



May 31, 2020

Pentecost

Pentecost, is celebrated the 49th day after Easter Sunday and commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude on Quem Pastores

H. Willian

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bcbPADFvEI>

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of Glory, Spirit of God, bless us with a word of life this day to restore, support, and strengthen us as we seek to be one with you.
Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 2:1-21

Elder Patricia Baker

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LKjbR98kpUU>

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

PSALTER

Psalm 104:24-35b

O 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!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stephanie DeGeneste

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6NYNuRGkGI>

GOSPEL READING

John 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, 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.'" 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

Rev. Lynn Santulli

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lxea1amhqag>

SERMON HYMN Come, Holy Ghost our Souls Inspire

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJnmLwA869c>

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpzr-F3KlwE>

check it out! Pat Baker gives a passionate Affirmation of Faith!

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.

OFFERING - *Reflect on what offering might make to those around you and to the community. Commit your tithes to church (you can go to the church's website and click on 'Give Now' to send in your offerings or mail them to the church office.)*

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, we offer these gifts to you in faith and in trust that they will be used for the building up of Your Kingdom here on earth. Lord, grant that we may make a difference, lighting the darkness with Your Spirit of love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Strength for the Journey class on Wednesday evenings has been focusing on Scriptures of strength. Psalm 46 was one of those scriptures. We hope this prayer brings comfort and hope.

We pray guided by the words of Psalm 46:

Compassionate, Comforting, Empowering God, you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Amid the turmoil in the world, your love is steadfast and your strength never fails.

We pray for those infected and all of us who are affected by COVID-19. We remember especially healthcare workers, first responders, persons in isolation and those who grieve the loss of their loved ones.

Your love is steadfast and your strength never fails.

Merciful God, grant order to the chaos of our racing minds. And our pounding hearts. We remember especially those who are overwhelmed by the uncertainty, in particular those most vulnerable because of preexisting health conditions, and those who have lost, or will lose, their jobs.

Your love is steadfast and your strength never fails.

Compassionate God, grant courage and hope in the wake of this unprecedented path as we navigate and re-navigate our lives in this global crisis. We remember especially elected government officials, educational administrators, religious leaders and all policy-makers who are expected to offer decisive leadership in this

time of crisis. We remember the medical scientists and researchers who are working assiduously to develop a vaccine or treatment.

Your love is steadfast and your strength never fails.

Empower us to be open to your unfolding purposes even as the waters around us road and foam. Reassure us of your divine presence and peace with us, now and always. Amen.

By Deonie Duncan '20 MAR, an ordained Baptist minister from Jamaica, Reflections, Yale Divinity School, "Hard Times, Gospel Values" Spring 2020

THE 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 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.

CLOSING HYMN Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TfuB-TfA_G4

BENEDICTION

The joy of the Lord is your strength. Go from this time of worship and be encouraged for God has called you to serve Him this day and to live life abundantly. May the Lord bless and keep you, May His Face shine brightly upon you, May His Holy Spirit grant you peace.

POSTLUDE Postlude on Lasst uns alle froehlich sein

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBHFWO7mfLI>



The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for the recovery of the Fagans and McWhinneys and in memory of those who have died from COVID



Health Issues:

Brian; Anthony; The Beaucasan Family; Leon Edwards; Cynthia; Elaine Duesbury; Frank; Drew Moore; Candyce Norris; Glenna Stevens; Terry; Janie Whiteford; Henry Ward, Jr.; Jay and daughter; Bob Newell; Kassi and Family; Juliet Fydrich; Michael R.; the Carlson family; Karen West; Lindsey Loftons and Brenda Hopper; Thomas West Jr.; Marlotte Troy Williams; Ben (Covid-19); Norma & Leslie Fagan (thanksgiving for healing); Harvey Downing (Jeff's father)

Homebound:

Sonnia Cook; George Germinder.

Bereavement:

All those grieving the passing of loved ones during this pandemic; Sara Burke on the passing of her son, Karl.

World Issues:

Southern Cameroon (Ambazonia)

For all those on the front lines of fighting this virus, essential workers, those sheltering at home, those with loved ones battling the disease, those grieving loved ones who have passed. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers.



Pentecost Wind

Jews.

devout Jews, religious Jews, many Jews
from throughout all nations far beyond Israel,
had gathered once again in Jerusalem
to celebrate the annual feast of Pentecost...
an annual feast commemorating the time Moses
received the Torah atop Mt. Sinai.

Early in the day
as celebrants prepared to bring the
first fruits of their winter wheat harvest...
some believers,
one hundred twenty believers...
were seated together in one place
an ordinary place, a gathering place
when suddenly,
suddenly a mighty wind, a rushing wind, a loud wind
a Holy Wind, a Spirit Wind
filled and consumed
this once ordinary place of gathering.

Borne on this
Holy Wind, Spirit Wind,
fire, something resembling fire
in the shape of divided tongues...
descended upon each of them,
these flaming tongues of fire
bringing, touching each

with the Power of the Holy Spirit,
equipping them in their own unique way to
go, go out into all the world
with the message
long ago prophesied by the prophet Joel...
"In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh...
Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord
shall be saved."

Soon,
soon these few one hundred twenty
began speaking in many languages...
for they were of many nationalities...
yet all, all heard and understood one another
in their own language
amidst the cacophonous Babel of sound
spreading throughout the assembled crowd,
some marveling and astounded at
what they heard and understood;
others - scoffers, skeptics, nonbelievers
deriding and mocking this manifestation of
the Holy Spirit...
the Holy Spirit borne on the
Holy Wind, Spirit Wind
rapidly sweeping throughout the city,
the ancient city of their ancestor David.

Jews,
the devout Jews, the religious Jews, the many Jews
who had gathered in Jerusalem
to celebrate the feast of Pentecost
with their offering of the first fruits
of the winter wheat harvest...
about three thousand of them
now themselves became the
first fruits of the Holy Spirit...
unbound into the world that Pentecost Day.
For. the. Ages.

Listen,
listen carefully.
Do you hear
a small breeze, a soft breeze
gradually swelling to a mighty rushing loud wind?

Listen,
listen carefully.
Does your heart hear it?
Does your heart feel it?
Does your heart welcome it?

Come,
Holy Spirit.
Come!

Acts 2:1-21

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HERE 2 HELP

Mental Health Coalition

Fanwood · Scotch Plains · Westfield

How to Recognize and Support People in Emotional Distress

The outbreak of Covid-19 has impacted individuals both physically and emotionally. Many are struggling with increased anxiety or depression due to the illness, the isolation and the financial fallout. How can we support our spouses, parents, friends and neighbors during this difficult time? Arlene Klemow, Director of Training at Caring Contact, will provide simple hands-on skills and guidance on how to recognize when a person may need support and what to do. She will discuss signs and symptoms, and help develop the language, skills and confidence to begin a conversation and get the person help.

Date: Tuesday, June 2
Time: 7:30-8:30pm
Location: Online via Zoom and Facebook Live
Presenter: **Arlene Klemow**
Director of Training, Caring Contact

FREE. Registration required. Limited to 100 participants.

Register: <https://H2Hlibrarymentalhealthforum.eventbrite.com>

Once you register, Zoom and Facebook Live info will be forwarded.





**Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church
Plant & Flower Sale
Entire Month of May 2020**

To facilitate our 2020 annual flower sale, CAPC in conjunction with Gray's Florist, invites you to purchase your favorite plants directly from their garden center. Throughout the month of May, you can take advantage of this joint venture which supports local small businesses.

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www.graysflorist.com

Please call or order online and mention you are participating in CAPC plant sale and 10% of your purchase will benefit our church. Kindly, pick up your order directly from Gray's Florist at your convenience.

CAPC Popular Orders

Annuals:

Begonia, Impatiens, Petunia, Marigold

10" Hanging Baskets:

Ivy Geranium, New Guinea, Assorted

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