

June 5, 2022

PENTECOST SUNDAY

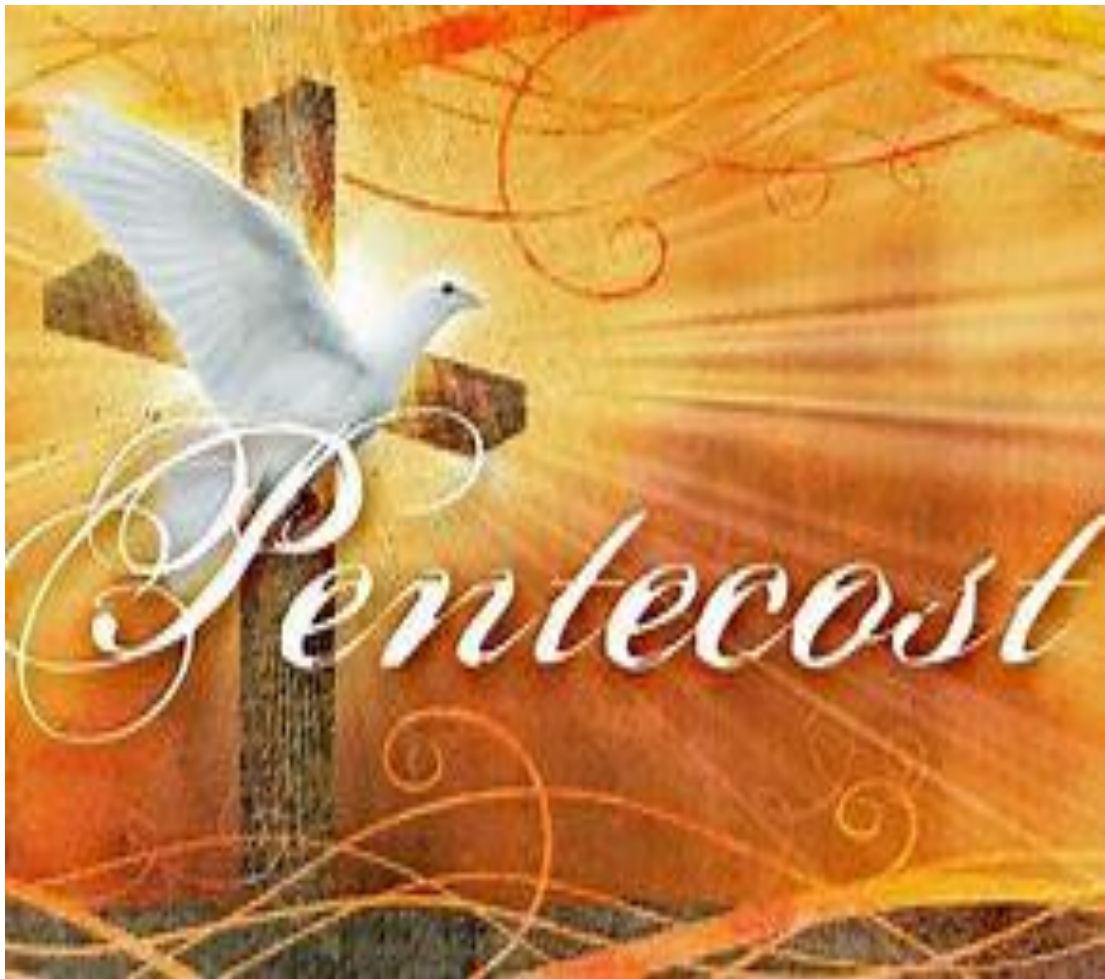
Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church

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Welcome Visitors: We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us today. If you have questions concerning the service, please feel free to ask an usher or a person sitting near you. If you do not have a permanent church home, please consider joining us. May God bless your experience in worship with us today. We are here to serve, so please let us know how we might better serve you. Pastor Russel has an open door policy. Anyone wishing to speak to the pastor, is welcomed and encouraged to call. He is available 24/7.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE

'Holy Ground'

Geron Davis, arr. Keveren

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

*OPENING HYMN & BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

'Faithful God, You Sent Your Spirit' Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

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Faithful God, you sent your Spirit

Long ago at Pentecost.

You gave life and said to share it,

All as one, beneath your cross.

May we see your wondrous blessing

When your people everywhere

Work together, all confessing

Faith that binds us, faith to share.

God of hope, you daily nurture

Those who seek to follow you.

You're not bound by any culture;

You love rich and poor ones, too.

In an ever-changing nation,

May your churches welcome in

Every child of your creation,

Giving hope to all again.

**God of love, may we in worship
Welcome our diversity.
May we reach in trust and friendship
To the poor and refugee.
May we see Christ in the stranger,
Breaking bonds of hate and fear.
By your Spirit, may we offer
Glimpses of your kingdom here.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit of God! Bring your mighty power into our lives.

People: Rush through our spirits, inspiring us to witness to the great love of God.

HYMN ‘Breathe on Me, Breath of God’ No. 420 V. 1

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a-new,
That I may love what though dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.**

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit of God! Burn light bright flames in our hearts.

People: Emblazon us with the confident spirit of faith that our lives will show your love.

HYMN ‘Breathe on Me, Breath of God’ No. 420 V. 2

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.**

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit of God! Be with us today in our thoughts and our prayers.

People: Come, Holy Spirit of God! Be with us in our words and our deeds.

HYMN ‘Breathe on Me, Breath of God’ No. 420 V. 3

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
Till all this earthly part of me glows with fire divine.**

OPENING PRAYER

Amazing God, you call us today, just as you called the disciples on the Day of Pentecost. You challenge and support us, revealing the brokenness of our communities; giving us the peace that our world needs. You point us to the pain of the cross, and then remind us of the joy of the resurrection. Transform us, O God, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Help us breathe deeply of the Breath of Life. Blow through our worship and change our lives forever. Amen.

INTROIT 'Surely the Presence of the Lord' No. 328
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

CELEBRATION THROUGH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor: O Lord, open our eyes, our ears our minds, and our hearts.
People: **that we might behold wondrous things out of your word.**

CHORAL RESPONSE 'Thy Word' No. 601 (Refrain only)
"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

FIRST LESSON Acts 2: 1-21
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 'Alleluia' No. 186
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

Pastor: The Lord be with you,
People: **and also with you.**
Pastor: A reading from the Gospel of St. John.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*THE GOSPEL IS READ John 14: 8-17, 25-27

*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE
Pastor: The Gospel of the Living Christ.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON 'God's Language' Rev. Russel W. Shuluga

CELEBRATION THROUGH CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

As we come to the table of God's heavenly feast, let us prepare our hearts anew to be in communion with one another and with the risen Christ as we confess our sins.

GENERAL CONFESSION

Lord God, you know us too well. You know that we would be like the disciples following the crucifixion and even the resurrection. We would rather hide and mutter and weep, than proclaim the power of your love. The world is a difficult place. We fear so much. We want people to like us, and so we hold back on our proclamation of our faith. We don't want to offend anyone. But your love and presence are not offensive. They are empowering and healing. Bring your holy fire upon us this day to ignite a spark of joy in our hearts and our voices. Bring the power of your rushing wind through our spirits that we may be turned in new directions for service and witness. We pray this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's awesome love is offered to you, even when you fear or are unsure of your faith. Know that God is with you. Be not afraid. Hallelujah!

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

'My Tribute'

No. 99

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD'S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pentecost God, take our hearts and set them on fire. Take our lives and transform them. Take our church and resurrect it with your life-giving Spirit. Take our gifts and use them for the fulfillment of your vision of peace and unity. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give our thanks to the Holy One.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is a right, good, and a joyful thing always and everywhere to give our thanks to you, who poured out tongues of fire on the disciples at Pentecost. You promised to give our young people visions of a better world, and our elders dreams of peace. All who are led by your Spirit are your children, joint heirs with Christ in both suffering and glory. And so, with your creatures on earth and all the heavenly chorus, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Holy are you, and holy is your son, Jesus, who sent the Holy Spirit to be with us, so that we would not be left alone.

On the night in which he gave himself up, Jesus took bread, broke it, saying, "Take, eat, all of you. This is my body, broken for you. Whenever you eat it, do so in remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup, saying, "This is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for the healing of the world. Whenever you drink it, do so in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of grain and grape, fruit of the earth and work of human hands. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ, filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit for the healing of the world. Sender of dreams, Spirit of truth, giver of visions, you are the one God to whom we offer our praise and thanks.

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Jesus, Lamb of God,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

grant us peace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you, Divine Spirit, for this meal of remembrance, and for coming to us as we have shared it. May the love we find at this table be reflected in our lives; may the power we receive at this table make us peacemakers and healers; and may the Spirit who fills us again at this table lead us to be those who proclaim God's Reign in every word we speak and in everything we do.

Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." With hearts afire and filled with new visions, let us go in peace to love and serve the world.

Amen.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

'Danish Amen'
A-men, a-men, a-men.

No. 898

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

'Spirit of the Living God'

No. 393

*POSTLUDE

'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty'

arr. Penny Rodriguez

"WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD"



Wilson Family & Friends – passing of Richard

Koesel Family & Friends – passing of Chris

Those affected by the violence in Uvalde, Texas school shooting

Those affected by the violence in Buffalo, New York supermarket shooting

Gino (two year old) - seizure last week, in the hospital with a virus

Mary (Gino's mother) - pregnant with twins

Don Donaldson (Ginnie's Friend) - heart issues

Hope Gaebel - medical issues

Sandy Nelson - prayers needed

People of Ukraine

Peacemakers

Barbara Thaw –continued prayers

Judy Spencer Baker - continued prayers

Annie MacLemore – heart attack & complications

Earl Saunders Jr. - Stroke/COVID

Aubri (Ginnie's granddaughter) – diagnosed with breast cancer

Irene Chenot (Barbara's friend's mom) - cancer

Joe (Ginnie & Sue's cousin) - diagnosed with myeloma cancer

Afghanistan refugees

Prayers that the violence will stop

Gary (Ginnie's son) - continued good health

Phillis E. (former MAUMC education director) - cancer issues

Pastor Russel W. Shuluga

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi

Rev. Deborah Ackley-Killian – Pittsburgh District Superintendent

Those who are traveling

Family & friends of those who have COVID

Family & friends of those who have passed away from COVID

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Those in silence needing prayers