



***St. John's United Church of Christ
Chambersburg, PA
Pentecost Sunday
May 19, 2024***

PENTECOST SUNDAY

*Please stand in body or in spirit

GATHERING MUSIC

"Sanctuary at St. John's" and "This is the Day"

UNISON WELCOME

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT

Allen Frantz

PASSING OF THE PEACE

"The peace of Christ be with you"

"And also with you"

OPENING SONG

"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

adapted from Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship

Today we ask God's Spirit to fill us, that we may prophesy, and dream dreams, and see visions. The call to worship today is a summons to be touched by holy fire.

Even now the flames dance upon our heads,

Igniting our opinions on peacemaking so that they blaze into commitment.

Even now the flames may be burning in our hearts,

Animating us, leaving us no peace as individuals until God's justice and peace fill the earth as the waters fill the seas.

Prophets, visionaries, dreamers! Let us all worship with courage and hope.

***HYMN #225**

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

CALL TO CONFESSION

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

Let us call on the name of the One who invites us to speak the truth about ourselves and our relationships and promises to show us mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

Holy and Merciful God, we do not know how to pray as we ought, and we know too well our constant failures to do as you have commanded and to hold fast to your word. Forgive us for the divisions we nurture, guide us to your way, keep us in your care, and lead us into faith. We trust your Spirit of truth will show us all things and grant us courage and peace. Amen.

KYRIE

Hymnal Companion C-4

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS *adapt. from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

People of God, body of Christ, siblings in faith, the Spirit of God's truth has come upon creation and upon you, to interpret the mysteries of eternal time. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of Christ Jesus, our Savior, and by the authority of the church, I declare to you the complete forgiveness of your sin. Live in the mercy and grace of God.

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #704**

ANTHEM

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

arr. Greg Gilpin

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:22-27

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

(attached and on screen)

Camden Wadel

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Roxanne Davenport

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

SERMON

Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

SPECIAL MUSIC

"My Sweet Lord"

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS)

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE #706**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

God of mercy, we give you thanks for all that your bounty creates. The gifts we bring today acknowledge our debt to you and our intent to relieve others of their burdens. Bless what we offer and bless those who will be shown deeds of power through them; in Jesus' name. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Hymnal Companion C-72

We celebrate communion this day by passing the plates of bread and cup.

***SENDING HYMN**

"Faithful God, You Sent Your Spirit" (words on screen)

***COMMISSION & BENEDICTION**

SENDING SONG (seated)

"Victory in Jesus"

All are welcome at Christ's table. To let the church office know that you communed today, please sign the black attendance pad found in each row.

The "Nursery Nook in the Narthex" quiet area and infant/toddler space in the Parlor are available for children and families to use during worship. Age-appropriate activity bags are also available.

See the deacon for assistance.

Please join us following the service for a Pentecost Picnic!

Birthdays this week: 05/20 Rafael Cuesta and Jared Reichelderfer; 05/23 Vera Reber and James Patterson II; 05/24 Reed Zeger; 05/25 Rev. Stephen Hoffman and Brenna Rosenberry; 05/26 Luke Herbert

Worship Participants:	
Pastor	Rev. Caroline E. Saxton
Organist	Barbara Motichka
Amistad Praise Band	Guz Mora, Roxanne Davenport, Diana Kongkeattikul, Kathleen Mooshian
Deacon in Charge	Chris Willman-Bunge
Lector	Diana Kongkeattikul
Media Coordinators	Calvin Frantz & Ginny Cairns
Bulletin cover	Edd Scheer

The Flowers at the Foot of the Cross are given in memory of our parents Clarence and Grace Albert and Earl and Donna Crum by Gary and Gloria Crum.



St. John's Vision

We are called to love, to learn, to worship and to witness in Christ as a congregation that welcomes everyone, and seeks service that will advance God's realm on earth.

St. John's Mission

To grow in love of God and neighbor

Worship Resources:

Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

NEWS IN THE PEWS May 19, 2024

The Rev. Caroline E. Saxton, pastor@sjucc1811.org (641) 260-1868 (cell)
Gary Crum, Music Director | Barbara Motichka, Organist
Roxanne Davenport, Director of Children & Youth
The Rev. Stephen W. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritus

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, May 20

5:30 pm Nursery School Graduation – Sanctuary
5:30 pm Cooking Class – Kitchen
6:30 pm Bible and a Beer – Trojan Diner
7:00 pm Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall / Scout Room 207

Tuesday, May 21

10:00 am Summer Singers Practice – Fellowship Hall
5:30 pm Nursery School Graduation – Sanctuary
5:30 pm Yoga – Room 202
6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study via Zoom
6:00 pm Amistad Praise Band Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 23

7:15 pm Choir Practice – Choir Room 103

Friday, May 24

5:30 pm Friday Night Dance Class – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 26

8:45 am Wired Word Church School Class – Room 116
10:00 am Sunday Service – Sanctuary

The American Red Cross is having a blood drive here at St. John's on Friday, May 31, 2024 from 11:30 am – 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. You can call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter StJohnChambersburg to schedule an appointment.

Directory Update we will be updating our church directory in preparation for the June Congregational Meeting. If you have any changes, please contact the office at (717) 263-8593 by Sunday, June 2.

Civil War Grand Ball: Our Civil War Ball will be held on Friday, June 28 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Tickets will be sold at the door and the cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for anyone under 18 years old. Light refreshments will be served.

Race Against Poverty St. John's is a sponsor of the 2024 Race Against Poverty, investing in the future of our community through SCCAP's Circles program. If you are planning on registering for the race, held on Friday, June 7, we would love for you to join St. John's team! Simply select St. John's UCC from among the teams to join. You can also support our team financially, via the race website (<https://runsignup.com/Race/140281/Donate/etqGyarvF5w69bOf>) or First Fruits.

RSVP for the annual Step Show at NETWORK Ministries St. John's has been blessed to have the Step teams from NETWORK Ministries join us for worship in 2023. Now is the time for their annual "Step Show" on May 18. There will be two shows: 1:00 pm and 3:30 pm. Space is limited; RSVP at <https://www.network-ministries.org/> or by calling 717-264-4640.

St. John's Future Together Strategic Plan Check out the "Progress Report" on the Strategic Plan each month in the Spirit demonstrating how we are living into our future.

A Friendly Call Coming soon – A friendly call from volunteers at St. John's. We want to check in and find out how you are doing. We will be using the telephone number found in the current directory. If that is incorrect, please notify the office.

Healing Service All Are Welcome to our Healing Service on Sunday, June 2, 2024 where you can quietly share your concerns with two others and receive a personal prayer. You can also confidentially submit your prayer request, which will be collected that morning for a special prayer of healing. Won't you join us and bring someone who could use some support during a challenging time.

Save The Date! Our Spring Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 23, following worship. More information about that meeting will be available soon.

Vacation Bible School Work Dates – Work dates for Vacation Bible School are Sunday, July 14 and Sunday, July 21. Work dates will be after Sunday services. Vacation Bible School will run from Sunday, July 28 through Thursday, August 1. Contact Roxanne Davenport with questions.

Prayer Chain For many people, participating in the prayer chain has become a real source of comfort and a way of knowing they can help others through the power of prayer. For others it is a source of comfort to know that fellow siblings in Christ are praying for them. If you'd like to participate in the prayer chain, please contact the church office. Prayer requests can be emailed to Pastor Caroline, Loretta or Heather to be shared with the prayer chain.

Many Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the Salvation Army Auxiliary's Fabric Fair!

Online Giving Made Easy! Our bulletins now include a QR code that directs users to our online giving platform (Vanco), offering the option to make a donation to support our mission and ministry directly from your smartphone.

Confirmation of Camden Wadel
St. John's United Church of Christ
May 19, 2024

Welcome

We invite to come forward those who wish to affirm their baptism by being confirmed.

Sentences

Questions of the Candidate

Pastor: Camden, do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Candidate: I do.

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?

Candidate: I do.

Pastor; Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Candidate: I do.

Pastor: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Candidate: I promise, with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in the world?

Candidate: I promise, with the help of God.

***Affirmation of Faith** *(those who are able please rise)*

Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God, saying together the UCC Statement of Faith in the form of a doxology.

Prayer of the Candidate

Pastor and Candidate: **O God, my God, known to me in Jesus Christ, I give myself to you as your own, to love and serve you faithfully all the days of my life. Amen.**

Prayers of the Congregation

Let us pray in silence.

Let us pray together.

All: Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Act of Confirmation

Prayer of Confirmation

Address

Question about Participation

Pastor: Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

Candidate: I promise, with the help of God.

Welcome

Pastor: Let us, the members of St. John's United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

People: 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.

Greeting of Christian Love

Pastor and Representatives: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of St. John's United Church of Christ, we extend to you the hand of Christian love.

Confirmation Prayer

On Pentecost They Gathered

225

1. On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
 2. The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
 3. God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all those who be - lieve,
 4. O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
 What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
 O give us hearts to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

WORDS: Jane Parker Huber, 1981 (Acts 2:1-12, 22-24)

MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1615

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Lower key, No. 175

Glory Be to the Father

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics. The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er

The second system of musical notation continues the vocal and piano parts. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er".

shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men." The system ends with a double bar line.

WORDS: Anonymous, 4th cent.
MUSIC: Christoph Meineke, 1844

MEINEKE
Irregular

706 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Musical notation for the first system, featuring a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;"

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674
MUSIC: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

OLD 100TH, alt.
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Lower key, No. 331

Musical notation for the second system, continuing the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are: "praise Him, above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."