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The Celebration of Worship Communion Sunday Pentecost

May 20, 2018

10:30 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.

Large print hymnals, Bibles, hearing devices,
and information about child care are available from any usher.

If your hearing aid has a button for telephone use, turn it on now
to receive sound directly to your hearing aid.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.

Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand in body or in spirit.



We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord. Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

PRELUDE

Spirit of God
Paula Legge, organ

Frederick Atkinson

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PRAISE 290

O Day of Joy and Wonder!

JONATHAN'S TUNE

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Christian Johnson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ginna Taylor

Leader: God, because we cannot see You, it is easy for us to ignore You or act as if You do not exist.
Forgive us.

All: Creator God, when we look at the trees and rocks and animals, we often see only things for us to use. We forget that You made them and that we are to take care of them.
Forgive us.

Jesus, we think so much about what we want and what we are doing that we forget what You taught us about loving other people. Forgive us.

Holy Spirit, our feelings of happiness and anger and sadness and joy are so strong that we sometimes do not even notice Your presence with us. Please forgive us.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, so you may greet each other by name.

*PASSING THE PEACE (Children in grades 1-5 are dismissed to Children's Bible Study.)

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Ginna Taylor

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

We Give Thanks to God

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

David Paxton

*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to render to You all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise You, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to You; through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 98; Pew Bible, OT, p. 551

Christian Johnson

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 5:9-13; Pew Bible, NT, p. 241

GOSPEL LESSON

John 5:19-24; Pew Bible, NT, p. 96

Bill McCoy

SERMON

Eternal Life Now!

Bill McCoy

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Come Just As You Are

Joseph Sabolick

Come just as you are. Hear the Spi - rit call. _____

Come just as you are. Come and see. come re-ceive, come and live ___ for - ev - er!

Life ev - er - last - ing, and strength for to - day, _____

Taste ___ the Liv - ing Wa - ter ___ and nev - er thirst a - gain.

Come just as you are. Hear the Spir - it call. _____

Come just as you are. Come and see. come re-ceive, come and live ___ for - ev - er!

Come and see. come re-ceive. come and live ___ for - ev - er - more.

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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Salutation: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Sursum Corda: Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Sanctus:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Hosts!
 Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - - - ry.
 Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most High.

Eucharistic Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Christian Johnson

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.

Distribution of the Elements

(Gluten-free wafers are located in the center of each bread plate.)

Anthem for Communion

Come, Holy Spirit

Gordon Young

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers! Kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.

In vain we tune our formal songs. In vain we strive to rise. Hosanna languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.

Dear Lord, and shall we ever live at this poor dying rate? Our love so faint, so cold to thee, and thine to us so great!

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers! Come shed abroad a Saviour's love, and that shall kindle ours!

The Geneva Choir

*CONCLUDING HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENECTION

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PARTING 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

*O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
 Rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
 O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
 So folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.*

*POSTLUDE

Spirit Song
 Paula Legge, organ

John Carter

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In worship leadership last Sunday: We thank Sam Keller for chiming the Trinity and Raegan Elmore and James Odin for serving as acolytes during worship May 13.

Restrooms and water fountains are found through the double doors to the left of the chancel; please accompany children.

Childcare: Nursery and Rooms 112 and 114

Elder visitation: Craig Stilwell, Monty Warner, Tish Whitney

The flowers in the sanctuary today remind us that a contribution has been given for the Glory of God and in loving memory of Pat Miller by her family.

Greeters today: Susan Watkins, Dave and Sandy Campbell, Kristen Harrison

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