

**Day of Pentecost
May 28, 2023**

Welcome and Announcements		
Prelude		Christopher A. McCroskey
Call To Worship	<i>"Surely the Presence of the Lord"</i>	Choir
Greeting		
*Hymn	<i>"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"</i>	540
Opening Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer		895
Proclamation of the Word		
Prayer of Illumination		
Epistle Reading	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	Pages 164-165 (N.T.)
Psalter	Psalms 104:1-13, 24-35	826-827
*Hymn	<i>"Spirit of the Living God"</i>	393
Gospel Reading	John 7:37-39	Page 97 (N.T.)
Anthem	<i>"Come Bless the Lord"</i>	Choir
New Testament Reading	Acts 2:1-21	Pages 113-114 (N.T.)
Sermon	<i>"Who Is Doing What?"</i>	Rev. John Jordan
*Affirmation of Faith	<i>"The Apostles' Creed"</i>	881
*Gloria Patri	<i>"Glory Be to the Father"</i>	70
Pastoral Prayer		
Presentation of Tithes & Offerings		
Offertory		Christopher A. McCroskey
*Doxology	<i>"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"</i>	95
*Hymn	<i>"As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"</i>	TFWS 2237
*Dismissal With Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>"May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You"</i>	Choir
	May the Lord, Mighty God bless and keep you forever, Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see God's face and God's grace forever, May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.	
*Postlude		Christopher A. McCroskey
	*The Congregation May Stand	

Leading in Worship Today

Pastor: *John D. Jordan* AV Director: *Marie Stiles*
Choir Director: *Christopher A. McCroskey* AV Assistant: *Chris Derrick*
Church Musician Time Together: *Ruth Frady*

VISITORS ARE WELCOME in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor's tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning. We ask that you also please fill in the pew pad as it passes to register your attendance with us. **Large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

You may join as a member into the life and work of this congregation by Confession of Faith or by Transfer of Membership from another church. If you would be interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

Today's Lovely Flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of all Service Personnel who have passed away in battle, in loving memory of George Hardee, and in honor of our choir, by his family.

“AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRIES BY OUR PRAYERS...

Patsy Zeigler Becky Derrick Cristen Hipp Dale Wells Patsy Shuler Christopher McCroskey
Jimmy Grahl Latson Lewis Kaye Floyd John Ballentine Dan Greshel Jack Stevens

Shut-Ins: Shirley Butler; Esther Carter; Gillett Hipp; Linda Maloch; Jean Raynor; Claudia Sineath; George Taylor

Family and Friends: Taylor Lewis (*son of Mark & Mary Sue Lewis*); Kathleen Braun (*sister of Mark Lewis*); Al Dekle (*friend of Beverly Shull*); Lauren & Leah Grace Edwards (*granddaughter & great-granddaughter of Hilda Edwards*); Andrea Johnson (*former member*); Gloria Erd (*friend of Lynn Martin*); Pearl Geddens (*mother of Tom Geddens*); Beverly Lipscomb (*sister-in-law of John Jordan*); Ross Deal (*grandson of Mary Kamoroff*); David Williamson, Nancy Wilson (*friends of Jeanette Hornsby*); David Turner (*brother of Pam Turner*); Chip Mixon (*friend of Tommy Gleaton*); Ron Walker (*friend of Tommy & Chris Gleaton*); Merit Takach (*friend of Joyce and Brent Robinson*); Frankie Hendrix (*cousin of Billy Pearson*); James Boggs (*father of Claire Boggs*); Stacy Coggins (*daughter of Steve Aiello*); Dan & Leslie White (*brother & sister-in-law of Steve White*); Mary Ann Rentz (*stepmother of Marty Johnson*); Alva Humphries (*friend of Marty Johnson*); Bill Areheart (*friend of Bonnie Ramsey*); Hayley Beaudoin (*niece of Edwa Meek*); Addie Kinard (*cousin of coworker of Edwa Meek*); Chip Hooker (*Wayne Hooker's father*); Robert Bradley (*Business Associate of Simon Ross*); Gary Becton (*friend of Mark Branham*); Florence Lee Carter, Monnie Tiller (*friends of Chris Derrick*); Adrin & Linda Hargett (*stepfather and stepmom of Christopher McCroskey*); Alexa Lookingbill, Teddy Derrick (*uncle of Arvan Derrick*); Haidee Baehr (*friends of Ruth Frady*); Denise Paul, Scott & Karen Nelson (*cousins of Gale Frady*); Dan Conner, Max Johnson (*friends of Gale Frady*); Wayne Blair (*son of Dot Johnson*); Walt & Janet Beck (*friends of Jo Ann Heiting*); Adam Lavender (*son of Phil Lavender*)

If you have a friend or family member on the Prayer List, we ask you to please keep us updated. If no word is received, we will trust that our prayers have been answered and remove the name. To update us, please call the office or e-mail us at trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com.

OUR PRESENCE ...

In-Person Attendance 05/21 SS: 14 Worship: 32

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 05/21 \$ 1,340.00

OUR SERVICE ...

OUR WITNESS.”

Upcoming Events

TODAY Taste of Trinity

FH Reserved, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

05/29 Memorial Day

Office Closed

05/31 T.a.G., 7 p.m.

Please Note: Exercise Class will not meet again until Monday, June 5th.

Graduate Recognition Sunday will be held later this summer.

Church Council has been rescheduled for Sunday, June 11.

Readings for June 4

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalms 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20



Ministers

Pastor

Resident Bishop

District Superintendent

The Congregation

John D. Jordan

Jonathan Holston

Rev. Fran M. Elrod

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and Transform



*All of them
were filled with
the Holy Spirit...*

Acts 2:4, NRSV

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Wow, Peter was some preacher. He preached one sermon, and three thousand people joined the church. He did it completely extemporaneously! He did have a text but no notes, exegesis, or word study. He just stood up and preached.

However, I think Peter would tell you quickly that it wasn't him acting that first Pentecost. Until this point, Peter had been a bit of a stumblebum. Something changed within Peter; God's Holy Spirit had been given to Peter and the other disciples.

God was the one acting that first Pentecost. God poured out the Holy Spirit, filling the room with a sound like the rush of a mighty wind. Something like a tongue of fire rested on those gathered there. All were filled with the Holy Spirit. God gave the divine Spirit to everyone gathered in that room. God was acting that day through Peter and the other disciples.

Now we have determined who was acting that first Pentecost. The next question is what was God doing? The obvious answer is God gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. This gift was given to all gathered in the room, not just Peter but to all. We do not know exactly how many received the Holy Spirit that day. The indefinite pronoun, they, seems to indicate more than just the twelve, though Peter and the other eleven stood up and spoke.

By giving the Spirit to all gathered, God created a community. This community was filled with the Spirit, enabled and empowered to be the ongoing witness of Jesus to the pilgrims gathered in Jerusalem for the festival. The disciples did not remain in the room basking in the glory of the Spirit. They burst out of the room. They were no longer hiding but became a visible community to the pilgrims in Jerusalem.

This visible community was a community with a mission. The disciples' mission was to be witnesses to Jesus in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. The Spirit empowered the disciples to leave the room and go out into the streets. The Spirit enabled them to speak other languages so the people would hear and understand. The Spirit enabled the hearers to understand. God created a visible community empowered and enabled to be witnesses to Jesus to the ends of the earth. This visible community did not only witness by word but also by a new way of living together, as we see in verses 42-47:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to many wonders and signs being done by the apostles. All who believed possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. (NRSV)

the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because were together and had all things in common; they would sell their need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, hearts, praising God and having the good will of all people. And day by day

Pentecost was the beginning of the church as a visible community living together in a new way empowered and enabled by the Holy Spirit to carry out this mission.

The purpose of this mission is so that all may hear the Good News of Jesus. Upon hearing the Gospel then all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved. To call upon the name means to appeal to and therefore make oneself dependant upon the other. To call upon the name of the Lord means acknowledging one's dependence on God. By acknowledging dependence on God, one shall be saved. Salvation is not avoidance of hell but being healed and made whole.

Salvation is not only individual healing but also the healing of society. Broken social structures are brought in alignment with God's social structure as exhibited by the visible community. The ultimate goal is the healing and restoration of all creation.

Pentecost marks the beginning of God working through people to heal and restore creation. God empowered and enabled those early disciples to be the witness to the plan of salvation demonstrated by the incarnation of Jesus. God became flesh and lived among us to show God's love for humanity. Love so great God sacrificed the Divine Son. The Holy Spirit is the continuing presence of Jesus in the world.

The Holy Spirit worked in the community. The Spirit was given to the community of disciples to create a new community of self-giving love, meeting the needs of all. This community was visible for the world to see a different way of being with fellow humans.

This community is the church. This community continues today with many different denominations. Though there may be different theologies and doctrines, the church still has one mission: the healing and restoration of creation. The church is a visible community, not tucked away for an elect few but in the world. The church is visible, so the world can see a new social order based on giving and meeting needs rather than a transactional one.

A church that is not visible or does not demonstrate this new order is not a church. The decline of our churches may be attributed to the fact that the church has not been visible. The church has hidden away from the world to avoid contamination. Thus the world does not see the church. The world does not see the new order of being in the community that God desires.

Over the years, the church has forsaken God's order in favor of the world's order. The church has focused on sexual immorality and ignored the greater economic immorality. The Old Testament prophets did not decry sexual immorality as much as economic immorality; the lack of care for the widows, orphans, and resident aliens. The church has failed to love.

The church has lost sight of its mission. The mission of the church is to witness Jesus so the world might be healed and restored. Sadly, the church has become a place where the saved revel in their salvation.

God is continuing to heal and restore creation. God is doing this through the community we call the church. God is giving the Holy Spirit to the church so it is empowered and enabled to be the visible community presenting God's order to the world.

God is pouring out the Holy Spirit on us today. Let us open our hearts and minds to receive the power to be Christ's witnesses. Let us be the visible community that offers a different order to the world, based on self-giving love. Let us be a community that loves alike even though we may not think alike. Let us participate wholly in God's mission to bring healing and restoration to the world. Come Holy Spirit, come.