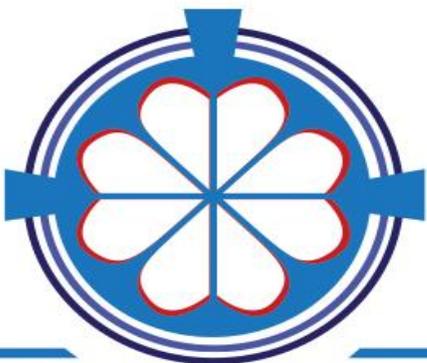


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# Pentecost and Communion Sunday

*\*We invite all who are able to stand where there is an asterisk.*

## OPENING WORDS

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all your quickening powers;

**kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.**

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Might, and cleanse us of our fears;

**light the flame of hope and joy that wipes away the tears.**

PRELUDE “Fantasy on 'Ebenezer'”

Charles Ore

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Spoken first, then sung*)

Come Holy Spirit, Come Heavenly Dove

**Stay right here with us, filling us with your love**

And for these blessings we lift our heart in praise,

**Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived**

**when we shall leave this place**

\*HYMN ★280 “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts, divisive judgments, and empty desires. With reverent and humble hearts, we seek to draw near you by confessing our faults and wrongdoing, by confiding in your grace, ever hoping to find in you alone our refuge and our strength, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*We greet one another with words and signs of the peace of Christ.*

\*SONG OF AFFIRMATION ★353 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” v. 1

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING — Acts 2:1-21

NT p. 119

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING — John 20:19-23

NT p. 115

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SERMON “Pentecostal Fire”

HYMN ★526 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

OFFERING

*Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registry*

OFFERTORY “Worthy to Be Praised”

Byron J. Smith

*Holy, holy, holy. Praise our God almighty. Worthy and holy, Lord eternally. Praise the Lord in the highest. Praise His Holy name. Let all things that have a breath praise the Lord. I believe in the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. I will sing; I will shout. He's worthy to be praised. We have come into the house of the Lord, to praise His Holy name. To give glory, honor and adore, His Son whose life He gave. Let the trumpet sound, let the rocks resound, our sinful souls he saved. I will sing, I will shout, He's worthy to be praised. Raise your voices high and sing to the Lord; He's worthy to be praised. Shout hosanna high to God for His everlasting grace.*

*Let the trumpets sound; let the rocks resound, our sinful souls he saved. I will sing,  
I will shout, He's worthy to be praised!*

Momentum and Sanctuary Choir  
Zach Everly - Conductor

\*DOXOLOGY ★606

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Thank you, Lord, for creating us as members of the human race. Thank you, Lord, for redeeming and cleansing us from the dark stains of sin. Thank you, Lord, for renewing us unto new life and the freedom of the children of God whose lives will point to you. Amen.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—Apostles' Creed (traditional)

**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.**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE TABLE IS PREPARED

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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Therefore we praise you,

joining our voices with choirs of angels

and with all the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

\*HYMN ★552 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

**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, Hosanna in the highest.**

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us  
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and  
the power and the glory forever. AMEN.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All who profess Christ as their Lord and Savior are welcome to partake of the meal  
he has prepared for us.*

COMMUNION PRAYER

Bless the Lord, oh my soul.

**And all that is within me, bless His holy name.**

Bless the Lord, oh my soul.

**And forget not all of God's benefits to me.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN ★298 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**"Praise the Lord in the highest. Praise His Holy name. Let all things that have a breath praise the Lord. He's worthy to be praised!"**

The Choirs

POSTLUDE "Toccatà for Organ"

John Weaver

## **TODAY**

### **About Today's Musicians**

We welcome to this morning's musical leadership "Momentum" from Monroe High School under the direction of its Founder, Zach Everly. This ensemble rehearses entirely on its own schedule and has won numerous awards in the choral field. We are so pleased to welcome them this morning.

### **Sunday Fellowship in Boyd Chapel**

After worship, please come across the hall for a time of fellowship and light refreshments.

### **Today is Communion Sunday with our Prayer Team**

Today, members of the Prayer Team are available to pray with and for you after worship. Please feel free to stay in the sanctuary after worship and meet near the pulpit with a member of our Prayer Team.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to FPC of Monroe!** We are glad you are here today! We hope you find this a community of faith where you experience God in Jesus Christ. Childcare is always provided on Sunday mornings and the nursery is located near the parking lot entrance of the church. Hearing assistance is available.

### **Worship Time Change June 11**

Please note that our worship time will change to **10:00 a.m.** starting **next Sunday, June 11, 2017.**

### **30-Minute Sermon Discussion/Bible Reflection after Worship**

**Starting Sunday, June 18** after worship from **11 to 11:30 a.m.**, Pastor Annemarie will offer a 30-minute sermon discussion in a corner of Boyd Chapel. Bring your sermon notes and questions. This time is meant for a closer look at the scripture readings and preaching text of the day and the practical applications to our life.

### **Public Luncheon--Dish Pick-Up**

Thank you so very much to all who contributed a dish for the Soup and Salad Luncheon. Nearly \$700 was raised to go toward the Bed Ministry for the purchase of beds for children in Monroe County. You may pick up your dishes in the little kitchen upstairs (since the Resource Room is in use by the Board of Deacons). Please do so in a timely manner. Thank you again for all your help!

### **Museum Trip to the Detroit Institute of Art--Thursday, June 22**

Have you been to a museum lately? Here is your invitation. **On Thursday, June 22 at 9 a.m.** we will meet at church and carpool to drive to the Detroit Institute of Art (DIA). The DIA ranks among the finest museums in the United States. Pastor Annemarie will offer us a tour of two museum collections: 1. European religious art of the Middle Ages and 2. the collection of European paintings. There will also be a visit to the famous Diego Court, titled "Detroit Industry," by Diego Rivera. We will have lunch at the museum which houses an excellent cafeteria. You will also have time to stroll about on your own or visit the gift shop. The plan is to be back in Monroe by 3 p.m. Ticket prices for seniors are \$8, for youth \$6, and for adults \$12.50. Please sign up in the entry way and let us know you are coming. For questions, see the chair of Congregational Life, Judy Chesman or Pastor Annemarie.

### **Pentecost--The Coming of the Holy Spirit and the Birthday of the Church**

Today, early on in worship, we will throw and pass across the aisle paper streamers in red and gold. As you receive a roll, please hang on to the end and then throw it across the

room. The goal is to create a web of Holy Spirit power across our sanctuary. When we each hold a piece of ribbon, we will lift up our hands holding the streamers, showing that through the Spirit we are all bound together as one.

### **Taking Faith Home**

Each Sunday, our bulletin contains in the Taking Faith Home section the lectionary readings for the following Sunday. This helps us prepare for the preaching text and puts us in the mood of the upcoming story we will hear in worship. Please take your bulletin home and read and reflect on the Sunday scripture as well as reading the scripture texts for each weekday. It will make worship more meaningful.

### **Youth Handbell Choir to lead in Worship on June 11**

Since March, Elder Charlotte Frary has been directing a newly formed youth handbell choir of about ten to twelve members, most of them youth and some parents. This new youth handbell choir calls itself the Rhythmic Ringers. Please support them with your presence. This is their first time to play in worship and we are very excited about that. Rehearsal will resume in the fall. Please see Charlotte Frary or Music Director Susan Barker, if you would like to enroll your child.

### **Sermons**

Printed copies of the weekly sermon are available in the church office in the mailbox labeled Sermons.

## **THIS WEEK**

MONDAY	7:00	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY	11:00	Staff
	2:30	Rhythmic Ringers

WEDNESDAY	1:00	Sparklers
THURSDAY	6:00	Personnel & Policy
	6:00	Community of Need Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00	TOPS
FRIDAY	9:00	TOPS
	8:00	Heroin Anonymous
SATURDAY	1:00	Rhoades Memorial Service
SUNDAY	9:00	Deacon Meeting
	10:00	Worship
	11:15	Fellowship
	3:00	Choir party-Douglas House



JUNE 4, 2017

PENTECOST SUNDAY

**The Holy Spirit has come to live and work in us.**

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Acts 2:1-21	The Holy Spirit Comes
Monday	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	Spiritual Gifts
Tuesday	John 20:19-23	Jesus gives the Holy Spirit
Wednesday	Acts 4:5-31	Peter and John give witness
Thursday	Joel 2:18-29	God will pour out the Spirit

Friday	Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29	The Spirit is promised
Saturday	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	The Lord cares for creation
Sunday	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	God creates sky and earth

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

“The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others.” **1 Corinthians 12:7**  
(CEV)

### **SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Send your Spirit upon us, Lord. Let our lives do your healing and saving work in the world.  
Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Come, Spirit of God and be our guest, our table to grace and our food to bless. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord Jesus give you peace, fill you with joy, and breathe into you the Holy Spirit.

### **HYMN OF THE WEEK:**

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

### **CARING CONVERSATIONS**

Discuss in your home or small group:

- What are your strengths? How do you use them to serve others?
- In 1 Corinthians 12 Paul states that the Spirit gives people a variety of gifts to contribute to the work of the church. How does a variety of gifts make for a healthy church?
- Where do you see the Holy Spirit poured out today?

### **DEVOTIONS**

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-11.

One of the joys of Christian community is helping each other, especially our children, discover and grow into the gifts God has given them. Some of the spiritual gifts the New Testament describes are as follows:

Prophecy—Sharing the Word of God with others.

Helping—A willingness to help others with their needs.

Teaching—An ability to help others understand God’s Word.

Exhortation—The capacity to encourage and motivate others.

Giving—A spirit of generosity.

Leading—The ability to lead and direct others.

Mercy—A sense of compassion for others and a willingness to act on these feelings.

Which of these gifts do you see in yourself and the people around you? Offer a prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit to strengthen the body of Christ with a variety of gifts.

### **SERVICE**

1 Corinthians 12:7 tells us that the Holy Spirit gives us gifts to use as a special way of serving others. Have a discussion about how members of your household are using their God-given gifts for the sake of others. Brainstorm ways in which you could use them more effectively.

### **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Twice in John 20:19-23 Jesus says to his disciples, “Peace be with you.” It is the greeting of the resurrected Lord that the church has used ever since to address one another. During this next week and beyond, greet others with the words, “Peace be with you,” and let it be a witness to your faith in the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ.

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