

Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Our Approach to God

Prelude Fugue à 5 Nicolas de Grigny

The Call to Worship

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

We have been given the Holy Spirit. We dwell in him and he in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people.

We sing to him. We sing praise to him and speak of all his marvelous works.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,

Who was and is and is to come!

*The Hymn of Praise *On Pentecost They Gathered* 128

*The Call to Confession

The Spirit of the Lord knows our every word and deed. Let us open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in repentance and faith.

*The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we come in humility, confessing our sins. We are often unresponsive, for we are afraid. When your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears, for we fear what you might call us to do. When your Spirit touches our lips, we close our mouths, embarrassed to speak your Word. When the wind of your Spirit blows, we close the windows of our hearts, afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives. When the fire of your Spirit touches us, we quench the flame, afraid of the new life it might bring. Forgive us, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Through Jesus, forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, according to the riches of his grace. **Thanks be to God.**

*The Response *Spirit of the Living God* 322

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

The Anthem Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song Alan Smith
Chancel Choir

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The New Testament Reading Acts 2:1-21 page 159 NT

The Sermon Disrupted by the Holy Spirit Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed(traditional) hymnal, page 14

*The Hymn *Spirit of the Living God* 322

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is...

...We worship and adore your glorious name, saying together:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Liturgist : Connor Rousseau

Ushers: Pete & Ginny Brucker, Natalie Martinez, and Tom Poole

Greeter: Sally Carney

Fellowship Hour: Sandy Rease

Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich, Director of Music Ministry and the Chancel Choir

Communion Servers: Pete & Ginny Brucker, Karen Kalina, and Pam Moran

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Please join us immediately following worship in the gathering area for refreshments and fellowship.

For The Hearing Impaired

The service audio is being broadcast on 96.7-FM throughout the building and parking lot. Feel free to bring your pocket size radio, with headphones or earbuds, and listen to the service at an audio level that is more comfortable for you.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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Grab a refreshment and join us today after worship in the library as we continue the Great Courses Series on The New Testament.

Summer Special Music

Would you like to help lead in worship this summer? This summer, while the choir is on break, I am looking for singers and instrumentalists to help with the special music. If you would like to play or sing during worship, please talk to me and we can arrange that. I am happy to accompany you, and can also help you find music if you

are interested but aren't quite sure what would be appropriate. —Thomas

Heidenreich 513-746-8876 / music@spcsaginaw.org



May Mission Project



National Foster Care Month is celebrated in May, and the Mission Committee has chosen to acknowledge this important subject by supporting "River Jordan, Inc.," located in Bay City, Michigan, and serving surrounding counties. River Jordan's mission statement reads: "to empower current and former foster youth to take responsibility of their own individual lives and become productive members of society." This is particularly important to those youth 18-21 years of age who have "aged out" of foster care and require "a safety net", including shelter and support services.

Pamphlets concerning River Jordan's mission and services will be available on the Mission table, and you may also explore their services online at www.riverjordan.org and view the YouTube video "I changed my story" of the founder's life story and how this organization came into being. Cash/check donations will be collected during the month of May. There are also volunteer opportunities (if interested, information and specifics found in website/pamphlet).

Christian Education Director



We are looking for a creative and energetic individual to develop and oversee the educational programs of our church to encourage the spiritual growth of all members. This is a part-time position which would consist of 10 hours per week. A detailed job description is available for review on the table in the gathering area. For additional information please contact a member of the Christian Education Committee: Pam Moran, Christy Higley, or Laura Bosley.



The church office will be open Monday thru Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.. **The office will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.**

Prayer of Illumination

Eternal God, we pray that you will pour out your Holy Spirit to move us to understanding, to help us to believe the gospel, and to give us strength and wisdom to live by it. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Acts 2:1-21 NIV

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^[a] 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,^[b] **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.'^[c]