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Service of Worship May 24, 2015 at 11:00 am Pentecost Celebration of Holy Communion

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

This morning we celebrate the Eucharist (the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion) by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup). We also provide a gluten-free alternative. After receiving the elements you may come to the railing to receive a blessing from the pastors.

Prayer of Preparation

Unless the eye catch fire, The God will not be seen.

Unless the ear catch fire, The God will not be heard.

Unless the tongue catch fire

The God will not be named.

Unless the heart catch fire, The God will not be loved.

Unless the mind catch fire, The God will not be known.

William Blake (1757-1827) from *Pentecost*

Welcome

Prelude

Pentecost Improvisation Reed Simon, violin and Bryan Thomas, bass

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Variation on a Theme: Acts 2: 17

In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young women and men shall see visions, and your old women and men shall dream dreams.

Derek Duncan - Arabic

Suzanne Marcy - Russian

Nora Duncan - Chinese Ginny Mast - German Carl Jenks - Portugese Charity McDonald - Tongan Carline Paul-Blanc - Creole John Lentz - Greek

Jed Koops - Hausa

Molly Webster Spanish

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* Processional Hymn No. 305

"Come, Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Litany for Pentecost

Rev. Clover Beal

Leader: Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters. From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith. You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciple; you gave them voice before the rulers of the world.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God; you make us the living temple of your presence; you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you guide and make holy the church you create; you give gifts – the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety, the spirit of the fear of the Lord, that the whole creation may become what you want it to be.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

Alleluia Jeannette Sorell



Anthem

Jayne Southwick Cool

Acts 2: 14-24; 37-42

"With the Help of the Spirit of the Lord"

Descant Choir

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Scripture Lesson (see last pg)

After the reading

Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr

"The BHAG"

Ritual of Friendship

all are asked to sign

Offertory

Bob Chilcott

"Gloria" (from Jazz Mass)

* Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God all creatures here below,

Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

Eucharist

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus Leon Roberts

Prayers of the People

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.

Communion of the People

Music during Communion

"Holy Spirit, Come Now"
"Spirit Open My Heart"

Tanzania Ruth Duck

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of the Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Going Forth to Live as God's People

* Closing Hymn No. 66

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

- * Commission and Blessing
- * Choral Benediction
- * Passing of the Peace

Postfude American trad.

"O When the Saints Go Marching In" Reed Simon and Bryan Thomas

*please stand if able



Welcome Visitors!

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex. Take one home with you! Be sure to visit our website, www.fhcpresb.org, to find a complete list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and texts and audio of past sermons.

Please join us in wearing a name tag so that we might greet you. Our ushers have hearing devices, large print editions of the bulletin, activity bags for children staying in worship, and directions to our nursery for babies and young children. Prayer requests may be passed to an usher during the middle hymn for inclusion in the prayers of the people.

Congregational Notes

Chancel Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Nancy Burcham in memory of loved ones, and by Phyllis and Nick Baumgartner in memory of their parents.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Prayers are requested this week for the following:

Don Clark, Larry Dorod, Chuck Ishler, Sherry Leinweber & her family, Mary Lewis, Robert Nemcek, Bill Proudfit, George Sentell, Debbie Ungemach, Peggy Yeager.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Bill Currie, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Iris Gilbert, Ron & Florence Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Arlene & Jack Quinn, Margie & Dwight Stauffer, Elaine Tapié.

The Deacons encourage you to stop by the Greeting Card Table in Fellowship Hall before or after worship to sign a card for one or more of our homebound members. We will address and mail the card for you.

Ushers Thank you to head usher Roger Heineman and today's ushers. Please contact the church office if you are interested in joining an usher team.

.Announcements

TODAY Today's Music

Today we celebrate Pentecost with the help of stellar jazz musicians Reed Simon, violin and Bryan Thomas, bass. In addition to his music credits, Reed is Associate Professor of Fine Arts at Notre Dame College and is a fine painter. Bryan is the Bass Professor at Kent State University and often performs with his wife Tina Bergmann, a nationally-recognized hammered dulcimer player.

There will be a brief Meeting of the Congregation TODAY immediately after worship.

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 am in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The lesson this week is from Isaiah 6: 1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8: 12-17; John 3: 1-17.

NEXT SUNDAY

Worship will begin at 11 am for the next 3 Sundays.
The summer schedule begins June 21.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS Care Group

The Jordan Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during May. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will then be passed on to the Care Group leaders.

→ Members of this month's Care Group are:

Mary McMillan, Deacon Leader Neil & Kathy Molyneaux

Debbie Adrine Jon Newton
Betsy & Joe Andrews Linda Rainey

Mike & Danielle Cosgrove John & Kara Schellenberg & family

Dale & Elaine Dannefer Jim & Pat Seeders
Sally Davis Dan & Kristin Smith

Ralph & Kathy Dise Dalma Takacs
Ron & Marcia Grant Grace Uhle

Roger & Consuelo Heineman & family Tori Weisberg & family

Dorothy Herd Becky & Brian West & family

Carl Jenks Marilyn Wilk

Krystal LaFontaine Diana Woodbridge

Ellen McChesney

Cleveland Peace Action Education Fund presents....

Private -- a documentary drama about a Palestinian family, by Saverio Costanzo. The film will be presented at the Cleveland Hts Library on Sunday, May 31 at 2 pm.

Social Groups and Circles

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

All women are invited to join Iris Circle when they visit the Kent State University Fashion Museum on May 27. Our tour is at 10:30 am; meet at the church at 9:30 if you want to carpool. RSVP to Barb Hansen (440-255-5514 or bjhansen47@gmail.com).

Hilltoppers (retired)

Our annual Spring Luncheon and planning meeting will be June 19 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 700 Beta Drive, Mayfield Village. The cost for the buffet luncheon is \$20 per person; reserve your place by June 14 by contacting Nancy Burcham (burcham@roadrunner.com or 440-446-0832).

Pacesetters and The Group

On Saturday June 13, The Group and Pacesetters will gather for a BYO picnic at 6:30 in Cain Park and attend a performance of GODSPELL at the Alma Theater. Please contact Laurie Logan (logan@att.net or 216-308-0487) or Pat or Hal Musick (halmusick@att.net or 440-442-3592) if you are interested in joining. All are welcome!

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The June TOWER is on the website and may be found at http://www.fhcpresb.org/news-

upcoming-events/2015/05/22589/

Custodial

Printed copies are ready to be picked up in the Garden Foyer.

Calendar: May 24 - 31, 2015

Sunday, May 24: Pentecost Last day of classes

9:00 am Child care begins

9:30 am Youth Education

Descant Choir

10:15 am Descant Choir activity

10:30 am Continental Breakfast

Chancel Choir

11:00 am WORSHIP: Communion

Young Children in Worship class

12:15 pm Meeting of the Congregation

Fellowship hour

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day – office closed

6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA)

7:00 pm Al Anon

7:30 pm AA: Borton Group

Tuesday, May 26

12:00 pm Abundance Pantry Lunch

1:00 pm Abundance Pantry food

distribution

5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class

Wednesday, May 27

7:30 am Bible and Bagels

12:30 pm Wednesday Women's AA

5:00 pm Presbytery meeting –

Christ Church, Chesterland

Thursday, May 28

5:00 pm Fitness Fusion exercise class

Friday, May 29

10:00 am Al Anon meeting

5:00 pm Excell graduation

Sunday, May 31

8:30 am Nominating Committee mtg

9:30 am Child care begins

10:30 am Continental Breakfast

Chancel Choir

11:00 am WORSHIP:

Teacher Appreciation

12:15 pm Fellowship hour

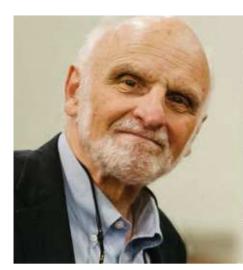
12:30 pm Recital

(students of Anne Wilson)

2:30 pm Recital

(students of Ann Marie Falcone)

5:00 pm Labre ministry



Dr. Walter Brueggemann Sunday, June 14

9:30 am: Bible Study

11:00 am: Sermon

2:00 pm: Discussion of the Bible's

Response to Wealth Inequality

Important Summer Dates

June 7: Dacia Prins' last Sunday
Celebrate Our Graduates

June 14: Walter Brueggemann will be here
9:30 Adult Ed
11:00 Preach
2:00 Public Lecture

June 21: Summer schedule begins

June 28: Worship in Fellowship Hall Youth Mission Trip to Harlan KY begins

July 19: Rev. Clover Beal's last Sunday

September 13: Regular schedule begins

Fall Festival

The Lessons

Acts 2: 14-24, 37-42

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea 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.' "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save

yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Next Sunday: **Isaiah 6: 1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8: 12-17; John 3: 1-17.** Set aside time each day for prayer and study. As you read the lessons for the week, consider how they settle or challenge you? What image or word catches your attention? Keep notes of your observations in a journal.

On the cover:

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