

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Pentecost Sunday

Order of Service

Gathering Song..... “**Sweet, Sweet Spirit**” (*Hymnal, #334*)

There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the spirit of the Lord; There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

Greeting/Call to Worship..... **Sister Cynthia**

Leader: Come, O Holy Spirit, come.

People: Holy Spirit, come.

Leader: Come, almighty Spirit, come.

People: Almighty Spirit, come.

Leader: By your Spirit’s power, O Lord, bring us healing and joy.

People: Come, Holy Spirit bring us healing and joy.

ALL: Renew our spirits and fill our hearts with the peace of Christ.

Hymn of Praise “**Every Time I Feel the Spirit**”

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray, Yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke
Out of His mouth came fire and smoke
Looked all around me, it looked so fine
Ask my Lord if all was mine.

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray, Yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Jordan river, is chilly an' cold
It chills the body but not the soul
There ain't but one train, upon this track
It runs to heaven, an' runs right back.

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray, Yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Oh, I have trials and I have woes
And I have heartaches here below
But while God leads me I'll never fear
For I am sheltered by all his care.

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray, Yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance (*Unison*)

Spirit of life, we confess that we fail to honor life. Blow your life giving breath through us. Spirit of love, we confess that lovelessness prevails in our lives. Shower upon us the grace of your Son. Spirit of truth, we confess that your truths are not put before your truth. Spirit of gentleness, we confess the hardness of our hearts. Whisper new imagination, new dreams, into our minds. Spirit of unity, we confess our disunity in the church, community, and world. Bind us together and heal our divisions. O Holy Spirit, gather us in the power of your peace. **Amen.**

The Invocation

Song of Meditation — “**Trust Me**” (*Richard Smallwood*)

The Prayer of Illumination (*Unison*)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace, through Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading #1 (*Acts 2:1-21, New International Version*)

² 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?

⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” 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.”

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ““In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

Scripture Reading #2 (*1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, New International Version*)

³ Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one

Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Unity and Diversity in the Body

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by¹ one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

Scripture Reading #3 (*John 7:37-39, New International Version*)

³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” ³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Doxology – “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” (*Recite in unison*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be low; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

The Affirmation of Faith — “The Apostles’ Creed” (*recite in unison*)

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 Ghost,

 born of the Virgin Mary,

 suffered under Pontius Pilate,

 was crucified, dead, and buried:

 the third day he rose again from the dead;

 he ascended into heaven,

 and sitteth on 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.

The Gloria Patri – “Glory Be to the Father” (*Recite in unison*)

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.**

Children / Youth Moment**Sister Jaime**

Hymn of Preparation — “Change” (*song by Tramaine Hawkins*)

Inspirational Message **Rev. Eugene Matthews**

“Change”

Praise and Prayer Concerns

Invitation / Altar Call Rev. Eugene Matthews
Selection — “Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”

1. What a wonderful change in my life has
been wrought.
Since Jesus came into my heart;
I have light in my soul for which long I
have sought,
Since Jesus came into my heart.

Refrain:

Since Jesus came into my heart,
Since Jesus came into my heart;
Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea
billows roll,
Since Jesus came into my heart.

2. I have ceased from my wand'ring and
going astray,
Since Jesus came into my heart;
And my sins which were many are all
washed away,
Since Jesus came into my heart.

Refrain:

Since Jesus came into my heart,
Since Jesus came into my heart;
Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea
billows roll,
Since Jesus came into my heart.

3. I shall go there to dwell in that City I
know,
Since Jesus came into my heart;
And I'm happy, so happy as onward I go,
Since Jesus came into my heart.

Refrain:

Since Jesus came into my heart,
Since Jesus came into my heart;
Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea
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Announcements

Benediction

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Sunday, June 7th — Peace with Justice Sunday. If you could make a sacrificial donation in your on-line giving, it will be appreciated.

Equipping the United Methodist Church to Do Justice in Jesus' Name —

When you give on Peace with Justice Sunday, your gift makes possible our critical kingdom work in the world. Because you give: (1) Methodists spearhead a peace ministry uniting Arizona border communities; (2) United Methodists in Liberia are being equipped to implement the denomination's Social Principles to address social-justice issue; and (3) Pennsylvania students are educating their community about sex-trafficking at home and abroad. These initiatives, and hundreds of other ones, are possible because you give.

130th Anniversary Shirts — I'm sure you have seen the email about the purchasing of our commemorative shirts. **Sizes:** Small to XL = \$15; 2X = \$17; 3X = \$19. **If you are interested in purchasing a shirt, please contact Millicent at the church email.**



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Churches are to remain closed until **June 8th**.

Annual Conference will be held on **Saturday, September 12th**. (place has not been designated).

General Conference — **August 31, 2021–September 10, 2021**

Jurisdictional Conference — TBA



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Equipping disciples to transform the world”*

Special Prayers / Sick and Shut-In List: If you hear of anyone that is in need of special prayer or is taken to the hospital, please contact: Rev. Eugene Matthews (443.257.2730 (cell), 410.379.0600 (home), reveugene@comcast.net)

*Condolence to the family of the late
Charlene Thomas*

Homegoing Service announcement forthcoming

*Condolence to the family of the late
Mel Goldsborough
(Aunt to Burley family)*

Rev. George F. DeFord, Sherman / Erica Roy, Janeen Thomas, Eunice Harding (Gemma's Mother), Tyrone / Pat Mundell, Samuel / James Briggs (Cynthia Burley's brothers), Barbara Matthews, Charles Burley, Richard Cager, Jr., Joan Moore, Larry Powell, Veronica Miller, Jeanette Reeves, Ernestine Gibson, Grace Elaine Catchings, James Matthews, Birdie Walker, Paul Browder, Laura Dotson, Mildred Awkward, Phillip Reese, Lamar Payne, Kevin Miller, Nancy Daniels, Eunice Parker, Hannah Polk, Delores Tyler

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