

Unity Moravian Church
May 23, 2021
Pentecost

Watchword for Pentecost: O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all. Psalm 104:24

Gathering for Worship

Prelude	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i> Donna Shore	Reimer
Welcome		Rev. Joe Moore
Call to Worship	<i>Holy Spirit</i> Reserved Parking	Bryan & Katie Torwalt

Offering Our Prayers and Praises

Hymn Hymn to Joy #544

*God, we love this congregation! On this day, we're glad to see
friends and neighbors, gathered, praying, as a church community.
Young and old, we join in worship—some in-person, some online.
We are drawn by faith and friendship to this blessed place and time.*

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Holy Spirit of God, we praise and worship you as the one who gave birth to Christ's church. With the sound of mighty wind and flashing fire, you brought life to the church in Jerusalem.

**You filled those frightened new believers with power, and they
became Christ's witnesses, speaking boldly the word of truth.**

You continue to transform believers- healing, reconciling, empowering. Lives are turned around. Emptiness is filled. Drifting hearts are given direction.

**You vitalize your wavering church- lavishing gifts upon us, forging
unity, giving new vision. You turn our eyes from the wistful memories
of yesterday to the new things you are doing among us now.**

We worship and extol you, our Teacher, Guide, and Comforter. You make Christ known to us and make us your holy temple.

**By your presence, the church in all its diversity is welded together
unity.**

Hymn

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*Join we all with one accord; praise we all our common Lord;
for we all have heard his voice, all have made his will our choice.
Join we with the saints of old, no more strangers in the fold,
one the Shepherd who us sought, one the flock his blood has bought.*

Prayers of Intercession and Confession

Even as we come together as your church, as your family at Unity Moravian, we remember those members and friends of our congregation who need your love, your presence, your healing, and your peace. This morning we pray for:

Jere Dailey, Beth Basta, Jayne Parks, Allen Yoder, Teresa Perry, Richard Williamson, Don Matney, Kasey Smith, Lou Utt, Louise Poindexter, Jeff Chrysson, and Bob Smith.

Interceding Spirit, we do not know how to pray as we ought; but you understand our deepest needs and present them with love to the Father. Lead us now to repentance and confession.

Silent Prayer

Spirit of holiness, we confess that we are a sinful people. In thought, word, and deed, we quench the fire of your love and dissipate the power of your presence. You long to restore us to the image of God, but we let it tarnish as we nurse selfish attitudes. You nurture unity, but we sow discord. You come to make our bodies your temples, but we desecrate them. We dishonor your good intentions for us. Forgive us, merciful Spirit. Burn away our impurities, and forge us into renewed and useful instruments in your service. Amen.

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ has set you free from the law of sin and death.

Hymn

#525

*One our Master, one alone; none but Christ as Lord we own;
"brethren of his law" are we- "As I loved you, so love ye."
Branches we in Christ, the Vine, living by his life divine;
as the Father with the Son, so, in Christ, we all are one.*

We believe God's promise in these last days: I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy; your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Upon both men and women in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall speak my message.

The Spirit of God dwells in us if we belong to Christ. The Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

When the Holy Spirit comes upon us, we receive power, and we become God's witnesses.

The fruit that the Spirit brings to the lives of those who follow Christ is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

The diverse and empowering gifts of the Spirit are given to each one for the common good. None of us is useless to God. None of us is sufficient alone. We serve through the body of Christ, and we depend upon the people of Christ.

The Spirit's gifts are given to equip the believers for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God.

Hymn

525

*One the name in which we pray, one our Savior day by day;
with one cup and with one bread thus one cov'nant way we tread.
One in spirit, one in life, one amid earth's frequent strife,
one in faith and one in love, one in hope of heav'n above.*

Responding to God's Love and Mercy

Worship by Learning and Serving

Dana Myers

Worship by Giving

All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Acts 2:44-47

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Offertory *Proclaim the Glory of the Lord*
Donna Shore

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Sharing God's Word

Scripture Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27, 16: 4b-15

Special Music *Build Your Kingdom Here* Llewellyn and Gilkeson
Reserved Parking

Meditation

Sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion in Celebration of Pentecost

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

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*We covenant with hand and heart to follow Christ our Lord;
with world and sin and self to part, and to obey his word;
to love each other heartily, in truth and with sincerity,
and under cross, reproach, and shame, to glorify his name.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

(All shall partake of the bread.)

Silent Prayer

By your divine presence,
By the holy sacraments,
By all the merits of your life, sufferings, death, and resurrection,

Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God. Amen.

In the same way, after supper our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(All shall partake of the cup.)

Silent Prayer

Christ, the Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Grant to us your peace. Amen.

Song

*Oh let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh let Him have those things that hold you and His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole*

*Chorus
Jesus oh Jesus come and fill Your lambs
Jesus oh Jesus come and fill Your lambs*

*Oh come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness give Him all your years of pain
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name*

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Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death,

Until he comes.

Hymn

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*We who here together are assembled, joining hearts and hands in one,
bind ourselves with love that's undissembled, Christ to love and serve alone.
O may our imperfect songs and praises be well pleasing unto you, Lord Jesus.
Say: "My peace I leave with you." Amen, amen, be it so.*

Going Forth to Proclaim God's Love and Salvation

Come, heavenly Dove, and alight upon us. Anoint us to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release, recovery, and freedom to those in need.

Empower us to work for God's kingdom in such a way that life becomes a Jubilee, for us and for all people.

Lift up the lonely, the neglected, the outcast. Comfort the grieving. Restore the lost. Be the advocate of the afflicted.

Teach all your people. Remind us of Jesus, and lead us into all truth.

Keep us on the edge of dynamic living, wrapped in the flames of new beginnings, and filled with power for personal renewal.

Form us in the likeness of Christ, that we may glorify God's name.

Renew your church. Fill stagnant and empty lives with the breath of God. Overcome our apathy, and energize us with your engaging presence.

Give your church new vision, new hope, and a driving desire to claim the promise of new birth.

Spirit of power, work in all who confess the risen Christ to spread your message of hope, love, and salvation to every person and nation.

Hasten the day when every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

Hymn

Hymn to Joy # 544

*In this year with all its trials, there are things that we have missed.
Still, in Christ, you've walked beside us; by your Spirit, we've been blessed.
Love's our history, love's our vision, love's the work we're called to do.
Bless us as our congregation moves together, serving you.*

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Benediction

Postlude

Set My Soul Afire
Donna Shore

Breazeale

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