



June 4, 2017

Pentecost

Service of the Word and Sacrament
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Welcome! It is a pleasure to have you with us this morning.

This morning we will use both the black *New Century Hymnal* (NCH) and the green *Worship & Song* hymnal (W&S).

**Indicates when people are invited to stand.*

We Gather

Prelude: "Voluntary on 'Come Down, O Love Divine'"

- tune by Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. John G. Barr

Greeting

Please sign the red Friendship Book in your pew

Call of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

Choral Introit: "Oh God, We Do Exalt Your Name"

- words and music by Lloyd Larson

**Call to Worship (based on Psalm 104):*

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

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

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

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

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

*Opening Hymn: #261 (NCH) "Let Every Christian Pray"

*Opening Prayer (*in unison*):

Almighty God, we your children pray: let your glory come down.

Let the Fire fall on us gathered here as on that first Day of Pentecost.

Revive our spirits, fill us with new excitement, with joy unspeakable

And compassion for a dying world.

Empower us to speak your Word; to utter your words of Life;

Using a variety of languages to bring the good news to the poor.

Lord, let your fire fall once again on this church, on this community,

On this country, and on all the families of the earth.

In Jesus name and in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Gloria Patri (*traditional tune*)

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.

*Passing of the Peace

We Listen

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21

- Mike Stockman

Choral Anthem: "He's Callin' My Name"

- words and music by Patsy Ford Simms

*Gospel Reading: John 7:37-39

- Pastor Rob

Children's Message

- Pastor Rob

Following the Children's Message, children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us in the fellowship hall for Children's Church - a time of Bible lessons, crafts, songs and other fun activities. For children 5 years and younger, our Nursery is available during the worship service.

We Respond

Pastoral Prayer

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "In the Shadow of the Almighty"

- by Christina Becket

*Prayer of Dedication

*Communion Hymn: #292 (NCH) "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

*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.

*Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Please be seated

Sharing the Elements

As you are dismissed from your pew, come forward using the center aisle. This morning we offer bread and your choice of wine (in the silver chalice) or grape juice (in the pottery chalice). Please return to your seats using the side aisles.

Music during Communion: "Here, O Lord, I See Thee" - arr. Lucy Ann Warriner

Blessing after Communion

We invite all who would like a blessing, especially children and those who did not participate in communion of bread and cup, to come forward.

We are Sent

Announcements

*Closing Prayer

*Closing Hymn: #3145 (W&S) "Breath of God, Breath of Peace"

*Benediction

Choral Benediction: "Grace to You"

- words and music by Lloyd Larson

Ringling of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

Postlude: "Spirit of the Living God!"

- by Marc Jordan

SERVING THIS MORNING

Anna and Lucien Winegar served as greeters this morning, and will also be your hosts for fellowship in the Good Shepherd Room following worship.

Welcome to our Guests!

- We are delighted that you joined us for worship this morning. Please be sure to sign the red Friendship Book in your pew.
- If you have any difficulty hearing the service, one of our ushers can provide you with a hearing assistance device. We also have large print bulletins and hymnals available.
- Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us for Children's Church - a time of Bible lessons, crafts, songs and other fun activities. We leave the Sanctuary following the Children's Message. For children 5 years and younger, our Nursery is available during the worship service.
- Following the worship service, we invite you to join us for fellowship.
- Welcome to Grace Church!

The flowers on the altar this morning are presented by Pastor Rob and Cop Rob, in celebration of their 13th wedding anniversary.



The yellow rose on the altar is presented by the Altar Guild in memory of deceased war veterans and in honor of those who have served our country, as well as those currently on active duty.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR!!

Saturday, June 10th (all day) - "Dough-Rai\$er" for the choir at Uno Pizzeria and Grill in Frederick. Be sure to bring a flyer with you!

Sunday, June 11th - Spring Fling following worship

Saturday, June 24th - 11:00 a.m. - Frederick Pride Worship Service
2:00 p.m. - Ordination of Pastor Guy S. Johnson

Sunday, July 9th - **10:30 a.m.** - Annual Outdoor Worship Service and Potluck Picnic at Mt. Tabor Park

SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER - LAST CHANCE TO BID!

50% of proceeds for the choir trip to Germany*
50% of proceeds for Richelle Schmitz

Final bids will be accepted after church today. Winners will be announced next Sunday, June 11th, and you do not need to be present to win!

Auction items include:

Girls' dresses, women's clothing, gift cards from clothing stores, jewelry and purses, haircut, grocery gift cards, restaurant gift cards, cakes, pizza, Starbucks, coupons for oil changes, antiques, a handmade quilt, a star light...and much, much more!

KUDOS TO JOAN PRINCLER – SHE HAS COLLECTED MORE PRIZES THAN EVER BEFORE!!

Don't forget to join the choir this **Saturday at **Uno Pizzeria** and Grill in Frederick for their **Dough-Rai\$er** event. Enjoy a delicious lunch or dinner and Uno will donate up to 20% of your check to the choir for their trip! Be sure to bring a flyer with you (flyers are included in this bulletin).*

The choir will continue to accept donations towards their trip right up until they leave in August - and don't forget that they are still selling the Peanut Butter Melt-aways!

Special Offering for Pentecost: *Strengthen the Church*

This morning we will receive the Strengthen the Church (STC) special mission offering, an offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

More information can be found at www.ucc.org/stc.

Please join us next week for a

Spring Fling

A potluck luncheon and special fellowship time with friends from Grace Church and our sister church, Veritas UCC in Hagerstown

Sunday, June 11th following worship

Please RSVP to Joan Princler and let her know what you'll be bringing. And *if you are available*, we could use some help after worship **TODAY** to set up the tables and chairs in the basement. Thank you!!

You are invited...

Service of Ordination for Guy S. Johnson

The Catoclin Association, Central Atlantic Conference, United Church of Christ, Grace United Church of Christ, Keysville Grace United Church of Christ, and Mt. Pleasant Reformed United Church of Christ cordially invite your presence and prayers to the Ordination of Guy S. Johnson.

Saturday June 24, 2017

2:00 p.m.

Grace United Church of Christ

Reception following the service

Upper Room Devotionals

Devotional booklets are available in the Narthex for anyone who would like a resource for daily prayer. There are regular and large-print versions, and there is no cost for the booklets, although donations are gladly accepted.

A friendly reminder from Pastor Rob:

Are you planning an event at Church? If so, PLEASE remember to call Tara in the church office and make sure to get on the calendar ASAP. This means BEFORE you make plans, invite people, advertise, etc... The Church is getting increasingly busy throughout the week and we have had a few events that did not get cleared through the office. Luckily none of them conflicted with scheduled events, but they came pretty close! Let's avoid embarrassing double bookings by making sure there are no conflicts with the building usage. Thanks so much!!

Offering Envelopes and Electronic Giving

Boxes of offering envelopes are available in the Narthex for anyone who would like to use envelopes for regular giving. Simply pick up a box and write your name on the sign-up sheet next to the number that you've chosen.

If you would rather give electronically, we offer 2 options:

(a) our super-convenient *UCC e-Giving* program allows you to have a regular, recurring donation drafted out of your checking or savings account, or charged to your credit card (*To get started, simply pick up an authorization form in the Narthex, or contact the church office.*)

(b) make donations through our website using PayPal! Simply click the button at the bottom of the home page - www.grucc.com!

If you decide to participate in our electronic giving programs, you can pick up some "I give electronically" cards to place in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

Daily Bible Readings for this Week

What strikes me most about this month's readings is the emphasis on Holy Saga in the stories of Job and Genesis. Let me explain. Some of the stories in the Bible that we used to take as literal fact have changed over time and we see them now in a different way. Some of the Genesis stories are that way. Adam and Eve had three sons. The sons go and get wives...from where??? Literalism smacks in the face of logic on this one! We have come to understand that some of the stories in the Bible may not be historically factual, but they still contain a religious Truth. That means that while they are not historically accurate, they tell us something about how God's Spirit moved in that time and how God continues to be revealed through those stories today. It doesn't make them less important or any less inspired! It just means that we don't get hung up on whether they mesh with history, science or logic. Remember, these stories were oral tradition for many generations and as such, the details got a bit fuzzy over the years! Remember when you read the Bible, don't get your faith all twisted up over literalism and historical accuracy. The point is to ask where God is in the story and how God spoke to them and continues to speak to us through the stories!

The daily Bible readings are clustered into weeks with Sunday being the center of each week. The lessons come from the Revised Common Lectionary. The readings for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of each week orient our prayer and preparation for the Sunday lessons. The readings for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday reflect on Sunday's lessons. In the worship of Grace Church we normally read only two lessons. However, many Sundays the Psalm for the day is also incorporated into the service as a Call to Worship or prayer.

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June 4 *Day of Pentecost*
 Acts 2:1-21 or Num. 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

June 5 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
 Joel 2:18-29
 Romans 8:18-24

June 6 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
 Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29
 Romans 8:26-27

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

Trinity

June 8 Psalm 8
 Job 38:1-11
 2 Timothy 1:8-12a

June 9 Psalm 8
 Job 38:12-21
 2 Timothy 1:12b-14

June 10 Psalm 8
 Job 38:22-38
 John 14:15-17

June 11 *Trinity Sunday*
 Genesis 1:1—2:4a
 Psalm 8
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 Matthew 28:16-20

Worship Assistants

June 11th:

Greeter: OPEN

Scripture Reader: Vonnie Crum

Children's Message: Trish Abell

Children's Church: Rob Apgar

Spring Fling following worship

June 18th:

Greeter: OPEN

Scripture Reader: Carrie Minnick

Children's Message: Carol Garrison

Children's Church: Colleen Street

Fellowship Host: Congregational Life

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

Caring and Sharing

The following are members and friends of our church family who are currently ill, hospitalized, or home-bound. Please keep them in your prayers and perhaps send a note or a card. Addresses can be obtained from the church office, or you can pick up a church directory from one of the ushers. If you know of anyone who should be added to this list, please call the church office.

Millie Davis, Bill Failor, Joe Free, Paul and Miriam Himes, Charlotte Hoover, Karlene Kaufmann, Pam Kehne, Betty Linton, Pat Lowry, Larry Sweet, and Harold Wenner.

Please note that hospitals are no longer permitted to contact churches on behalf of their patients. If you know of a church member who is hospitalized, please inform the church office. If you or a family member is hospitalized in an emergency situation, please call Pastor Rob at 240-217-2767.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT GRACE CHURCH

Sunday, June 4 - Pentecost

Special Offering: Strengthen the Church

9:45 a.m. - Christian Education classes

9:45 a.m. - Choir rehearsal (Room 12)

11:00 a.m. - Worship (Sanctuary)

Following worship - Silent Auction

5:00 p.m. - Redemption City Church worship service (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, June 6

7:00 p.m. - ManKind Project (Room 13)

7:00 p.m. - The Frederick Center young adult group (2nd floor)

Wednesday, June 7

6:30 p.m. - The Frederick Center youth group (Good Shepherd Room)

7:00 p.m. - PFLAG (Room 3)

Thursday, June 8

3:00 p.m. - Piano recital rehearsals (Sanctuary)

6:00 p.m. - FREE Drop-in Zumba class (Good Shepherd Room)

7:00 p.m. - The Frederick Center board meeting (Room 3)

Friday, June 9

8:30 p.m. - N. A. meeting (Good Shepherd Room)

Saturday, June 10

3:00 p.m. - Private piano recital (Sanctuary)

Sunday, June 11 - Trinity Sunday

9:45 a.m. - Christian Education classes

9:45 a.m. - Choir rehearsal (Room 12)

11:00 a.m. - Worship (Sanctuary)

Following worship - Spring Fling (Basement)

5:00 p.m. - Redemption City Church worship service (Sanctuary)

Monday, June 12

7:00 p.m. - Finance & Property Commission (Room 3)

