportunities to do good, and we look the other way when you cry out to us in the suffering of our brothers and sisters in need. We are sincerely sorry for our sins, both those we commit deliberately and whose we allow to overtake us. We ask forgiveness and pray for strength that we may follow in your way and love all your people with that perfect love that casts out all fear; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Thank you, almighty God, for the gift of your Son, who has appeared to us in the most unlikely places. Strengthen us, to follow your teachings and receive your blessing of forgiveness with sincerity. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **People: Thanks be to God.**

*****PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*****CHILDREN'S TIME** Eduardo and Children

Psalter Reading: Psalm 104 (Pg. 836-827 Red Hymn Book) Nancy Harding

JOYS AND CONCERNS Rev. David F. Hurst

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

*****Response: "Glory Be to the Father"**

"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"

Scripture Reading, First Lesson: Nancy Harding

Ezekiel 37: 1-14 (Pg. 769-770 - OT)

*****Hymn of Preparation: "Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us" UMH # 331**

Scripture Reading, Second Lesson: Rev. David F. Hurst

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21 (Pg. 119 - NT)

Sermon: "The Holy Spirit Comes Among Us" Rev. David F. Hurst

Ministry of Giving: "New Life, New Creation" Music:Words David Worbet

*****Doxology** *"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures*

"here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts; Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit!! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

*****PARTING HYMN: "God of Grace" UMH # 577**

(please be seated after singing of hymn)

BENEDICTION:

People: Be Alive in the Spirit, be a dancing flame of joy!

Be a warm fire of comfort, be a blazing source of compassion!

Leader: May the winds of Pentecost and the resurrected Christ go with you!

POSTLUDE: "Praise God the Lord"

Johann Walter

The Acolyte this morning is: Alexis Morrey

The Altar flowers are in honor of the 42nd Wedding Anniversary of Susan and Louis Routhier. (May 15, 1976)

MEETINGS - Week of May 20th

Sunday, May 20th - Worship 10am

Sunday, May 20th - Bible Study - Pastor's office - 11:30am

Today, Sunday May 20th - Fair Meeting - 11:30am

MEETINGS - Week of May 27th

No meetings schedule

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FAIR: A very important fair meeting will be held at 11:30am following the worship service in the Sunday School room at the end of the main floor hallway. Anyone and everyone who has already been a part of or interested in the Holiday Fair is asked to attend this meeting.

COLLECTION FOR GROVE ST. INN

This collection begins today through Sunday, June 3rd.

Our Mission Committee is asking for donations of : flashlights with batteries, umbrellas, sunscreen, razors/shaving cream for men & women and hand sanitizer.

NEWSLETTER

May / June Newsletters are on the Table of Opportunity. Be sure to take your copy if you haven't already. In the newsletter you will find a new small form with information needed for the church office and for those wishing to participate in our monthly birthday celebrations. Please fill this out and return it to the church by mail or drop it in the box on the table of opportunity.

FINANCE

We are looking for 3 more people to be "counters" for the offering taken at Sunday Worship. As teams of 2 work on a rotation basis we would like to form one more team so to have 4 teams See Pam if you are willing to be a 'counter'.

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"OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"

**Sunday, May 20, 2018
Worship Service 10am**

PENTECOST SUNDAY

***"Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to fulfill
God's will for the transformation of the world through
Spiritual growth, education, worship and fellowship.
We express our faith through others."***

We welcome you to join us in this journey!