

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## *The Day of Pentecost*

May 23, 2021

9:00 a.m.

\*All who are able may stand.

**Bold type spoken by the congregation**

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### GATHERING. . .

***MASKS ARE TO BE WORN THROUGHOUT THE SERVICE.  
PLEASE REMAIN SEATED FOR THE HYMNS.***

The Prelude

*Spirit of God*

arr. Lani Smith

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

The Call To Worship (from *Psalm 104*)

Betty Merrill, liturgist

O Lord, how manifold are Your works! The earth is full of Your creatures.

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;**

**I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

May my meditation be pleasing to You, O God, for I rejoice in the Lord.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!**

The Prayer of Adoration

**Give thanks to God, O my soul, and all that is within me, praise God's Holy Name. We come, O God, to give You honor and glory. We gather to bless You for your countless gifts. Alive with Your Spirit and made whole by Christ's love, we praise Your Name. The Heavens portray the extent of Your wisdom; the earth is full of Your handiwork. We join in Creation's song, lauding Your Name with the glad praises we bring. All glory and honor to You, the One Eternal God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Hymn

*Let Every Christian Pray*

*Let every Christian pray, this day and every day, come, Holy Spirit, come!*

*Was not the church we love Commissioned from above? Come, Holy Spirit, come!*

*The Spirit brought to birth the church of Christ on earth to seek and save the lost:*

*God never has withdrawn, since that tremendous dawn, the gifts at Pentecost.*

*Only the Spirit's power can fit us for this hour: Come, Holy Spirit, come!*

*Instruct, inspire, unite, and help us see Your light: Come, Holy Spirit, come!*

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Holy and Merciful God, we do not know how to pray as we ought, and we know all too well our continuing failures to do as You have commanded and to hold fast to Your word. Forgive us for the divisions we nurture, the hurts we inflict on others, the disdain we hold for the weak, the poor, and the marginalized. In Your great mercy, forgive us our sins ...(time for silent confession)... . In Jesus, keep us in Your care, and lead us into true faithfulness. We trust Your Word that the Spirit of truth will show us all things and grant us courage and peace. Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

The Gloria Patri (spoken)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.**

\*The Peace and Greeting

**The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you!**

(Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those worshipping at home, please share Christ's peace with someone outside Your home this week.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The New Testament Lesson: *Acts 2:1-21*

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 8:22-27*

The Anthem

*Holy Spirit, Gift of God*

Eggert/Vajda

Brendan Shirk, oboe; Chris Fisher, Patti Kerns, Dorothy Mondak,  
Mary Ann Casey, Bobbie Kerns, Roy Jarnecke, Larry Casey,  
*Holy Spirit, gift of God, spread Your grace and peace abroad;  
plant the seed of life in all doomed to death in Adam's fall.  
One is never more alone who is kin to God's dear Son;  
all are joined in unity in God's timeless family.  
New in outlook, new in hope, heightened vision, broadened scope;  
In them glows a love divine, through them Jesus' virtues shine.  
Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three Yet One!  
Never ending glory be to the blessed Trinity!*

A Moment With the Children

The Gospel Lesson: *John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

*Advocate, Comforter, Helper*  
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

\*The Affirmation of Faith

*A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God,  
the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free  
to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us  
together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us  
in the water of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of  
salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples  
to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and  
to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ  
in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life  
or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

...hear us O God, **Your mercy is great!**

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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME. . .

The Hymn 289

*On Pentecost They Gathered*

*On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,  
a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.  
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,  
and tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.*

*The people all around them were startled and amazed  
to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.  
What universal message, what great good news was here?  
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.*

*God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,  
on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.  
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.  
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.*

*O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,  
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.  
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,  
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.*

\*The Charge & Benediction

\*The Postlude

*Blessed Be the Name*

arr. Brian Glyncannon

***KINDLY REMAIN SEATED DURING THE POSTLUDE.  
YOU WILL BE DISMISSED BY OUR SAFETY USHERS FROM  
THE BACK TO THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY.  
WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING.***

# Announcements for May 19-26

## **Christian Formation**

As another semester of Church School comes to a close, I am reminded of what a joyful gift it is to serve a congregation that seeks to provide so many unique and diverse learning opportunities for children, youth, and adults. For the last several weeks, children have gathered in the Fellowship Hall for crafts, music, and bible stories. Middle School and High School Youth have been meeting on Sunday evenings for fellowship and formation and adults have met via Zoom this semester participating in everything from bible studies to book groups, film classes to in-depth discussions around our call to environmental stewardship. We even have been able to reconvene last year's Confirmation Class, and are looking forward to celebrating with the Explorer's the culmination of their work and study.

THANKS  
FROM THE  
HEART

Many thanks to all who make this ministry possible – the Church School Superintendents and teachers, the Parents, Youth, and Children, the adult participants, the Christian Education Committee, and all who uphold in prayer the ministry of faith formation.

Christian formation is the work of God's Holy Spirit in the lives of God's people, slowly growing them into the image and character of Jesus. God does this work by renewing our minds, reordering our loves, and redirecting our lives toward the end of glorifying God. Thankfully, this work does not end along with the Church School semester, but continues throughout our entire lives. Let us keep alert for opportunities to be formed into the people God is calling us to become!

Blessings,  
Brittany

## **Weekly Meetings & Activities**

- Wed. (5/19) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Church Lawn)  
Contact Marsha Luckett ([marshajluckett@gmail.com](mailto:marshajluckett@gmail.com))
- Thurs. (5/20) — Jubilate Ringers, 6pm (Sanct. Balcony)  
Adult Choir, 7:15p.m. (Sanctuary)
- Sat. (5/22) — Church-wide BYOP Picnic, 12:30pm
- Sun. (5/23) — Worship, 9am (Sanct. & Youtube)  
Children's Church School, 10am  
Adult Church School Classes
- Tues. (5/25) — Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30am (FH & Zoom)  
Contact John Howe ([jhowe1969@cox.net](mailto:jhowe1969@cox.net))
- Wed. (5/26) — Meditation Group, 5:30pm (Zoom)

### Lectionary Readings for Sunday, May 23:

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;  
Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

## **Church Family News:**

**Capsule of Concern:** Doris Glidden, Doris Gulatsi, Bill Hollister, Mike Kuliasha, Debra Myers, Billie Plank, Irene Repanshek, Larry Repanshek, Pam Werner

## **Birthdays this week May 23-30**

23. Charles McDaniel, Tim Sullivan
24. John Fartro, Andy Cass, Becca Mahon
25. Gale Kehoe
26. David Johnson, Jerry Zekert,  
Lindsey Campbell
27. Alex Fino, Grace Fino
28. Lynne Rawlings, Lynn Hamb, David Betz
29. Sheila Baker, Jacob Veil, Mary Szymanski
30. Abe Rowe, Nancy Nash, Saige Morris



Wear red this Sunday, May 23, in celebration and observance of **Pentecost**.



**Rocky Railroad** - Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. Join us July 12-16, from 9:00

a.m. to noon. Register online using the link below to sign up both participants and to volunteer. Any questions please contact Robin Joel. <https://vbspro.events/p/events/7710ec>

*Thank you* to everyone who provided dinners or brownies for the meal delivery on Saturday, May 15. Not only were the meals delivered to motels, they were also served to people who sat on the church lawn. This is the first step in getting back to serving meals in the Fellowship Hall. The **Community Dinner** is always served/delivered on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. Look for upcoming announcements on how you can help. Questions? Contact Karen Johnson, [ksjohnson422@msn.com](mailto:ksjohnson422@msn.com) (540-621-5685).

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**Summer registration for Camp Hanover is open!!** Studies have shown that outdoor camps help support whole-child health, social emotional learning, academic performance, as well as college & career readiness. Come to camp and 'Bond over s'mores, not screens!' The camp staff is focusing on health, safety, and risk management and is using the American Camp Association Field Guide and guidance from the local health department. The staff is also implementing strategies (testing, co-horting, masking, distancing, etc.) that mitigate the spread of COVID-19. For more information or to register, go to <https://www.camphanover.org>



A reminder that we continue to serve our neighbors in need through the Food Pantry at Fredericksburg United Methodist Church. As of May 24, the FUMC Food Pantry days and hours of operation will be changing. It will now be open only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 2:00-4:00 p.m. If you are interested in serving the community through this ministry, contact Elder Sherman Brown or sign up online: <https://tinyurl.com/PantryHelp>

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The week of June 20, we will be congratulating and celebrating **those who are graduating from high school and beyond**. Please email the church office with the name of the school from which you or someone you know is graduating ([cjforsing@fredericksburgpc.org](mailto:cjforsing@fredericksburgpc.org)). Thank you!

**Volunteers Needed for Refugee Feeding Ministry** - Since the beginning of the pandemic, our congregation has provided several thousand pounds of food for local refugees and other at-risk individuals in our community. We are looking to expand this ministry, but we need volunteers! If you are interested in helping to sort and/or deliver food to these families, please be in touch with Marsha Luckett ([marshajluckett@gmail.com](mailto:marshajluckett@gmail.com)) or Betsy Mathias ([bcmathias@aol.com](mailto:bcmathias@aol.com))

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