

Order of Worship

May 20, 2018 — Pentecost

*Please stand ... in body or in spirit, as you are comfortable.

Bold words are spoken in unison

Bold Italics are words sung in unison

Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive.

~ Howard Thurman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE BEGIN OUR WORSHIP

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

Spirit Song

Wimbrer, Arr. Dobrinski

Carillon Bell Choir

Jason Aquila, Director

ENTRANCE OF LIGHT OF CHRIST, a symbol of Jesus' presence

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The wind is blowing, it is a new day.

Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: Holy Spirit, come. We await your movement.

Many: Let us open our hearts and ears to hear where you are leading us.

One: And after we hear, let us act. Let us live fully into your guiding.

Many: Holy Spirit, we feel your movement.

All: We give you our thanks and praise!

*WE SING TOGETHER

No. 264

Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us

*WE PRAY TOGETHER

Let us pray together:

Great Spirit over all,

we come here from the Four Directions to celebrate the

Please Keep the Following People in Your Prayers

The Taylor Family (friends of Jane Huml)

Cathy Tomsu

David Greenwell (brother of Donna Greenwell)

Lois Schultz

Lyda Dacek (friend of Marcia Powles)

Mary Kanzeg

Paula Deal

The family of Pearl Wood

Bob Ebert (friend of many)

Anita Spaeta (cousin of Diane and Dave Kvasnicka)

Marisol Stokes (one of our cleaning persons)

John Derrick (cousin of the Mealys)

Konnie Wenneman

Pamela Bloomingdale (niece of Konnie Wenneman)

Bob Patzwahl

Carol Adams

Marge Hall

Nola Branch

Chuck Hughes

Chuck Zaugg

Jim Gartner (son of Ruth Gartner)

Gail Rattray and son Brian (relatives of Sandy Evans)

Andy Bischof

Steve Kneale (son of Jane Huml)

Katie Gartner (granddaughter of Ruth Gartner)

Joyce Droescher

Jane Huml

Duncan Simpson (grandson of Carole Adams)

Julie Simpson (daughter of Carole Adams)

Megan Moran

Jeremy Steinbrick (grandson of Andy & Jan Bischof)

Jon Fields (friend of Chuck & Carol Mealy)

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Today, May 20

Pentecost
Choir Concert, 3 p.m.

Monday, May 21

Yoga, 11:15 a.m.
Consistory 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, May 22

Quilters 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 24

Brain Fit Learning Opportunity

Sunday, May 27

Trinity Sunday

SPECIAL THANKS THIS MORNING:

Liturgist: Rudy Duscha

Acolytes: Aaron and Zach Barnes

Flowers and Bulletins: Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Jeanne Long in honor of her mother and father. Today's bulletins are sponsored by Jean Badger in memory of William and Marion Carter.

CONCERT TODAY 3 P.M. FEELIN' THE LOVE! The Chancel Choir's spring concert, *Feelin' the Love*, takes place TODAY at 3 p.m. The concert will feature such favorites as *What the World Needs Now is Love*, *Where is Love*, *It Had to be You*, *My Funny Valentine*, and many more selections. See you there!

THURSDAY NIGHT GET TOGETHER DINNER The next dinner takes place **May 24** at **Moosehead Hoof & Ladder**, 7989 Columbia Rd., Olmsted Falls, at 5 p.m. Sign up in the Gathering Room!

SIGN UP TO MARCH JUNE 2 Sign up to join UCC churches across Cleveland as we march in the Pride Parade June 2. Meet at the church — we'll leave at 9 a.m. for breakfast at Pilgrim UCC before joining them at the parade. It'll be a fun day of food, fellowship and good times, and **a great way to represent our congregation to our neighbors!**

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday, June 7, 2018, 12-1 pm., A Safe Drive Through the Aging Process with Matt Gurwell, founder and CEO of Keeping Us Safe, who will talk about keeping older drivers safe. Bring your lunch; beverage and dessert provided. Sign up by June 4.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY is on hiatus until further notice.

amazing gift of your presence. May we experience this day as our first church elders did at their Pentecost. Come, blessed God! Breathe on us with life-giving energy. Amen.

*WE SING PRAISE TO GOD

*Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,
Three in One; as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE LISTEN FOR OUR STILL-SPEAKING GOD

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Margaret Borrelli, Minister of Faith Formation

(Following these moments, our children recess to their Sunday Morning Program. Our nursery is available for infants, and there is a lounge opposite the sanctuary where the service may be heard. You may wish to join in blessing the children as they go by singing:)

Go now in peace; go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you

ev'-ry-where, ev'-ry-where you ... may ... go.

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHANCEL CHOIR

Prayer for Pentecost

Kensinger

Carol Peddie, Director

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Apostle Paul tells us that the Spirit of God prays for us "with sighs too deep for words." Through the Life-Giving Breath of God, we are given all that we need. Let us breathe deeply — inhaling the good gifts that God provides, and exhaling all of the things that we need to release.

Prayer of Confession

Let us breathe in strength. *(Pause for breath...)* And, let us exhale our exhaustion. *(Pause for breath...)*

Let us breathe in freedom. *(Pause for breath...)* And, let us exhale all that holds us back. *(Pause for breath...)*

Let us breathe in a new sense of direction. *(Pause for breath...)*
And, let us exhale the paths we no longer want to use. *(Pause for breath...)*

Let us breathe in hope. *(Pause for breath...)* And, let us exhale self-doubt. *(Pause for breath...)*

Let us breathe in unconditional love. *(Pause for breath...)* And, let us exhale distrust and hate. *(Pause for breath...)*

Words of Assurance

MESSAGE FROM OUR SCRIPTURES

Acts 2:1-21 (NRSV), p. 992

Our God is still speaking:

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOSPEL

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 (The Inclusive Language Bible)

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Moved by the Spirit

Pastor R. Brooke Baker

*WE SING TOGETHER

No. 242

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WE RESPOND TO OUR STILL-SPEAKING GOD

THE PASTOR'S PRAYER

WE PRAY TOGETHER THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

Our Father (God), 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.

WE OFFER OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN GRATITUDE TO GOD

Invitation and Offering

The church exists because God's Holy Spirit has called us together and bound us in covenant for the purpose of a particular mission. With our gifts let us affirm and support God's mission.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Come, Gracious Spirit
Miles

Jason Aquila, Organist

*WE SING OUR SONG OF PRAISE

No. 780

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.***

*WE DEDICATE OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

Let us pray together:

Holy Spirit of God, we symbolically dedicate our lives through the dedication of our gifts. We ask for your bold winds to magnify and multiply our tangible gifts to further your work of liberation, justice, and charity here and around the world. Amen.

*WE SING TOGETHER

No. 286

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

THE PASTOR OFFERS FINAL WORDS AND A BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

Come, Holy Ghost

Telemann

Jason Aquila, Organist

DEPART TO BE THE LOVE OF GOD IN THE WORLD

Prayer of Invocation, Call to Offering, and Prayer of Dedication from UCC Worship Ways; Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Words of Assurance from worshipcloset.com.

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