

Day of Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

May 19, 2024

GATHERING

The people of God come together in the Lord's name

Prelude - Variations on "Veni Creator Spiritus" (Hymn 651) - Maurice Duruflé

Introit - *The Spirit of the Lord* - Charles Callahan

Call to Worship

And in the last days it shall come to pass, God declares,

That I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,

And your sons and daughters shall prophesy,

your old shall dream dreams, and your young shall see visions.

Opening Hymn 475** - *Come Down, O Love Devine*

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till Love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Invocation

God of grace, you sent the promised gift of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the women, upon Mary the mother of Jesus and upon his brothers. Fill your church with power, kindle flaming hearts within us, and cause us to proclaim your mighty works in every tongue, that all may call on you and be saved; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages.

Scripture Reading - Psalm 104:24-30

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gloria Patri (sung)

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.

Anthem - *Weave Me, Lord* - Linda Spevacek

Senior Recognition

Madison Scott

Jordan Tausch

God's Word for Young Disciples

Anthem - *Praise His Holy Name* - Keith Hampton

Scripture Reading - Acts 2:1-21

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Sermon

Pastor Jon Priebe

RESPONSE

The people of God respond to the Word

Hymn of Response 400** - *Come, Though Fount of Every Blessing*

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Discipleship Moment/Reception of New Members (Hymnal p. 35)

Mark Carson

Anne Jeffcott

Sally King

Evelyn Ing

Lori Kidd

Virginia Laconi

Vic Ing

Lewis King

Marjorie Taylor

Offertory - *Now the Green Blade Riseth* - Kevin McChesney

Doxology**

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith

Closing Hymn 603** - *Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire*

Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire,
let us thine influence prove;
source of the old prophetic fire,
fountain of life and love.

Come, Holy Ghost (for moved by thee
the prophets wrote and spoke),
unlock the truth, thyself the key,
unseal the sacred book.

Expand thy wings, celestial Dove,
brood o'er our nature's night;
on our disordered spirits move,
and let there now be light.

God, through the Spirit we shall know
if thou within us shine,
and sound, with all thy saints below,
the depths of love divine.

Benediction and Response - *Benediction* - Tim Zuschin

Postlude - *Fugue in d minor* (BWV 565) - J. S. Bach



The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and given

In honor of Judy Jesson, on her birthday, by Ed Jesson, Melinda and Doug Koch, Ed and Wanda Jesson, and Christy and Brent Meyers.

Service Music - Epworth Ringers; Epworth Choir; Chancel Choir

Music: One License A-731491

NEXT STEPS

Speaking Power

Acts 1:8 – Jesus’s mission is _____ by the _____

Acts 2:4 - the spirit gave them _____ to _____ other tongues

The Power of Love

John 20:22 – Jesus already _____ them the spirit in _____

the _____ gift of the Spirit mirrors the _____ commandment:

love of _____ and love of _____

God’s Love is a _____ that _____ barriers and boundaries

Questions for Reflection: The gift of the Holy Spirit is for all who follow Jesus. How is your life powered by the Holy Spirit?

Question for Discussion: When have you seen God’s love cross a language barrier?

Memory Verse: *Acts 2:4* – “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.”

Readings for this Week: Isaiah 6:1-8, John 20:19-23, Acts 1

CHURCH NOTES

Summer Worship: Next Sunday, May 26, we will switch to our Summer worship. **We will have one service at 9:30 a.m.** There is no regular Sunday School during the summer, although childcare is available in the nursery for infants through preschoolers.

Potluck Today! When you leave the sanctuary this morning, please greet our newest members in the Narthex. Then head to the parlor to congratulate the seniors. After that, go up to Wesley Hall and enjoy a **Potluck Lunch** with our church family. Beverages and table service are provided.

Singers Companye In Concert: Described by The Washington Post as an ensemble with “unfailingly beautiful tone and charm,” this choir will feature Dan Forrest’s “Jubilate Deo,” a setting of Psalm 100 in which the psalmist invites the world to sing for joy. Join us **THIS Wednesday, May 22, at 7:30 p.m.** and enjoy an evening of stunning choral music.

Vacation Bible School Deadline: The deadline for registering for VBS is fast approaching. You may register online at <https://fumccf.mycokesburyvbs.com> or pick up a flier at the Welcome Center or the office. VBS is from 9 a.m. - noon for children aged 3 (by 9/30/24) through 4th grade. SERVE is at the same time for grades 5-6 and the afternoon Extreme program is from noon to 5 p.m. Scholarships are available if needed.

VBS Teacher Training is mandatory for all helping - including teens - and will be held on May 29 at either 12:30 or 6:30 p.m. with a make-up day on June 2 after the morning service. Those helping with the preschool classes should plan to attend a short meeting after the 12:30 session to plan for their portion of VBS. Please RSVP to Donna Curfman as to which session you will attend.

Giving Board: Please check out the Giving Board in the Breezeway where we have placed cards requesting the donation of certain items for our programs. All items should be returned no later than June 7.

Retirement: Kathy Kuzas will be retiring from First Church after over 35 years of service. Please join us in congratulating her and wishing her all the best for the future. We will host a farewell gathering in her honor on Sunday, June 30, after the worship service. During the month of June, we will have a card shower for Kathy. Please place any cards or notes in the basket on the Welcome Center.

Chess Camp: This program for children going into grades K and up will run in the mornings from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. the week of June 24 – 28. Beginners through advanced chess players are all welcome for a cost of \$25. This will include lunch each day. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center, in the church office and on our website.

Work Camp: Each year a group of adults and youth from First Church go to Henderson Settlement in Kentucky. There they take on projects for the folks who live there: painting, roofing, repairing. Helping these folks is a wonderfully rewarding experience. This year Work Camp will take place June 2 - 8. If you are interested in going, or just want more information, please contact Jack Steele at 330-697-8344.

Annual Golf Outing: It is time to mark your calendars again for the 18th Annual Bud Mills Memorial Golf Outing to benefit the Epworth tour of 2025. The outing is at Brookledge again on June 22 at 1:30. You may play in the event for \$90. We are seeking hole and cart sponsors as well at the \$150 and \$25 levels.

Family Promise: For the next several months, we are collecting laundry detergent PODs and bottles of all purpose spray cleaner for the families living in Glendora House. If you are able to help us with this, please put your donation in the Family Promise bin by the library.

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MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Scott Adie	Jim Henes
Bob Ahonen	Kathi Sawyer
Debbie Amundsen	Bonnie Shultz
Jim Beebe	Karen & Michael Taucher
Mark & Cindy Blaser	Ken Tunstall
Don Corbett	Sandy Wardell
Mary Griest	Rose Ann Youngkin

DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:

Family of member Carolyn Wadelin on her death on 5/10.

Billie Corbett and family on the death of her husband, member Don Corbett on 5/8.

Wade (Kim) Kerr on the death of his sister, Kay Steiner on 5/4.