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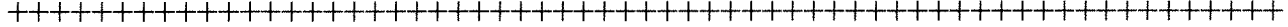
9:30AM

Pentecost Sunday
Rite of Confirmation

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young

Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God!

**Denotes: All who are able, please rise. Congregation responses are in bold.*



TIME OF SHARING

GREETING

**No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
You are welcome here!
Together, let us praise our Triune God,
the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.**

PRELUDE "Holy Spirit"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Most Holy God, we give you thanks that you are among us.
We thank you for the gift of your creation.

For the gift of friends and family,
And for the gift of stories.

For the gifts of learning and knowledge,
And for the gifts of question and doubt.

For the fire of enthusiasm,
And for the wind of reason.

For all we understand, for all that remains a mystery,
and for your loving presence in and through all.
We give thanks.

*HYMN #272 "On Pentecost They Gathered"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Great Spirit, we come here from the four directions,
to celebrate the amazing gift of your presence.
May we experience this day as our first church elders experienced
the first Pentecost. Come, blessed God!
Breathe on us with life-giving energy. Amen.**

***RESPONSE TO PRAYER #282 “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” (v1)**

*Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Upon the mountain my God spoke,
Out of God’s mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me; looked so fine;
I asked my God if all were mine.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Quite often we forget the connection among God,
our neighbors, creation and us.
Let us take time to reflect on our broken relationships.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of every tribe and nation, our gifts are yours to use,
yet we often keep them for ourselves, hiding them from one another and from you.
We confess that we know we cannot hide from you, that our gifts are for
giving away in your world for your work.
Forgive us for focusing our spirits on frivolous things.
Forgive us for forgetting what integrity means.
Allow your Spirit to restore our intentions and our souls.**

(Moment of Silent Reflection)

#283 “Spirit of the Living God”
*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One fact remains that does not change:
God has loved you, loves you now, and will love you always.
This is the good news that brings us new life. Amen.

ANTHEM
“Sing With the Spirit!”
Senior Choir

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION
Autumn Blevins

CONGREGATION’S RESPONSE:

We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God’s knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

(Service has been adapted from Page 38 in the Hymnal)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2:1-21 *(Adapted)*

When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

Suddenly, a sound of rushing wind filled the building.

Then like wildfire, the Holy Spirit

Spread through their ranks and the crowd spoke in different languages.

There were Jews in Jerusalem

who came from faraway lands for the festival.

When they heard the rushing wind, they came running. One by one they

heard their mother tongue and were amazed,

when they heard foreigners speaking their own language.

As they stood listening to all the different babble, they joked among themselves that the disciples were drunk on cheap wine.

Then Peter stood and spoke: “Fellow visiting Jews, listen carefully and hear this message:

These people are not drunk. It is only 9 O’Clock in the morning.

There was no time for drinking.

The prophet Joel announced this would happen.

“In the last days, I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people.

Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.

Young men will see visions and old men will dream dreams.

I’ll set signs in the sky above, blood and fire and billowing smoke.

The sun will turn black and the moon, blood red,
and whoever calls out to me, will be saved.

John 14:7:37-39

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out,
“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink.
As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living
water.’”³⁹ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive;
for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

SERMON

“Earth, Wind and Fire!”

*HYMN #59 **“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”** *(Remain seated)*

PRAYER/ 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 sins

As we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #885

United Church of Christ Statement of Faith in the form of a Doxology

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,

God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,

and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being,

create persons in your own image,

and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will

declared through prophets and apostles.

**In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.
You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.
You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.
You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.
Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.**

***CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS**

In all creation, we see God's vision for the future.
The gifts from creation lead us to build the dreams of God.
With hearts full of hope and souls of gratitude,
let us share our offerings to create the Church of today and tomorrow.

*** OFFERTORY RESPONSE #282 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" (v2)**

*Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Oh, Jordan river, chilly and cold, it chills the body, not the soul.
There's only one train on this track; it runs to heaven, then right back.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**We delight in your creation, loving God. We rejoice in your hopes,
visions and dreams. In the Spirit of Thanksgiving, we ask you to
give us the courage to take these gifts to build not bury. Amen.**

HYMN #267

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

***FINAL BLESSING**

May God’s face shine upon us.
May Christ’s peace rule among us.
May the Spirit’s fire burn within us.
As we scatter into the world until we meet again. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

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Portions of today’s liturgy have been adapted from the following:

Before the Amen; Creative Resources for Worship. Maren and Maria Tirabassi, Editors. The Pilgrim Press. Cleveland. 2007. *The Book of Worship of the United Church of Christ.* UCC Office for Church Life and Leadership. New York. 1986.

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ALTAR FLOWERS: In loving memory of my parents Reginald & Helen Tucker

by Catherine Hammons



For an updated prayer list, please check the front table of the Gathering Area. Please call the office to be removed.



In an effort to inform congregation members and/or the wider community of what is happening in our church, the Communications Committee is seeking information to pass on. If your committee is doing something you would like to share, please let the Communications Committee know. **The “information gatherer” for the month of**

May is Cathy Hammons 202-445-7535 or by email: chammons1@gmail.com. The

month of June “info gatherer will be George Steckert 717-487-5921 or by email:

gsteckert2@comcast.net.

MAY is a 5th SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION: The Gettysburg Soup Kitchen was the second highest chosen by the Congregation from the list of suggestions. Envelopes are available in the pews and Gathering Area.

TUCC GRADUATES! We will celebrate them June 7th, 2026

BLESSING ROOM - Monday, May 25 from 10am - 11am - (Help needed to set-up 9am-10am/tear down 11am-12pm). **A list of items needed is in the Gathering Area. REMEMBER, if you use it, they use it!** Please keep the products coming. They have expressed their gratefulness for what we are doing. Thank you for your support! **Members of the Social Concerns Committee.**

SUMMER OUTREACH:

The growing season has begun! Please bring in your excess garden goodies. Those of us with not-so-green thumbs can then share in your harvest by placing money in the jar as "payment" for the fresh produce. **This years proceeds will go to the Independent Living Program of Adams County Children and Youth.** The staff work to engage youths 14-20 in Adams County Independent Living services and offer resources designed to support them as they transition to adulthood. After care services are offered until a youth turns 21 to continue assistance with the youth's transition to self sufficiency. More information on this program is available on the Summer Outreach table. **Please give generously and enjoy the fresh items.**

MISSION TRIP: August 2nd – August 8th @ Appalachian South Forklife Center, Pipestem, West Virginia. *More information is available in the Gathering Area.* There is no cost to this week of mission! Financing will come from our New Ministries Initiatives Fund. **Sign-up by May 31st for planning purposes.**

FUN FEST – Friday, June 12th from 3:00pm – 7:00pm at the Gettysburg Rec Park. FunFest is a **FREE** event that celebrates the kick-off into SummerQuest, the Adams County Library System (ACLS) summer learning program. Over 60 organizations will provide activities for a fun-filled afternoon. **Check out the flyers in the Gathering Area for more information.** Trinity will have a booth there. **Come and join the fun!**

ATTENDANCE 5/17: 8:00am 22; 10:30am 50; On-line 119; Total 191

FINANCE REPORT 5/17:

Envelope Offering Need: \$74,240.00	Envelope Offering Rec'd: \$63,028.96
Property Fund Need: \$7,700.00	Property Offering Rec'd: \$3,475.00

THIS WEEK

Today, 5/24: One Service Sunday begins today 9:30am
PENTECOST SUNDAY – Wear RED
Rite of Confirmation

Monday, 5/25 Memorial Day – Church/Office closed
10:00am- 11:00am Blessing Room

Tuesday, 5/26: 7:00pm Choir – *Sanctuary*

Friday, 5/29: **DEB & BRUCE OUT**
9:00am- 2:00pm Private Event in Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young

Jim Orner

Sara Shank

Mark Luckenbaugh

Janet & Steve Sheely

Janet Sheely

Georgia Hollabaugh, Kara Young, Carl Barrick,

George Steckert, Garrison Redding, Suhua Dong, Nina Redding, Cindy Kidd,

Terry Krietz, Bette Bunce, Chris Swinn.

Pastor

Liturgists

Organist/Choir Director

Percussionist

Greeters

Usher

Acolyte

Tech Team

On Pentecost They Gathered

Jane Parker Huber, 1981; rev. 1993

1. On Pen-te-cost they gath-ered quite ear-ly in the day,
a band of Christ's dis-ci-ples to wor-ship, sing, and pray.
A might-y wind came blow-ing, filled all the swirl-ing air,
and tongues of fire a-glow-ing in-spired each per-son there.
2. The peo-ple all a-round them were star-tled and a-mazed
to un-der-stand their lan-guage, as God in Christ they praised.
What un-i-ver-sal mes-sage, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is ris-en to van-quish all our fear.
3. God pours the Ho-ly Spir-it on all who would be-lieve,
on wom-en, men, and chil-dren who would God's grace re-ceive.
That Spir-it knows no lim-it, be-stow-ing life and power.
The church, formed and re-form-ing, re-sponds in ev-ery hour.
4. O Spir-it, sent from heav-en on that day long a-go,
re-kin-dle faith a-mong us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us hearts to lis-ten and tongues a-flame with praise,
so folk of ev-ery na-tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

Acts 2:1–24, 32–47

Timothy Rees, 1922; alt.

1. Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er dwell-ing
in the ho-liest realms of light;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er brood-ing
o'er a world of gloom and blight;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er rais-ing
earth-bound souls to glo-ry high;
Liv-ing, life-im-part-ing Spir-it;
you we praise and mag-ni-fy.

2. Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er breath-ing
on the church the breath of life;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er striv-ing
through your peo-ple's cease-less strife;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er form-ing
in the church the mind of Christ:
In our wor-ship we will praise you
for your fruit and gifts un-priced.

3. Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er work-ing
through the church-'s min-is-try—
Quick-ening, strength-ening, and ab-solv-ing,
set-ting cap-tive sin-ners free;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er bind-ing
age to age and soul to soul,
In com-mu-ni-ty un-end-ing
you we wor-ship and ex-tol.

Janie Alford, 1979; alt.

1. Come, O Spir-it, dwell a-mong us,
come with Pen-te-cos-tal power;
give the church a strong-er vi-sion,
help us face each cru-cial hour.
Built up-on a firm foun-da-tion,
Je-sus Christ, the Cor-ner-stone,
still the church is called to mis-sion
that God's love shall be made known.
2. We would raise our al-le-lu-ias
for the grace of for-mer years;
for to-mor-row's un-known path-way,
hear, O God, our hum-ble prayers.
In the church's pil-grim jour-ney
you have led us all the way,
still in pres-ence move be-fore us,
fire by night and cloud by day.
3. Come, O Spir-it, dwell a-mong us;
give us words of fire and flame.
Help our strug-gling voic-es praise you,
glo-ri-fy your ho-ly name.
Good Cre-a-tor, Sav-ior, Spir-it,
Three in One: what mys-ter-y!
We would sing our loud ho-san-nas
now and through e-ter-ni-ty.

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