

THE RED STEPS

A Special Time for Our Children

At this time, children age 3 years old through 2nd grade may come forward to the front of the Sanctuary for a time of sharing, then attend children's church in the education building.

PRAYER O God, light the dark corners of our minds. Warm the cold places in our hearts. Fill the empty chambers of our spirits. Heal the brokenness of our lives. Amen.
-Rev. John Winn

SCRIPTURE John 14:15-17, 25-26; John 15:26-27
Emily Lemann, 8:45
Travis Parr, 11:00

HOMILY Out There, Not on Our Own
(What Are We Doing in Our Lives and in Our Churches That Takes Us Beyond What We Could Do in Our Own Natural Capacities?
Asking for a Friend)

+HYMN Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire 603
Students (grades 3-5) may now exit the Sanctuary for a time of conversation in the Parlor.

OFFERING Rebecca Sullivant, 8:45, insert

CHORAL ANTHEM Rayne Chancel Choir, 11:00, insert
Come, Holy Ghost Ann Bond

+DOXOLOGY *together*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION 8:45, insert
Become to Us the Living Bread 630
I Come with Joy 617

+HYMN See How Great a Flame Aspires 541

+BENEDICTION *responsively*
Go now in peace.
Stand firm in your faith. Be strong. Be brave.
Let everything you do be done in love.

POSTLUDE Komm, Gott Schöpfer, heilige Geist J. S. Bach



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Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024



"Holy Spirit 3," Mark Jennings

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

All are welcome!

All are invited to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

GATHERING

Rev. Jay Hogewood

We are here, Holy Spirit. We are grateful for your presence, grateful for the way you bring us close - for the way you comfort us and challenge us and keep us right. We are here, Holy Spirit. We are here to praise and worship you.

PRELUDE

Marcus St. Julien

Variations sur le Thème du Veni Creator Maurice Duruflé

✦CALL TO WORSHIP *responsively*

Rev. Zoë Garry

And in the last days it shall come to pass, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;

And your children shall prophesy, and your old shall dream dreams, and your young shall see visions.

When the Day of Pentecost has come, they were all gathered together in one place.

And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

Our Advocate - the Holy Spirit - has come alongside us, to comfort us, to serve as our constant Companion.

We lift our voices to the Lord - Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer - grant us your peace, your purpose, and your power. Amen.

✦HYMN

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine 465

PRAYER *responsively*

The Spirit of Truth be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together in one voice as the Spirit empowers us for mission and ministry:

✦*The People Standing*

Merciful and almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to spark our senses. Grant us zeal as we embrace your gift to serve your kingdom in this world. Pour out your same inspiration on us gathered here, and on the Church of Christ throughout the world. Revive the power of the good news of Jesus Christ in our hearts that we may be empowered to love our neighbors and serve them to the glory of your name. Enable your Church to spread the good news of salvation available to all people and to all creation. Encourage us to do no harm, to do good, and to stay in love with you, our Truth and Savior divine. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *together*

11:00

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RESPONSE *together*

Spirit of Faith, Come Down

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(verses 1 & 4)

Spirit of faith, come down, reveal the things of God, and make to us the God-head known, and witness with the blood. 'Tis thine the blood to apply and give us eyes to see, who did for every sinner die that surely died for me.

Inspire the living faith (which whosoe'er receive, the witness in themselves they have and consciously believe), the faith that conquers all, and doth the mountain move, and saves who-e'er on Jesus call, and perfects them in love.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

39, 11:00

Elizabeth Cecile "Bessie" Booth

Born November 23, 2023

Emily, mother

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

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singing together

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign; with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came. Back to God we humbly give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.

HYMN

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

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1. Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.
2. Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine;
kindle every high desire; perish self in thy pure fire.
3. Holy Spirit, Power divine, fill and nerve this will of mine;
grant that I may strongly live, bravely bear, and nobly strive.
4. Holy Spirit, Right divine, King within my conscience reign;
be my Lord, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free.

HYMN

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire

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1. Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire, let us thine influence prove;
source of the old prophetic fire, fountain of life and love.
2. Come, Holy Ghost (for moved by thee the prophets wrote and
spoke), unlock the truth, thyself the key, unseal the sacred book.
3. Expand thy wings, celestial Dove, brood o'er our nature's night;
on our disordered spirits move, and let there now be light.
4. God, through the Spirit we shall know if thou within us shine,
and sound, with all thy saints below, the depths of love divine.

HYMN

See How Great a Flame Aspires

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- 1 See how great a flame aspires, kindled by a spark of grace.
Jesus' love the nations fires, sets the kingdoms on a blaze.
To bring fire on earth he came, kindled in some hearts it is;
O that all might catch the flame, all partake the glorious bliss!
- 2 When he first the work begun, small and feeble was his day;
now the Word doth swiftly run, now it wins its widening way;
more and more it spreads and grows, ever mighty to prevail;
sin's strongholds it now o'erthrows, shakes the trembling gates of hell.
- 3 Saints of God, your Savior praise, who the door hath opened wide;
he hath given the word of grace, Jesus' word is glorified;
Jesus mighty to redeem, who alone the work hath wrought;
worthy is the work of him, him who spake a world from naught.
- 4 Saw ye not the cloud arise, little as a human hand?
Now it spreads along the skies, hangs o'er all the thirsty land.
Lo! the promise of a shower drops already from above;
but the Lord will shortly pour all the spirit of his love.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION*All are welcome at the table!***INVITATION**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION

Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion, forgive us our sins - known and unknown, those things done and left undone. Inspire us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life to the honor and glory of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray.

**SILENT CONFESSION
PARDON**

Hear again the good news of Jesus, our Prince of Peace: God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn: *singing together:*
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
singing together: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ redeemed by his blood. By your spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God.

singing together: **Amen, amen, amen!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *together*