**May 19, 2024**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**“God’s Own Spirit on All Flesh”**

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**A Changing Church for Changing Times**

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**Welcome and Prayer - Announcements**

*Please stand*

**Chorus of Welcome** *“The Family of God”*

I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God—I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!

Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod; for I’m part of the family, the family of God.

**Call to Worship 1 John 15:1-8**

L: Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

**P: For God has done wondrous things for us.**

L: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we

do.

**P: For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!**

L: Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.

**P: Help us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen. AMEN.**

**Opening Worship Song** “Break Every Chain” Tasha Cobbs

**Chorus** There is power in the name of Jesus [ 3 times ] To break every chain [ 6 times ]

**Verse 1** All Sufficient Sacrifice - So freely given, such a price

Bought our redemption, Heaven’s gates Swing Wide [Repeat Chorus]

**Verse 2**

There’s an army rising up [ 3 times ] To break every chain [ 6 times ]

There’s an army rising up [ 3 times ] To break every chain [ 6 times ] [Repeat Chorus]

**Opening Prayer**

**Lord Jesus, we thank you for pouring your Spirit out on us. Jesus, it is such a gift that you choose us to carry your presence and your love throughout this world. Help us to feel bold and courageous as we go about this week. Where there is pain, help us to bring healing. Thank you that we live and move and have our being in you. Thank you that it is not our strength or understanding that we rely on, but your Spirit and your energy in us. We worship you! In Jesus name, Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Youth Message**

**Joys & Concerns …………….*Gathered Prayer***

*Please stand*

***Singing of THE LORD'S PRAYER -*** *Our Father, which 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*

**Gifts and Offerings**

**Offertory**  *“Spirit Of The Living God” (2x) # 393*

*Please stand*

**The Doxology** *“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”* # 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The Offertory Prayer**

Dismissal of the Youth

**Hymn “Filled with the Spirit’s Power” (**verses 1-3) # 537

Filled with the Spirit’s power, with one accord the infant church confessed its risen Lord.

O Holy Spirit, in the church today no less Your power of fellowship display.

Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire, that unity may be our great desire.

Give joy and peace; give faith to hear Your call, and readiness in each to work for all.

Widen our love, good Spirit to embrace in Your strong care all those of every race.

Like wind and fire with life among us move, till we are known as Christ’s and Christians prove.

*Please be seated*

**Scripture Lesson Acts 2:1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

**Sermon**“God’s Own Spirit on All Flesh”

*Please stand*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles’ Creed*

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Closing Hymn**  “Spirit Song” # 347

Oh let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love

Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

Oh let Him have the things that hold you and His Spirit like a dove

Will descend upon your life and make you whole

Refrain: Jesus, oh Jesus Come and fill Your lambs

Jesus, oh Jesus Come and fill Your lambs

Oh come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy

Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name

Oh give Him all your tears and sadness ,give Him all your years of pain

And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name (Refrain)

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction**  “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” # 334

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;

There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.

And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;

Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived, when we shall leave this place.



**Joys & Concerns: Keep those prayers going and thank God for His answers! To add a prayer request or share a joy, *please call Sue Creevey 267-847-6029*** Praying for one another is a powerful way for us to bear one another’s burdens. It is a loving act to pray for someone and join them in taking the pain of their heart to God.

**Prayer Requests from May 12th**

Prayers for Emmy, Joyce's co-worker that has cancer.

Joy - Wilson's grandson Kelsey had successful surgery.

Prayers for Doug Thomas who had major surgery

Joy - Kass Greenlaw welcomes her son Doug to worship with us

Prayers for the family of Joy Rampson as they mourn her death.

Sonja thankful for Mom & Grandmoms and all who are like a mother to us.

Joy - Tyler Prince celebrated his 26th birthday and she is so proud of him.

Prayers for West African community in Philadelphia - too many are being killed.

Prayers for Leila (Dende's sister -in-law) who is recovering from surgery.

Prayers for Dende's family on the passing of her cousin Sahr.

JOY - Olive Hanson graduated on Saturday from LaSalle with a Bachelor Degree in Nursing.

**Continuing Prayers for:**

Dorothy Buzzard Martha & Wondor Korto Scott Meyer Cass Quigley Marva

Sheryl Duke Betty Brzoza Victoria Somers

**For families, especially:**

Betty Sauerwald & family The Stefanescu & Mc Manus Families Jiselle & Family

Zilpha and James Browne Jean Bernard and family The Spotts Family

Pastor Brendan Van Gorder & family

**For an end to violence, for peace** **and stability**

Philadelphia, especially our community - Sierra Leone, Africa

Haiti - Israel and Hamas - Ukraine and Russia

**Please praise and pray for our youth – they are the future of our church!**

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**Lectionary Scripture Readings**

We all live such busy lives. Sometimes it feels chaotic and noisy. Reading the Bible can help us sort through all the craziness to see what's really important. It can bring about peace in our lives rather than allowing us to wallow in our confusion.

**Trinity Sunday - May 26, 2024**

John 3:1-17 - Isaiah 6:1-8 and Psalm 29 - Romans 8:12-17

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, May 19th - PENTECOST** marks the beginning of the Church.

In honor of this joyous occasion, it is popular tradition to wear red to Church to signify the presence of the Holy Spirit in our community and our unity in Christ.  Hopefully, our church will be blazing in red. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

**Sunday, May 19th - Administrative Council Meeting** after worship.

**Monday, May 20th - Women's Fellowship at noon** - Please bring your own

lunch.  Snacks and beverages are provided.

**Saturday, June 1st - YOUTH** will be helping with set up and the Abington June Fair.

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The June Fete is an old-fashioned country fair with amusement rides, carnival games, a variety of entertainment, delicious festival food an June Fete Fairgrounds

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**Friday, June 15th** – Wish the Snyder’s a happy 50th wedding anniversary & thank them for their dedication to each other and to our church!

**Sunday, June 23rd - Pastor Brendan's last Sunday with us**. After worship special refreshments as we send Pastor Brendan off to his future endeavors.

**Sunday June 30th – Celebrating our youth & graduates!** Worship 10:30AM

**Sunday, July 7th – Worship 10:30 AM** Rev. Randy Brubaker will lead us in worship and Holy Communion.

**Sunday, July 14th - Worship 10:30 AM -** Pastor Bob (Rev. Robert Coombe) Will lead us in worship for the first time. After worship, we will have an ice cream meet and greet time for fellowship.