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Acts 2:4

Pentecost
May 19, 2024
10:15 am

Order of Worship
St. John's United Church of Christ
500 W. Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446
10:15 am—May 19, 2024—Pentecost

*You are invited to stand when indicated by an *asterisk and **speak or sing the words in bold** if able.*

PRELUDE

Three Ayres from Gloucester: 1. The Jolly Earl of Cholmondeley.....Hugh M. Stuart, arr. Robert Longfield
The wind ensemble (a musical group the creates sound primarily by breath) presents “ayres” (a musical title that is derived from the Latin word for air) to celebrate this Pentecost Sunday.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

They were all together in one place when it happened, the entire house was filled!

Suddenly, when it was least expected, the Holy Spirit filled everyone!

A sound “like” the rush of a violent wind, but something different.

And tongues “like” fire, but not fire itself.

Something was indeed happening. Everyone amazed and perplexed!

Right then and there came the birth of the Church,

a moment when empowerment touched EVERYONE!

*OPENING HYMN

Spirit of the Living God.....283

The hymn is sung twice, first by the choir and second by all.

*CONFESSION

God of creation, nurture and empowerment, the coming of the Holy Spirit wasn't a fluke, a chance occurrence. No, those who came together on Pentecost did so because they waited patiently on the promise, devoted themselves to the work of prayer, and lived with abundant expectation. Can we say the same of ourselves? Or have we come to the place in which we have lost sight of God's precious mission, given up on the promise of empowerment, and lost sight of the world we are called to serve? God forgive our low expectations, apathy, and indifference to the life you have called us to live. We long to feel your power, presence, and corporate purpose in our lives. We long to be the body of Christ you envisioned, not self-serving, but instead life-giving. Lord, hear our prayer.

*ASSURANCE

Sometimes we are just too overwhelmed, disoriented, and don't know where to begin when it comes to reorienting our spiritual lives. Simply confessing, and letting God know, begins our return to God and to our true selves. We are forgiven. **Praise be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Spir - it, spir-it of gen-tle-ness, blow through the wil-der-ness, call-ing and free,

Spir - it, spir-it of rest-less-ness, stir me from plac-id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews 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.'

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.

ANTHEM

Every Time I Feel the Spirit.....African American Spiritual, arr. William L. Dawson

Every time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.

Every time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke, out of His mouth came fire and smoke;

Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Every time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.

Every time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.

Jordan river is chilly and cold, it chills the body, but not the soul;

There ain't but one train upon this track, it runs to heaven and right back.

Every time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.

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SERMON

“What Does This Mean?”.....Rev. Dale Davis

HYMN

Come Forth, O Love Divine.....289

Stanza 1: Choir

Stanza 2: All

Stanza 3: All

JOYS & CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUNG RESPONSE

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as you are,
 and make me love you as I ought to love.

OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC

Three Ayres from Gloucester: 2. Ayre for Eventide.....Hugh M. Stuart, arr. Robert Longfield

Offering plates will be passed to the congregation in the pews during the Offertory music. The plates will then be dedicated during the Offertory Sung Response. You may also donate by scanning the QR code found in the bulletin and on laminated cards in the pews.

*SUNG RESPONSE

Praise God, The Giver and The Gift

Praise God, the Gi - ver and the Gift. Hands, hearts, and voi - ces now up - lift:
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise, praise the Breath of glad sur - prise, free - ing our spir - its, op'n - ing eyes.
 Three in One - ness, love com - mun - ing,
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNION LITURGY

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger;
you who believe in me shall never thirst.

In the company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ, in the sharing of this life-giving bread and in the sharing of the cup.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF BLESSING

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CLOSING HYMN

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: All

Stanza 3: Choir

Stanza 4: All

1. God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on that Pen - te -
2. God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
3. God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
4. God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's

cost de - scend! Drive us out church from shel - tered com - fort;
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

ACT OF PARTING FOR REV. DALE DAVIS, INTERIM SENIOR PASTOR

- Opening Words
- Words of Appreciation
- Release of Vows
- Prayer of Parting

O God, we give thanks for remembered times when we, together, have shared the life of faith. We thank you for the moments we have shared with Rev. Dale in worship, in learning, and in service. We pray that Dale will be aware of your spirit’s guidance as he moves to whatever new beginning awaits. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You.....Peter Lutkin

*The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord lift His countenance upon you; and give you peace,
the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen.*

*SENDING

POSTLUDE

Three Ayres from Gloucester: 3. The Fiefs of Wembley.....Hugh M. Stuart, arr. Robert Longfield

***Following worship, you are invited to join us for fellowship in Assembly Hall.
A light lunch will be served in honor of Rev. Dale’s retirement.***

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dale Davis, Interim Senior Pastor
Rev. Addie Stong, Associate Pastor
Andrew Paulson, Minister of Music

Rev Bill Worley, PSEC Conference Minister
Wind Ensemble
Chancel Choir

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- The Nursery will be open for you to use mindfully, if your little one needs a break. No volunteers will be on duty, so a parent, grandparent, or responsible adult must stay with their child.
- Today’s Sermon can be found on **Spotify** following the service, search: **“St. John’s UCC Lansdale Sermons”**
- Today’s worship audio will be available later online on St. John’s Facebook Page, Website or YouTube: **youtube.com/stjohnsucclansdalepa**
- Please ask a Hospitality Team member for an audio device if you are having difficulty hearing the service.
- CD’s of this morning’s service are available by contacting the church office.

- Reminder: The wheelchairs and first aid kit are stored in the "First Aid Closet" in the narthex (the door is clearly labeled). The automatic external defibrillator (AED) is located in the church Library on the wall closest to the Sanctuary.

Worship Assistants

Hospitality:

Bill Leslie, Bob Bertollette,
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Chriss Bodde

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Griff Francis

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Chancel Flowers

Congratulations to Sandy and Scott Brown who will celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary on May 24

Weekly amount needed for Current Income 2024	\$7,884.62
Weekly amount needed for OCWM 2024	\$798.00
A Look at the Week of May 5, 2024	
Attendance: 10:15 am, May 5, Sixth Sunday of Easter	103
Attendance: 5:30 pm, May 8, Wednesday Night Live	15
Offering For Current Income	\$6,740.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$1,291.00
A Look at the Week of May 12, 2024	
Attendance: 10:15 am, May 12, Seventh Sunday of Easter	142
Attendance: 5:30 pm, May 15, Wednesday Night Live	16
Offering For Current Income	\$4,594.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$855.00

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or contact the office.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Summer Worship Service Time Change

Our Sunday Worship Service time for the summer will change to 9:30 for the summer months. Next Sunday, May 26, will be the last Worship service starting at 10:15. Starting June 2, we will worship at 9:30 AM. We will return to the 10:15 Worship time starting Sept 8.



VFW Post 32 in Lansdale will be retiring American Flags that are done their useful life. There is a kitchen size trash can in the church library. Please put yours there. Rickie Sands will be taking them to the Post for proper disposal with ceremony and burning to be done on June 14, Flag Day.



Stained Glass Window Tour – Volunteers needed!

There is a stained glass window tour scheduled for June 8 from 10-4 as part of a Norristown Garden Club garden tour. We need volunteer tour guides. All information is written out for the guides. Come help and learn about our beautiful windows. Contact Margie Jewell (215-272-1599) if you are interested.

Have questions or comments about the church website or social media? Please contact Grace Marchione, Communications Coordinator, at communications@st-johns-ucc.org.

Basket Raffle Is Back!

The baskets will be displayed in the Fireside room on Sundays from May 12 through June 2, at Lansdale Day on June 1, and at the Church Picnic on June 9.

We need helpers on Lansdale Day to set up, sell tickets and tear down—please contact Judy Johnston or the Church office to volunteer.

If you have questions, please contact Judy Johnston at (215) 896-9381 or twostitches@comcast.net

Church Picnic June 9 Plains Mennonite

The Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 9th, after the congregational meeting. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex and Elevator Lobby. Feel free to bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.

This Week at St. John's

If you would like more information, please contact the church office 215.855.5489 or office@st-johns-ucc.org

May	19	Sun	<u>9:00 am</u> <u>10:15 am</u>	Pentecost Sunday Rev Dale's Last Sunday Connect ³ , Activity Room Morning Worship, Sanctuary
May	21	Tue	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Girl Scouts, Activity Room AA, Assembly Hall
May	22	Wed	5 - 7 pm	Wednesday Night Live! End of Season Celebration Community Meal & Games, Assembly Hall
May	23	Fri	6:00 pm	Chess, Assembly Hall
May	25	Sun	10:15 am	Trinity Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary

Coming This Summer.....



Come my children and hear my stories about faith as you become a “Sea Explorer” during our Carry-Out Connections VBS Program. Hear my stories about The Creation, Noah and the Flood, Jonah and the Whale, Fishers of Men, Peter Walks on Water and Jesus Calms the Storms.

Please stop by our table in the Narthex on Sunday June 2nd, 2024 to pick up your bag to start on your journey. Bags will be available during the week in the church office for pick up. Hope to see you and your family on June 26, 2024 at 7:00pm for our in-person gathering. Occurring outside next to the labyrinth.

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