

The United Church of Clinton



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

PENTECOST SUNDAY

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING *of the BELL/TIME of CENTER*

***CALL to WORSHIP** (Inspired by Psalm 104)

One: How manifold are the works of the Holy One! In wisdom, God had made them all; the earth is full of God's creatures.

Many: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the Creator rejoice in God's works!

One: How beautiful are the works of the Holy One! In love, God has formed them all; the earth is full of God's beloved.

Many: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to our God while I have being.

One: How wonderful are the works of the Holy One! In peace and hope, God has renewed them all; the earth is full of God's redeemed.

Many: May our meditation be pleasing to the Spirit. Rejoice in the Holy One!

***SONG of PRAISE *and* SUPPORTING HUMAN JUSTICE**

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

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***PRAYER of the DAY**

Living Water, quench our thirst. Fill us from the wellspring of your love. Refresh us in the unending flow of your grace. Immerse us in the vastness of your kingdom like drops in the ocean. We live in awe of your majesty and in humility at your presence among us. Revive us again as on the Day of Pentecost and drench your church in resurrection power. Amen.

***AFFIRMING *and* CONNECTING** (Passing of the Peace) We sing: "Peace be with You".

*** GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen. Amen. *(Be seated)*

Moment for All God's Children

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 and ever. Amen.

*SONG “Loving Spirit”

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SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13 (New International Version)

3 Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.**4** There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. **5** There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. **6** There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.**7** Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. **8** To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, **9** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, **10** to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,^[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues.^[b] **11** All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. **Unity and Diversity in the Body****12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by^[c] one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.**

PRAYER of TRANSFORMATION and NEW LIFE

Spirit of the Living God, draw us together into the place where your Spirit awaits us.

Guide us in your direction so that as we gather, we experience the unity that comes from shared hope and mutual understanding. Fill us with more questions than answers and open our minds to visions and dreams of a world transformed in your love and peace and infused with your hope and joy. For your name and glory, we pray for new life in you. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

Body of Christ, the Spirit is with us as Comforter, Counselor, and Conscience. The Holy One will continue to demonstrate the way and amaze us with deeds of power and grace, strength and mercy, might and compassion. Receive the gift of new possibilities, unity in Christ, and transformation for the world through witness, justice, and love.

Prayer Concerns and Joys Lifted Up

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Acts 2: 1-21 (The Message Translation)/John 7: 37-39 (New International Version)

A Sound Like a Strong Wind **2**¹⁻⁴ When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could

tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.⁵⁻¹¹ There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were blown away. They couldn’t for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, “Aren’t these all Galileans? How come we’re hearing them talk in our various mother tongues? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia,

Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene; Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; Even Cretans and Arabs! “They’re speaking our languages, describing God’s mighty works!”¹² Their heads were spinning; they couldn’t make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: “What’s going on here?”¹³ Others joked, “They’re drunk on cheap wine.” Peter Speaks Up¹⁴⁻²¹ That’s when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: “Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren’t drunk as some of you suspect. They haven’t had time to get drunk—it’s only nine o’clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen: “In the Last Days,” God says, “I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people: Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters; Your young men will see visions, your old men dream dreams. When the time comes, I’ll pour out my Spirit On those who serve me, men and women both, and they’ll prophesy. I’ll set wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below, Blood and fire and billowing smoke, the sun turning black and the moon blood-red, Before the Day of the Lord arrives, the Day tremendous and marvelous; And whoever calls out for help to me, God, will be saved.”**Rivers of Living Water**³⁷ On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As^[a] the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart^[b] shall flow rivers of living water.’ ”³⁹ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit^[c] because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Meditation - Rev. Marilyn Wilcox

MUSICAL MEDITATION

INVITATION to GENEROSITY

Psalm 104: 27-28 states, "These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things." As your gathered body, we give and open hands and hearts to share the good things you have given us. We give in abundance and in sacrifice so that all needs are met. Let us give in thanksgiving and commitment to the church and the world.

Passing of the Plate

DOXOLOGY (Use whatever words are comfortable for you)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost).

Amen

PRAYER of DEDICATION and THANKSGIVING

**Spirit, receive these gifts for the mutual flourishing of all the creatures of earth and the benefit of your kindom. Sustain us as caretakers, prosper our work, and stir the gifts in us
Amen.**

***SONG "Spirit Song"**

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BENEDICTION (found in insert)

SUNG "Amen"

Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.

Bold- Words in bold are said in unison.

Our worship has ended ~ Let our service begin!

Who is Thirsty: Service Prayers for the Day of Pentecost Year A was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ!

During the First Hymn we will collect funds for K9's for Warriors. Thank you for your generosity!

Warm Birthday wishes go out to:

Gloria Parkinson May 2nd

Donald Dobeck May 4th

Larry Gilman May 6th

Brett Cooper May 7th

Julie Cummins May 8th

Heather McNamara May 16th

Fred Sontag May 17th

Oscar Turcotte May 22nd

Mike MacInnis May 25th

Eric Furman May 21st

Kelly (Ryan) Fay May 24th

Happy Anniversary goes out to:

Pastor Marilyn Wilcox & Michael Hinkley May 16th

Please keep our special members and friends in your prayers: June and Edie K.

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