

Grace United Church of Christ



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We Gather

Prelude

"Prelude on 'St. Agnes'"
John Bacchus Dykes, arr. Edward Landon (b. 1988)

Jonas Dawson

Welcome

Preparing our Hearts

Call to Worship Psalm 104)

L: O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

P: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

L: When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

P: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works

L: Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

Opening Hymn

"Let Every Christian Pray"

NCH #261 (insert)

Opening Prayer

Gloria Patri (sung)

Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the Beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Let Every Christian Pray

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Fred Pratt Green, 1970; rev. 1994

Acts 2

1 Let ev - ery Chris - tian pray, this day and ev - ery day,
2 The Spir - it brought to birth the church of Christ on earth
3 On - ly the Spir - it's power can fit us for this hour:

come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! Was not the church we love
to seek and save the lost: God nev - er has with - drawn,
come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! U - nite, in - struct, in - spire

com - mis - sioned from a - bove? Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!
since that tre - men - dous dawn, the gifts of Pen - te - cost.
and fill us with your fire: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!

Noted contemporary British hymnwriter Fred Pratt Green retired from the parish ministry in 1969 and only then commenced his prolific output of hymn texts, which can be found in every major hymnal publication of the late twentieth century.

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI 6.6.6.6.6.6.
Joseph Barnby, 1868

We Listen

First Reading	Acts 2: 1-21	Christine Sobczyk
Special Music	"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Robert Jackson, arr. David Paxton	Jonas Dawson
Second Reading	Romans 8:22-27	
Gospel	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor
Sermon	"Second Act"	Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

We Respond

Pastoral Prayers

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: ...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: ...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died

**Christ is risen
Christ will come again.**

Leader: ...Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (in 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Communion

Prayer after Communion

God of us all, In the gift of bread and cup we celebrate your presence in our church and in our lives. As your presence unites us in the gift of this holy meal, so we know that in your love we are united wherever we are. Keep true in us that same spirit that has united the Church throughout all generations and bring us soon into physical communion, through that same spirit, which is Christ, the Lord. Amen.

We are Sent

Announcements

Blessing

Closing Hymn

On Pentecost They Gathered

NCH # 272 (insert)

Dismissal

Postlude

"Tocatta on 'Veni Creator Spiritus'"

Jonas Dawson

Plainchant, arr. Sandra Gay

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## On Pentecost They Gathered

Acts 2:1-24, 32-47

Jane Parker Huber, 1981; rev. 1993

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,  
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed  
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,  
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples to wor - ship, sing, and pray.  
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as God in Christ they praised.  
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.  
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,  
 What un - i - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?  
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.  
 O give us hearts to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.  
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.  
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.  
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

Jane Parker Huber explained that she wrote this text in 1981  
 "to fill a gap in current hymnody," in that "many of the hymns  
 concerning the activity of the Holy Spirit do not mention  
 Pentecost."

Tune: MUNICH 7.6.7.6.D.  
 Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693  
 Harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847



# Daily Bible Readings

Sunday, May 31, 2020: Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth  
1 Samuel 2:1-10 • Psalm 113 • Romans 12:9-16b • Luke 1:39-57

Sunday, May 31, 2020: Day of Pentecost  
Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30 • Psalm 104:24-34, 35b •  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21 • John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

Monday, June 1, 2020: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; Romans 8:18-24

Tuesday, June 2, 2020: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29; Romans 8:26-27

Wednesday, June 3, 2020: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Numbers 11:24-30; John 7:37-39

Thursday, June 4, 2020: Psalm 8; Job 38:1-11; 2 Timothy 1:8-12a

Friday, June 5, 2020: Psalm 8; Job 38:12-21; 2 Timothy 1:12b-14

Saturday, June 6, 2020: Psalm 8; Job 38:22-38; John 14:15-17

Sunday, June 7, 2020: Trinity Sunday  
Genesis 1:1-2:4a and Psalm 8 • 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 • Matthew 28:16-20

Monday, June 8, 2020: Psalm 29; Job 38:39-39:12; 1 Corinthians 12:1-3

Tuesday, June 9, 2020: Psalm 29; Job 39:13-25; 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

Wednesday, June 10, 2020: Psalm 29; Job 39:26-40:5; John 14:25-26

Thursday, June 11, 2020: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Genesis 21:1-7; Hebrews 3:1-6  
OR Psalm 100; Exodus 4:18-23; Hebrews 3:1-6

Friday, June 12, 2020: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Genesis 24:1-9; Acts 7:35-43  
OR Psalm 100; Exodus 4:27-31; Acts 7:35-43

Saturday, June 13, 2020: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Genesis 24:10-52; Mark 7:1-13  
OR Psalm 100; Exodus 6:28-7:13; Mark 7:1-13

Sunday, June 14, 2020: Proper 6 (11)  
Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7) and Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 • Exodus 19:2-8a and  
Psalm 100 • Romans 5:1-8 • Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

Monday, June 15, 2020: Psalm 126; Genesis 23:1-19; 1 Thessalonians 3:1-5  
OR Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Joshua 1:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 3:1-5

Tuesday, June 16, 2020: Psalm 126; Genesis 25:7-11; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5  
OR Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; 1 Samuel 3:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5

Wednesday, June 17, 2020: Psalm 126; Nehemiah 9:1-8; Luke 6:12-19  
OR Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Proverbs 4:10-27; Luke 6:12-19

Thursday, June 18, 2020: Psalm 86:1-10; Exodus 12:43-49; Hebrews 2:5-9 OR Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18; Jeremiah  
18:12-17; Hebrews 2:5-9

Friday, June 19, 2020: Psalm 86:1-10; Genesis 35:1-4; Acts 5:17-26  
OR Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18; Jeremiah 18:18-23; Acts 5:17-26

Saturday, June 20, 2020: Psalm 86:1-10; Ezekiel 29:3-7; Luke 11:53-12:3  
OR Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18; Jeremiah 20:1-6; Luke 11:53-12:3

Sunday, June 21, 2020: Proper 7 (12)  
Genesis 21:8-21 and Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 • Jeremiah 20:7-13 and  
Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18 • Romans 6:1b-11 • Matthew 10:24-39

Monday, June 22, 2020: Psalm 86:11-17; Genesis 16:1-15; Revelation 2:1-7  
OR Psalm 6; Micah 7:1-7; Revelation 2:1-7

Tuesday, June 23, 2020: Psalm 86:11-17; Genesis 25:12-18; Revelation 2:8-11 OR Psalm 6; Jeremiah 26:1-12;  
Revelation 2:8-11

Wednesday, June 24, 2020: Psalm 86:11-17; Jeremiah 42:18-22; Matthew 10:5-23 OR Psalm 6; Jeremiah 38:1-13;  
Matthew 10:5-23

Thursday, June 25, 2020: Psalm 13; Micah 7:18-20; Galatians 5:2-6  
OR Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Jeremiah 25:1-7; Galatians 5:2-6

Friday, June 26, 2020: Psalm 13; 2 Chronicles 20:5-12; Galatians 5:7-12  
OR Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Jeremiah 25:8-14; Luke 17:1-4

Saturday, June 27, 2020: Psalm 13; Genesis 26:23-25; Luke 17:1-4  
OR Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Jeremiah 28:1-4; Luke 17:1-4

Sunday, June 28, 2020: Proper 8 (13)  
Genesis 22:1-14 and Psalm 13 • Jeremiah 28:5-9 and  
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 • Romans 6:12-23 • Matthew 10:40-42

Monday, June 29, 2020: Psalm 47; Genesis 22:15-18; 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12  
OR Psalm 119:161-168; 1 Kings 21:1-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

Tuesday, June 30, 2020: Psalm 47; 1 Kings 18:36-39; 1 John 4:1-6  
OR Psalm 119:161-168; 1 Kings 21:17-29; 1 John 4:1-6





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### SUNDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 AM

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Scripture Reader: ONLINE  
Children's Message: N/A  
Children's Church: N/A  
Altar Guild: N/A

*If you would like to serve as a greeter, or host fellowship time after worship,  
please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Good Shepherd Room.*

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