

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"



May 28, 2023
Pentecost Sunday

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE - - - "Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers" / arr. W. Held- - -Dr. Jessica Scott

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sometimes our hearts are shut up
like the doors that imprisoned the disciples.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, with your mighty wind of justice,
blow open these doors and release us!

Leader: Darkness floods our souls
and we wonder if we will ever see the light again.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, let the flames of fire touch our hearts and our spirits
and burn away our fears and frustrations.

Leader: We sit, huddled in our own worlds of alienation.

When will we ever feel the power of your love again, O God?

People: Come, Holy Spirit, fill our lives with your love and free us to reach out to
others with the good news of your eternal presence. AMEN.

*OPENING PRAYER

Spirit of wind and fire, come to us this day, freeing us from our fears. Lift us up when we have fallen. Dust us off and set us squarely on the path to hope you have set before us. Remind us that we are never far from your presence. Get us ready for the great adventure and opportunities that lie before us. Help us to be good and willing workers for you. In Christ's Name, we pray. AMEN.

*HYMN #826 -----“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS WITH THE PASTOR-----Pastor Atkinson

PIANO OFFERTORY - “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” / arr. Larkin - Dr. Scott

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us,

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON -----Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked, “What does this mean?” Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

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. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

“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.

Even on my servants, both men and women,”

I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.
I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

SERMON -----"Hearts on Fire" -----Pastor Atkinson
(you are encouraged to use this space for notes)

*HYMN #420 -----"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE -----"Tongues of Fire" / Alfred Fedak -----Dr. Scott



THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

May 30 -- Monastic Meal at 12:15 p.m.
(contact Don Gardner for more details)

June 1 -- Prayer Shawl at 5:00 p.m.
(contact Nancy Ferber or Cheryl Moorhead for more details)

June 4 -- Bell Choir Rehearsals at 9:00 a.m. (*N.B. time change*)
(contact Don Gardner for more details)

Twelve-Step Meetings (7 sessions each week) -- Monday through Thursday

If you know of someone who is in the hospital, nursing home, or has a need from the church, please let Pastor Atkinson or Rev. Jenkins know.

Please feel free to call or send a text to....

Pastor Michael Atkinson at 304-771-3309 or Reverend Harry Jenkins at 304-280-0592



**Contact Tammy Matheny at 304-476-2015
If you would like information about our Prayer Chain.**



CHURCH FAMILY BANQUET

On Sunday, June 25th, following worship you are invited to a prepared lasagna dinner -- all for free!

Watch for more details, but save the date.



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