



The Presbyterian Church on the Hill
May 20, 2018 ~10:15am
Pentecost

In Preparation (*Please meditate silently.*)

Among the many things I packed up in my office when I retired was a set of two plaques, with the words, "Do everything with love...a fierce fire-y love: the love by which God pursues us."

Recollection by Rev. Kathryn Matthews on Pentecost 2018

*"Blessed be the longing that brought you here
And quickens your soul with wonder..."*

May you come to accept your longing as divine urgency.

May you know the urgency with which God longs for you."

John O'Donohue from "To Bless the Space Between Us"

Peace Prayer

Prelude **"Loving Spirit"**

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

Al Coffey – Trumpet Soloist

Introit **"Make Our Church One Joyful Choir"** *Jonathan Crutchfield*

Make our church one joyful choir on this glad and festive day
and by song invoke the fire that invites our hearts to pray:
Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name.

Bend us low by song and prayer, low enough to lift the cross
and to take the weight and bear love's uncounted final cost:
Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name.

Bend us, lift us, make us strong, send us out with wind and fire
so the world may hear the song that we offer as your choir:
Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name.

Amen!

Thomas H. Troeger

Call to Worship

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.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit,

The wind of God, the breath of Life.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Our Advocate, our Counselor.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.

Come, Holy Spirit.

May we feel God breathing through our worship.

May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place. Amen.

▲ Hymn No. 289 **"On Pentecost They Gathered"**

Munich

▲ The Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

*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.*

Life on the Hill

Today (May 20): ✠ WORSHIP 10:15am
Wednesday (May 23): Deacons 7:00pm
Thursday (May 24): Rachel Circle 9:30am
Moms & Young Gals 9:30-11am
Adult Study 11:30-12:45pm
Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm
Next Sunday: ✠ WORSHIP 10:15am

Anthem **“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”** *arr. William Dawson*

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke
out of His mouth came fire and smoke;
looked all around me, it looked so fine,
till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Jordan River is chilly an’ cold
it chills the body, but not the soul;
there ain’t but one train upon this track,
it runs to heaven an’ right back.

Chancel Choir

*Yuri Albertao, Michael Compoly, Jill Creveling, Marilyn Dicken,
Otto Eickmeyer, Hilary Epstein, Ed Fix, Bernice Gangaware,
JP Hanly, Nancy Kinaszuk, George Liddy, Barbara Lofthouse,
Isaiah Mason, Bob Morris, Sandy Papp, Cheryl Schmidt, Randy Stolze,
Marcia Turpin.*

☺ Children thru 12th grade will exit to Sunday School ☺

Prayer of Confession

Our God, we come in humility, confessing who and what we are. When your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears, for we fear what you might call us to do. When your Spirit touches our lips, we close our mouths, embarrassed to speak your Word. When the wind of your Spirit blows, we close the windows of our hearts, afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives. When the fire of your Spirit

touches us, we quench the flame, afraid of the new life it might bring. Forgive us, O Lord, we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy. Amen.

Silent Confession

O Lord, hear our personal prayers as we admit to our sins.
Hear our confession:

Personal Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

▲ Gloria Patri No. 581

Gloria Patri (Greatest)

**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.**

New Testament Lesson Romans 8:22-27 NIV

Rick Buckley



We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. ²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Presenting Our Gifts to the Lord

Offertory **“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”**

arr. John Carter

▲ Doxology

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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 pow’r uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

▲ Prayer of Dedication

▲ Passing of the Peace and Greeting One Another

New Testament Lesson John 15:26-27, 16: 4-15 NIV

Rick Buckley



When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

4 I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, ⁵ but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. ¹² ‘I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he,

the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.’”

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Hymn of Preparation No. 282 **“Come Down, O Love Divine”**

Down Ampney

Message **“Receiving the Promise, Living into the Longing”**

Pastor Katherine Cunningham

Prayers of the People

▲ Hymn No. 280 **“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”**

Ebenezer

▲ Benediction

▲ Postlude **“Ebenezer”**

Thomas John Williams

(▲ All who are able, please stand.)



LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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We sincerely welcome all who have come to worship the Creator of us all. As brothers and sisters, let us give evidence that we belong to the family of God. Extend the hand of friendship to those around you, and be grateful for the gift of friends and family. If you are in need of pastoral care or perhaps a listening ear, please speak to one of our Elders, Deacons, or Stephen Ministers.



Children & Youth Team Leaders

Today

Pre-k & Kindergarten

(brick classroom)

Shirley Carle

Stephanie Toth

1st – 5th Grade

(fellowship hall)

Carol Cox

Cheryl Miller

6th – 12th Grade

(youth room)

Sandy Pristas

Kelli Tobin

May 27th

No Sunday School

Memorial Day

⊕
*The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in
 Loving Memory of David R. Kirk by his wife, Anna*
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Serving Today

⊕ **Greeter:** Letitia & Ralph Jensen

⊕ **Ushers:** Team 1: Rick Degurski, Jon Black, Jackie Colin,
 Helen Brandstetter, Chris Tobin, Rebecca Hanly

⊕ **Flower Duty:** Sherri Ryan, Joanie Kralyovich

⊕ **Trustee Duty:** Chris Tobin, Maureen Bonney

⊕ **Fellowship Host:** Denise & Rick Buckley

⊕ **Worship Prep:** 5/19 Laura Guilfoyle, 5/26 Diana & Tom Griffith

Life on the Hill Notes

May 20th



PCOH NURSERY

TODAY

Jamie Montero

May 27 _____ June 3 _____
 June 10 _____ June 17 _____

PCUSA Pentecost Offering



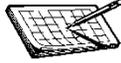
In honor and celebration of the youth of PCOH, the Mission Community has donated \$500 to the denominational Pentecost Offering, which is designated for the work with children, teens and at-risk youth.



The Ministry of Flowers



New 2018 Chart is now posted! If you would like flowers in the sanctuary for a particular Sunday please sign up. Cost: \$45.00. Questions? Please speak with Judy Quitne. Are you aware that our Deacons deliver the flowers to our shut-ins and hospitalized folks with our prayers and concern every Sunday?



Sign Up Sheets

(posted on rear table in sanctuary)



Fellowship Time Hosts

Scripture Readers



Greeters



Saturday Soup Kitchen at Trinity Episcopal Church in Asbury is in need of volunteers on Saturday, June 2, from 9:30-1:30. Sign-up sheet is in the rear of the church. Any questions please call or text Holly Hansen at 848-466-0284.



*When you are shopping,
please remember that:*

Trinity Needs Food

*When you are cooking,
please remember that:*

The Center Needs Meals

“CHURCH ON THE HILL is a diverse, inclusive community of God’s people whose faith is led by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We welcome, love, and empower all persons to become constructive, affirming thinkers, filled with hope, making a difference in the world. Armed with forgiveness and understanding in the knowledge that “God alone is Lord of the conscience” (Historical Principles, G-1.0301a), we will move forward in an ever changing culture and world.

†**FAITH** †**LOVE** † **HOPE** †**FORGIVENESS** † **UNDERSTANDING** †

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Church Office HOURS: Mon. - Wed. - Fri. 9am-1pm



“CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE”

If you, or a neighbor, co-worker or friend could benefit from the trained, caring presence and listening ear of a Stephen Minister, Please contact Stephen Leaders Deanne Nirider (281-744-1054) or Dot French (732-996-1356).

Transition On The Hill

The search for an Interim Pastor continues to move forward. At the March 19th Session meeting the following sub-committee was elected to serve as the Interim Pastor Search Committee: Anne Pagnoni, Chair, Michael Compoly, Wendy Robinson, Ralph Jensen, Rick Degurski, Lisa Keller, and Sharon Fix. Our Presbytery representative, Rev. Bill Morris of the Belmar Presbyterian Church, regularly works with the sub-committee as well. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please seek out one of the Elders on the sub-committee. As always, your Session welcomes your input.



Music Notes from Dr. Jeff

Thank you to Al Coffey for playing trumpet on this festive Sunday of Pentecost.