

THE DAY OF PENTECOST
Including the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday, May 19, 2024



“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.”
Acts 2:4

GATHERING

Prelude: “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” David Hegarty

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved of God, pay attention. Did you notice? There are dry bones all around us. In our neighborhoods, our workplaces, our schools, our community and nation and world.

People: They pop up wherever people are parched for love and dignity, provision and flourishing. We notice them, and we wonder: Will these bones live?

Leader: Pay attention. Can you hear it? So many of us carry dry bones that clank around in our hearts. Dreams that are dying. Gifts that are languishing.

People: Hopes left undernourished and neglected. Loneliness that eats away at our sense of connection with one another until we wonder: Can these bones live?

Leader: Pay attention. Can you feel it? The Holy Spirit breathes among us. Breathe in love. Breathe in provision. Breathe in connection and flourishing.

People: Because the Spirit never quits breathing among us, assuring us: These bones will live.

Leader: Pay attention. Can you sense it? God is always putting us back together. In dreams of abundance and visions of cooperation.

People: Indeed, in the symphony of voices who share and receive the good news in their own languages, the Spirit revives us and restores us, reminding us:

ALL: These bones live, because Love dwells among us, now and always. Thanks be to God!

Prayer of the Day

Send forth your Spirit, O God, and renew the face of the earth. Dwell among us, even though your presence will startle and unsettle us. Grant us your peace, we pray, as justice and love pour down upon the yearning earth. AMEN

Hymn: #321 “The Church’s One Foundation” (with Bell Choir)

Prayer of Confession

Leader: O Holy One, we do not stop enough to listen to the still-speaking God. As the people of Jerusalem long ago, we often misunderstand the Spirit’s movement among us. In the silence and stillness of this moment, let us draw near to God and listen.

[silence]

Let us confess together:

People: We confess to you, Renewing Spirit, that we confuse unity with uniformity, and diversity with divisiveness. We speak and behave as if being a part of your family means assimilating others to our way of living.

Leader: Let us draw near to God and listen.

[silence]

We confuse understanding of identity as a moral choice without appreciating self-understanding. We deny and destroy the beauty you created in each person. We long to change these patterns, O Creator, but we do not know how.

People: Teach us to value challenge. Help us to see strength in difference. Empower us to build your kingdom in creativity and love. This is the work of God’s Spirit so powerfully demonstrated on the day of Pentecost. AMEN

Declaration of Pardon

Hear the good news! God’s Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh, and we have been made one. We are no longer scattered or divided, but gathered together to build up the kingdom on this earth. Thanks be to God!

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “This Is My Father’s World/Fairest Lord Jesus” Arr. Lawrence Bell Choir

Scripture: Acts 2:1-4, 17, 21 and Ezekiel 37:1-14

Sermon: "These Bones Will Live"

*Hymn: #503 "Lord, We Have Come at Your Invitation"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

As grateful people, we offer thanks for the gift of God's Spirit upon us and within us. May our offerings today be a testament to our faith in God's promise of renewal and restoration. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #289 "On Pentecost They Gathered"

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: "A Voice of Praise"

Ellen Lorenz

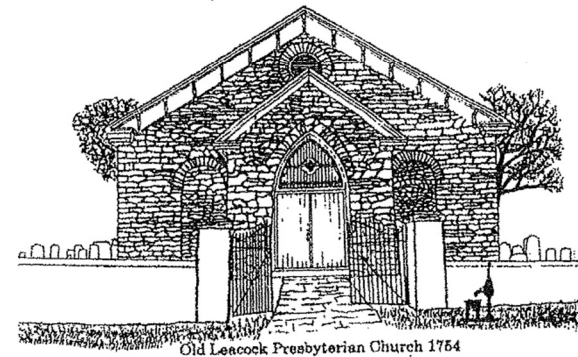
The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

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