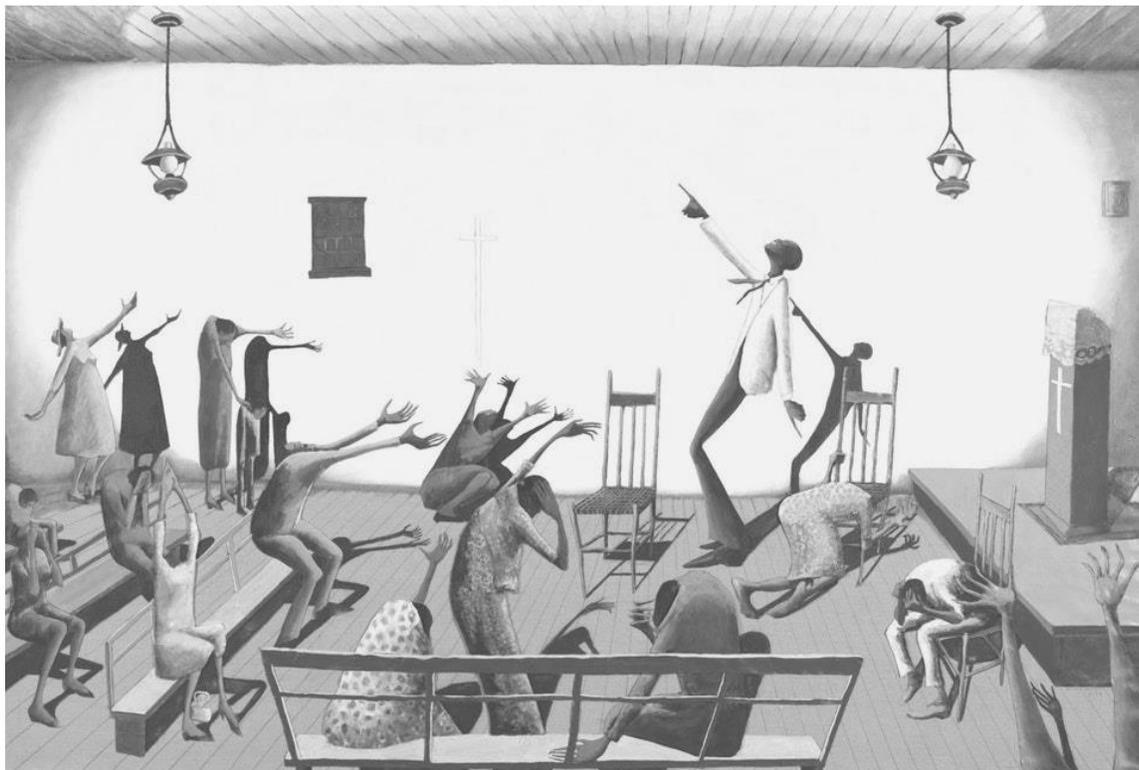


When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a mighty wind... Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them and a tongue rested on each of them. All were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak...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

Acts 2:1-4



Benny Andrews
Revival Meeting (1994)

Service for the Lord's Day

June 9, 2019
The Day of Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Loving God from whom comes every gift; send your Holy Spirit into our church today with the power of a mighty, rushing wind! Open our minds with the flame of your wisdom. Loosen our tongues to proclaim your praise. Amen.

Prelude *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT/Doris Akers
Craig Heller, tenor Juan Miner, tenor Jason Fox, baritone Wayne Pope, bass

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship

Things are more than they seem.

There is a rushing wind and a refining fire, God's gift of the Holy Spirit!

This Spirit enlivens and enflames our faith.

The Spirit inspires speech, giving the church its testimony and witness!

Things are more than they seem.

And we are clothed with power from on high.

Processional Hymn 291

Spirit

James K. Manley

Call to Confession

What confession best matches the Day of Pentecost? Might we confess that we have **not** allowed ourselves to experience the Spirit's power?

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, we celebrate the Pentecost of your Spirit! Once, the promised power of the Holy Spirit filled frightened disciples with the boldness of fresh faith. Today, we hope for the Spirit to fill us again.

For the times we have resisted, and for each day when we have been slow servants or reluctant witnesses, we ask your forgiveness. By your Spirit, purify our lives. In flame us with a desire to do your will, that we may be joined in unity with all who trust in you through Jesus Christ.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

Declaration of Good News

Response Hymn 319

Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing

SMITH

Passing of the Peace

By words and gesture, we share signs of peace and reconciliation.

Celebrating Vacation Bible School

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination

Psaltery Reading

Psalm 104

God's Spirit is Sent Forth, Renewing the Earth

GOD, my God, how great you are; beautifully, gloriously robed, dressed up in sunshine, and all heaven stretched out for your tent. **You built your palace on the ocean deeps, made a chariot out of clouds and took off on wind-wings. You commandeered winds as messengers, appointed fire and flame as ambassadors.**

You set earth on a firm foundation so that nothing can shake it, ever. You blanketed earth with ocean, covered the mountains with deep waters. **All the wild animals now drink their fill, wild donkeys quench their thirst. Along the riverbanks the birds build nests, ravens make their voices heard. You water the mountains from your heavenly cisterns; earth is supplied with plenty of water. You make grass grow for the livestock, hay for the animals that plow the ground..**

What a wildly wonderful world, GOD! You made it all, with Wisdom at your side, made earth overflow with your wonderful creations. **Oh, look—the deep, wide sea, brimming with fish past counting, sardines and sharks and salmon. Ships plow those waters, and Leviathan, your pet dragon, romps in them.** All the creatures look expectantly to you to give them their meals on time. You come, and they gather around; you open your hand and they eat from it.

Oh, let me sing to GOD all my life long, sing hymns to my God as long as I live!

Oh, let my song please him; I'm so pleased to be singing to GOD.

O my soul, bless GOD!

Anthem

I Am Bound for the Kingdom

WARRENTON (Sacred Harp)/arr. Mark Hahn

All things depend on the Lord for life. Our faith depends on God's Spirit for its vitality. The psalm is a proclamation. It is speech and singing, to the glory of God.

These verses remind us that the inspiration of the Holy Spirit includes speech, witness, declarations, and testimony.

All Stand

Gospel Reading

John 15:26-27; 16:4-15

Jesus Promises to Send His Disciples an Advocate

When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you

All Sit

Sermon

Waiting to Be "Clothed with Power"

Matthew Covington

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 34

Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being!

RUSTINGTON

Affirmation of Faith

Excerpt from the Sermon
A Form of Testimony

I believe that God in Christ loves me. And I believe that God's love comes separately and beyond my worthiness and unworthiness, beyond my trustworthiness and my infidelity; that God loves me in the morning sun and the evening rain; that God loves me when intellect denies it, emotions refuse it, or my whole being rejects it. I believe that God loves without condition or reservation, and loves me at this moment as I am. Amen.

All Sit

Prayers of the People and 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.

Offering

Offertory

Built on a Rock the Church Will Stand

Wilbur Held

This Sunday we collect the Pentecost Offering in lieu of Buck in a Basket. This offering supports children, youth at risk, and young adult ministries of the PC(U.S.A.). 40% stays with our congregation.

All Stand

Doxology

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

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn 539

We Will Go Out with Joy

WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY

Benediction

Postlude

Recessional

Dennis Johnson

WELCOME VISITORS!

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the Right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.

If you have a fussy baby or are coughing, etc., the worship service may be viewed from the parlor via television (across the hall from the Sanctuary). Loving childcare is available in our children's center

Donate Online:

We have set up the church website to accept online donations. Just go to the website below and fill out the simple form. Donations can also be made from your smart phone. You can also scan the QR code, right.

<https://bgpresdonate.cloverdonations.com/online-donations/>



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Announcements

USHERS: The Simmons, Humphrey, and Moore families

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MEDIA PERSONNEL: Barbara Solberg-Hale and Matt Hunt

NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Alisia Mosley and Kimberly Watkins

LIBRARIAN: Arnie Petrus, arfranpe@msn.com

CHILDREN'S MUSIC: Ellie Osborne

LECTIONARY FOR NEXT SUNDAY, June 16: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK this week will be Ray Elms and Debbie Trickey. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

IT'S PENTECOST! Following worship please come to the courtyard where we will release butterflies. Then come inside and join us for our Pentecost Potluck in Fellowship Hall. We'll have special dessert (a big shout out thank you to Shannon Dyche) to mark the occasion and enjoy great fellowship together.

TODAY WE COLLECT the Pentecost Offering in lieu of Buck in a Basket. This is one of four special offerings of the PC(U.S.A.) and benefits children-at-risk and youth and young adults. We will keep 40% of the total to be donated to an agency that helps children at risk (traditionally we have given to Buckhorn/Usperitus). Thank you for your generosity! (Buck in a Basket returns next Sunday). Please use the envelopes in the bulletin or simply mark your check 'Pentecost Offering' in the memo line.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WAS GREAT! We had four wonderful days of learning 'Who is My Neighbor?' We also learned what it is to love like Jesus. Today we will have a time of recognition and celebration during worship.

MANY THANKS TO ALL who brought supplies for the Humane Society and HOTEL, INC (children's books). These items will be delivered this coming week and will be much appreciated.

COMING UP:

3 CENTS A MEAL COLLECTION will be Sunday June 30. Our children and youth will come around at the offering time to collect your coins, bills and checks. \$8.10 is what 3 cents per meal per person per quarter equals. Not a lot, but enough to make a huge impact. One third stays to support our Food Pantry and the remainder goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Program, which addresses the root causes of hunger at home and abroad. We are grateful for all gifts!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL begins July 7 and we will need your help with morning hospitality. Please consider bringing one or two items for breakfast: sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa9ab2ca7f49-breakfast1> Our homeless friends will probably join us and we want to have an abundant table.

NOW THAT YOU HAVE YOUR TEE SHIRT (if you missed ordering, you can still get one - see Margaret Stein or call the office) please plan to wear them out and about! The Concerts in the Park are GREAT places to show your joy at being part of our church, and they begin Friday, June 21 at 7:00pm in Circus Square Park.

CIRCLES Summer Circle will meet on Tuesday evening at 7 pm in the Youth Room. We will have a brief meditation and conversation.

Calendar

Sunday, June 9

8:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Butterfly Release
Potluck Luncheon

Monday, June 10

5:00 p.m. Round Table Pulpit

Tuesday, June 11

11:00 a.m. Special Care
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Sunny 16 Camera Club
7:00 p.m. Summer Circle

Wednesday, June 12

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

WHAT WOULD SUMMER BE WITHOUT ICE CREAM!? Saturday July 13 beginning at 4:00pm we will gather for Games and Ice Cream in Fellowship Hall! Bring an appetizer to share, a favorite Ice Cream topping and any games you wish to share. Homemade Ice Cream provided. ALL AGES! Lots of fun games available here to try (and someone to teach). See Glenn or Leslee Kirkconnell with questions. We'll end whenever.

TWILIGHT CONCERT SERIES: presented by the Southern Kentucky Concert Band. Thursday evenings in June (6, 13, 20, 27) at the WKU Fine Arts Center Amphitheater, 7:00pm. Free and open to the public.

OTHER NEWS AND COMMUNITY NEEDS:

OUR SECOND CHRISTMAS MARKET WILL BE DECEMBER 7. Next Sunday, those who are involved in planning this event will gather briefly following worship in Fellowship Hall. Want to know more? Join us! See Shannon Dyche for more information.