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Greenfield Charge United Church of Christ

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Lay Speaker
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Services Canceled
Online Only
Day of Pentecost

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Sunday Morning Prayer

Thank you, God, for the renewing strength of the Holy Spirit.

May the Spirit sustain us as we go forward this week.

Guide us Dear God to be a witness for Justice and Love especially in these times.

May the Holy Spirit fuel us with courage and comfort in Jesus' Name. Amen

Call to Worship

The Holy Spirit Comes (based on Acts 2:1-6)

“When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force - no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building.”

(Ring your wind chimes, bells, and wave your flags and streamers.)

“Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.”

This is the day our God has made let us be glad and rejoice in it!

Like a wildfire, we proclaim the Holy Spirit is with us at this moment.

(All): We praise God for the Holy Spirit which fills us at this moment.

Opening Hymn “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MIOwwihkVSQ>

Gathering Prayer

Dear Creator of heaven and earth be with us as we worship and praise your name. Be with us as we gather as a community of God, asking that the Holy Spirit to descend on us as it did in that upper room of our ancestors so many years ago. The Holy Spirit which sustains us each and every day in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

We humbly come before you,
authentically and fully as your children,
including all that has separated us from you and each other.
We asked for the healing of forgiveness
for the ways in which we fall short.

<Silent Reflection>

Words of Assurance

Thank you for the assurance of forgiveness as we resolve to do better as a family of God with you and with one another. In Jesus Name. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21 NIV

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

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.’

Psalm Reading

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b NIV

²⁴ How many are your works, LORD!
In wisdom you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵ There is the sea, vast and spacious,
teeming with creatures beyond number—
living things both large and small.

²⁶ There the ships go to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

²⁷ All creatures look to you
to give them their food at the proper time.

²⁸ When you give it to them,
they gather it up;
when you open your hand,
they are satisfied with good things.

²⁹ When you hide your face,
they are terrified;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return to the dust.

³⁰ When you send your Spirit,
they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works—

³² he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,
who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

³³ I will sing to the LORD all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him,
as I rejoice in the LORD.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 NIV

³ Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to

another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Unity and Diversity in the Body

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

Meditation Hymn “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ro9EJqBMDWw>

The Reading of the Holy Gospel

John 20:19-23 NIV

Gloria Tibi (Glory be to Thee, O Lord.)

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gloria Patri

Children's Message

See the Children's Bulletin titled 'Jesus Appears to His Disciples'

Today's Message

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pu0wnq9uJJE&t=12s>

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hades; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic/Christian church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

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.**

Sung Response

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

Closing Song

"You'll Never Walk Alone"

from Carousel by Rodgers and Hammerstein

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6gpoJNv5dlQ>

Benediction

Go in Peace in the Name God
who created us,
who redeemed us, and
sustains us. **Amen.**

Three-Fold Amen

Greenfield Charge Prayer List

Roger C

Zaiden B

Our HealthCare Workers



To my family and friends (and friends that I did not know that I had!):

Thank you so much for remembering me on my 99th birthday. I am overwhelmed by the kind words and love expressed in your cards and Facebook messages. Your thoughtfulness means so much to me. God bless you all. --Rhea Costello

Claysburg Area Community Days is Cancelled for 2020.

WINGS thanks all who may have started baskets for this year's basket auction. Please either save your basket for next year or donate to another group who may host a fundraiser during the year. We were blessed with a very successful auction last year and still have adequate funds to carry us through the upcoming year. We look forward to hosting our booth in the 2021 Community Days event.

2020 PA Primary Election is this **Tues June 2nd**. Polls open at 7am and close at 8pm. Check your polling location.

On **Sat June 6th**, the **2nd Free Milk Giveaway** will be held from 10am until all 3800 gallons of milk are given away. It is held this time at the First Church of Christ in Altoona (Parking Lot 113 Good Shepherd Road, Altoona Off Juniata Gap Road)