

Day of Pentecost

May 15th, 2016 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Variations on a Pentecost Hymn* arr. Young

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Holy Spirit, Fall On Me*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Acts 2*

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

One: In the last days it shall come to pass that God's Spirit will be poured out upon all flesh.

All: **Sons and daughters shall prophesy, young men shall see visions, old men shall dream dreams.**

One: Let us call upon the name of the Lord, who alone has given us salvation.

All: **Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us this morning, O Lord, that we may experience the power of your presence.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us* #129

Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN (*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*)

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of Truth, coming from the depths of God, you know all too well what lurks deep within us. We confess that we have not loved one another as the Lord has loved us. We are quick to find fault and spread gossip, sins that undermine the whole fellowship of believers. We have left the strangers and seekers among us feeling like outsiders. We have not used faithfully the powerful gifts of love and service you gave the church at Pentecost to carry the Gospel beyond these walls. Renew a right spirit within us, that we may have a unity of spirit, mind, and purpose, and that we may carry Christ's love and mercy from this place into our weekday community and to the world beyond. We pray in the name of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God now and forever. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Glory Be to God Our Father* AUSTRIAN HYMN

Glory be to God our Father and the Son and Holy Ghost

Three in one from the beginning, praise him all ye heavenly host!

God has shown us grace and mercy, let us sing to him our praise

With thanksgiving, laud and honor we will praise him all our days

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples.

Afterward, children ages 5 thru 3rd grade may go to Worship Our Way (W.O.W.)

while children in 4th grade and older are invited to worship with their families.

+PREPARATORY HYMN *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* #398

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING 1 Kings 3:1-5, 9-14 p. 283 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Holy Spirit, Flame And Fire* Govenor

GOSPEL READING James 3:13-4:12 p. 203 NT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Spirit of the Living God* arr. Carter

+Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* #592

+Prayer of Dedication

2016 GRADUATE RECOGNITION

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Belhar Confession*

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered; and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.

+ SENDING HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* #339

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *The Word Of The Lord*

+POSTLUDE *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* arr. Trivette

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Helen Phillips
- the acolyte is Hope Shockley
- the bell ringer is
- the W.O.W. leaders are David & Emma Shockley
- the Little W.O.W. leaders are Jane Leidig and Sarah Allen
- the nursery volunteers are Kay Bunn and Amanda Livingston
- the sound board tech is Seth Reynolds

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

VISITORS: We are delighted to have you with us this morning and hope you feel at home. Please let us know a bit about you by filling in your information in the Friendship Register this morning. **A Nursery is available** for infants and children through age 3. If you need directions an usher can assist you.

HEARING DEVICES are available for the hearing impaired from an usher.

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME – At the Session retreat in April the decision was made to change the worship time to 10:00 a.m. for JUNE AND JULY ONLY. The Session also felt that these two months should be more informal. We will be making a couple of changes to the worship order for a more relaxed environment, the pastor and the choir will not wear robes, and worshipers are invited to dress more casually, as well. In August we will return to our regular time and attire.

OUR CURRENT SERMON SERIES is on *The Book of James*. James is a letter written to encourage and help Christians across the world to face the challenge of faith. It has been called the "Proverbs of the New Testament" because it is filled with practical advice about how to live lives of faith as individuals and as a church. This sermon series will take us back to the basics as we look at the core essentials we need to incorporate into our lives of discipleship.

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:

May 15	James 3:13-4:17	<i>James: Faith and Humility</i>
May 22	James 4:13-5:12	<i>James: Warnings Against Materialism</i>
May 29	James 5:13-20	<i>James: The Prayers of the Faithful</i>

INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A LITURGIST? We are looking to expand our pool of liturgists and would love to have YOU join. Pastor Tim holds a training class for all new liturgists so that you will be prepared to serve. If you have ever thought about serving as a liturgist, now is a great time to start. Contact Pastor Tim if you are interested. He will schedule the training class once we have enough folks signed up.

OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS we are going to be updating our records so we can publish a new Church Directory (the non-pictorial kind!). Are you a new member, has your address or phone number changed, do you have a new addition to your family, are you receiving email updates from the church or has your email address changed, does the church have your birth date so that we can help celebrate your special day, if not, there is a form on the table in the Narthex that you can take to update all of your information. Once completed, you can put it in the offering plate, place in Donna's mailbox, or drop it by the church anytime. We will compare our records to the form and make sure we have all your information correct.

Prelude – Variations on a Pentecost Hymn

Wind who makes all winds that blow- gusts that bend the saplings low,
Gales that heave the sea in waves, stirrings in the mind's deep caves-
Aim your breath with steady power on Your church this day, this hour.
Raise, renew the life we've lost, Spirit God of Pentecost.

Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame, move within our mortal frame.
Make our hearts an alter pyre, kindle them with your own fire.
Breathe and blow upon that blaze till our lives, our deeds and ways
Speak that tongue which every land by your grace shall understand.

