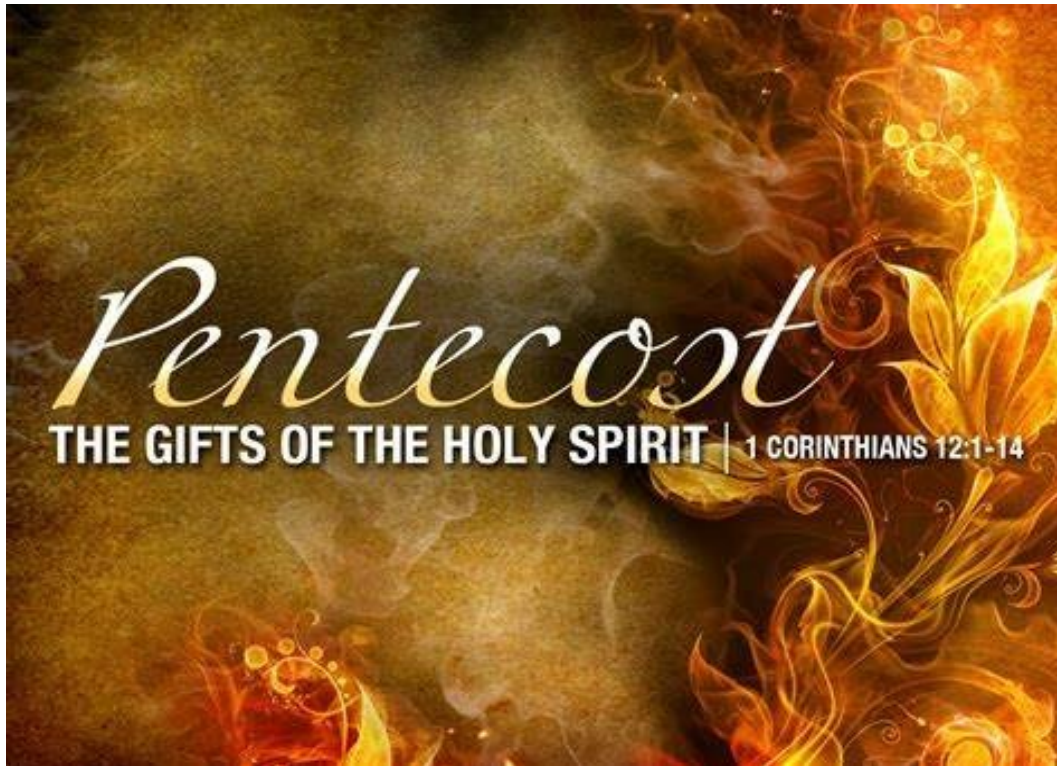


Grace United Church of Christ



May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

Today's Theme:

The Power of Pentecost

WE GATHER

*During this service of worship, we encourage you to know and to remember that this is a **Quiet Meditative Space**, that this is a **Safe and Loving Place, a Sanctuary**, for worship, praise and reflection; and to remember that **'No Matter Who You Are or Where You Are on Life's Journey, You are Welcome Here!***

Prelude - Every Time I Feel the Spirit - arr. Adolphus Hailstork

Welcome

Passing the Peace

Ringing of the Bell

Choral Introit - Spirit of the Living God - Daniel Iverson

***Call to Worship**

Leader: As we gather together in this place, let us strain our ears to hear the rush of wind, the crackle pop of fire.

People: We listen to your call, God of spirit and flame. We take our place in your unfolding creation.

Leader: Rejoice, for God's spirit flows among us! Rejoice, for today the church embraces transformation.

People: In the midst of rebirth, we join our voices in praise! Let us worship God.

Gathering Prayer (In Unison)

Today's gathering prayer will be a "body prayer" and you are invited to follow Pastor Chance's lead. At the conclusion of the body prayer, please join in the unison prayer below:

People: With clear minds and focused hearts, may we hear the words of scripture today and be receptive to the way in which God speaks to us through this good word. May it be so! Amen!

• **Opening Hymn** “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song” NCH 270

1. Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
2. To the members of Christ's body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the Church in faith assembled,
to her midst as gift and sign:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
3. With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Prayer for Renewal and Healing:

Pastor: Let us offer our prayers for renewal:

ALL: God, you invite us to wonder. We confess that we sometimes find more comfort in the mundane. We lean into the familiar and treat the amazing as suspicious or even threatening. We long for a routine to keep us safe and we are willing to give up joy in exchange. Reshape our hearts for possibility, O God. Awaken our senses to your wondrous work in the world, and give us the courage and will to follow you.

Pastor: Beloved of God, hear the good news...you and I are renewed and forgiven. Thanks be to God. AMEN!

We Listen

Children’s Moment

Scripture Readings

Introduction: Today’s reading from Acts is about the day of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Feast of Pentecost was celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover. Today’s passage is a reminder that if we are willing to be amazed, Pentecost is one of the most awe-inspiring days in our Christian calendar. If we are willing to be transformed, it is an opportunity to be renewed in energy and faithfulness toward the work of God’s kingdom on earth when all people will experience true liberation and boundless love.

I invite you now to hear our reading from Acts 2:1-13 as recorded in the New Revised Standard Version-Updated Edition.

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 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. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5 Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

Anthem - Breathe Into the Music - text, William Parker; music, David Catherwood

Sermon: The Rev. Chance Martinez

Sermon Title: "Well That Was Different!"

We Respond

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Offering - Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart - arr. Pamela Decker

*Doxology (music #780, text #778)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

Prayer of Dedication

Pastor: Let us present with joy our offerings of commitment and support for the work of Grace Church;

ALL: Holy God, we dedicate our time and treasure to you for the good of your whole creation, which even now you are still enacting. We pray that you will multiply these humble gifts toward a future of greater justice, flourishing, and joy. Amen!

We Are Sent

Announcements

*Closing Hymn "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" NCH 282

Refrain:

Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.

1. Upon the mountain my God spoke,
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me; it looked so fine,
I asked my God if all were mine.
[Refrain]

2. Oh, Jordan river, chilly and cold,
it chills the body, but not the soul.
There's only one train on this track;
it runs to heaven, then right back.
[Refrain]

Pastoral Blessing for the Journey (Written By Shane Claiborn)

“May the peace of Jesus Christ go with you. Wherever he may send you; may he guide you through the wilderness; protect you through the storm; may he bring you home rejoicing; at the wonders he has shown you; may he bring you home rejoicing; once again into our doors.” Amen.

Choral Benediction - Go Now in Peace - text, Brian Wren; music, Thomas Tallis

Postlude - “Someone’s Singing, Lord” from *Variations on “Kum Ba Yah”* - arr. John Behnke

~ The Postlude is still part of our worship; we invite you to sit and quietly reflect as we prepare to depart. ~



THIS WEEK AT GRACE UCC:

- Sunday 5/19:** 11:00 AM - Worship Service – Pentecost Sunday
Group photos to follow.
- Mondays:** 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Nar-Anon Meeting
- Monday - Saturday:** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM NA Meeting
- Mondays + Wednesdays:** 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM AA Meeting
- Wednesday 5/22:** 7:00 PM - Book Club (zoom)
- Thursday 5/23:** 7:00 PM—NA (Woman and Children Meeting)
- Sunday 5/26:** 11:00 AM– Worship Service– **Trinity Sunday**
Romans 8:12-17
Sermon: The Rev. Chance Martinez
Title: “Remember Who You Are!”



REFUGEE WELCOMING COMMITTEE

In 2024 Grace Church is starting a team to help a refugee family, under the guidance of the Refugee Welcoming Coalition of Frederick (<https://www.rwcfrederick.org/>). The RWC is an alliance of faith communities, civic organizations, and individual volunteers founded in 2021 in recognition of the influx of refugee families who need help establishing themselves in our area. Assistance indeed includes transportation, furnishing household items, and assistance with bureaucracies like school enrollment and health services.

Interested in making a difference? Contact Michael Davies (fluidmosaic@gmail.com) and Missy Moxley.

Until we form our team, you can make donations!

- Certain items are on their Amazon wishlist, for shipping directly to the RWC: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/8F1P1KKUOUZH>

- If you wish to donate furniture, or supplies that are in urgent need (shower curtains and bathmats; pillows, sheets and blankets; and almost any type of kitchen supply): please email us at info@rwcfrederick.org to arrange pickup

- To donate cash, you may send a check to **AACF: 45 E. All Saints St., Frederick, MD 21701**, with a note on the memo line that the funds are for RWC.

- Alternatively, you can donate through PayPal on their website,
- <https://rwc.frederick.org>.

Important Announcements !

June 1– John McCabe & Josh Serna’s Wedding.

June 2– German Partnership Joint Worship Service.

June 9– Sunday Summer Concert Series at Baker Park.

June 15– Bike ride on the Ballenger Creek Park Trail.

June 16- Join us for Father’s Day with Hot Dogs & Ice Cream Social.

June 16- Grace UCC volunteers at Community Table.

June 22– Interfaith Pride Services.

June 22- Frederick Pride Festival to follow.

July 14– Church Annual Picnic at Mt Tabor in Rocky Ridge, MD. Worship

GUCC’s Awesome Adventurers and Outings Club

Grace UCC’s awesome adventures are kicking off their first outing with the Sunday Summer Concert . Series at Baker Park. **On June 9th at 7pm** bring your chair, blanket, and snacks and we’ll gather at Baker Park to enjoy the first concert of the Summer! The concert starts at 7pm and ends at 8:30 and features Max Rosado and the 7th Street Band (salsa music).

If you are interested in joining, please let Liz Tinker know with an email to liztinker2@yahoo.com or text/call:301-693-0511.

Our next awesome adventure outing is a bike ride on the Ballenger Creek Park Trail on **Saturday, June 15th at 2pm**. Our adventure starts with a bike ride at Ballenger Creek Park Trail (4.2-mile-long trail) and then stops at Bruster’s Ice Cream, then back to the trail and back to the park. If you are interested in joining, please let Liz Tinker know with an email liztinker2@yahoo.com or text/call:301-693-0511. If you don’t have a bike but would like to join, want to walk instead of bike, or just come for ice cream please join us and let Liz Tinker know. If you have any adventure or outing suggestions or want to get on the email list of the GUCC GUCC’s Awesome Adventurers and Outings Club contact Liz Tinker.

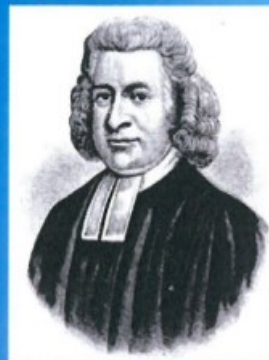
Save the date for NYC Day Trip on December 11th. Leave Frederick at 6am & return at Midnight. Price: \$80 per person.

Seating Limited.

Contact: Tonyhemler0@gmail.com or Tricia at admin@grucc.com




Wesleyan Hymn Festival




Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing!

Sunday, May 19, 2024

5:00 p.m.



Calvary United Methodist Church
131 West 2nd Street
Downtown Frederick
Free and Open to the Public



This collaborative hymn festival will feature
Massed Choir and Massed Bell Choir with singers and ringers
from numerous Frederick Downtown Churches.
All hymns will be accompanied by the newly installed
Calvary UMC Pipe Organ

A Free Will Offering will be collected for
Literacy Council of Frederick County



Pentecost

— SUNDAY —

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SUNDAY WORSHIP — 11:00 AM — Virtual and in person

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

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