

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*OPENING HYMN "On Pentecost They Gathered" Tune: ELLACOMBE

**On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
A band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
And tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.**

**God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
On women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.**

**O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago.
Rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
So folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.**

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*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 104

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**
May my meditation be pleasing to you, O God,
for I rejoice in the Lord.
Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!
Let us worship God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

With new life all about us, O God, we still cling to our old ways. In spite of your promises we seek self-assurance. You send the Holy Spirit to enliven our existence, Yet the darkness of doubt dispels the new light the Spirit brings. We are afraid to admit what it might mean if we surrendered ourselves. So, we continue to pursue our flights of fancy, and pretend that we can go it alone. Forgive us.

(A time for personal confession) Let All God's people say: **Amen**

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 2:1-21 (CEB)

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place.² Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. ⁴ They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak. ⁵ There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. ⁷ They were surprised and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? ⁸ How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!" ¹² They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, "What does this mean?" ¹³ Others jeered at them, saying, "They're full of new wine!" ¹⁴ Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, "Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! ¹⁵ These people aren't drunk, as you suspect; after all, it's only nine o'clock in the morning! ¹⁶ Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

*In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young will see visions.
Your elders will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my servants, men and women, I will
pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.
¹⁹ I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and a cloud of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be changed into darkness, and
the moon will be changed into blood, before the great and spectacular day of the
Lord comes. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“O Day of Joy and Wonder!”

Tune: MERLE’S TUNE

**O day of joy and wonder! Christ’s promise now fulfilled:
The coming of the Spirit that holy love has willed.
Our Lord in human body to mortal eye is lost,
Yet comes in flame upon us at blessed Pentecost.**

**We too may know your power; your courage makes us strong.
Your love, your joy, your patience can all to us belong.
Come now and dwell within us, O Comforter divine.
Come to our hearts, and keep them; there let your brightness shine.**

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EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 12:3-13 (NRSV)

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Power of Pentecost”

Jim Musgrave

Responding to God

* AFFIRMATION

*HYMN

“We All Are One in Mission”

Tune: AURELIA

**We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
To plan and work together that all may know Christ’s love.**

**Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God’s redeeming word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

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PASTORAL PRAYER/ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Going Forth to Serve

INVITATION

BENEDICTION

*HYMN

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

Tune: BEECH SPRING

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; come with Pentecostal power;
Give the church a stronger vision; help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone.
Still the church is called to mission that God’s love shall be made known.**

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us, give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you, glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.**

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*WORDS OF DISMISSAL

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God’s Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

*POSTLUDE

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Church Notes

MEMBERS WISHING TO BLESS RLPC'S MINISTRY FINANCIALLY

With the fact that we are not coming together for worship, many of you who have generously given to the ministry of RLPC may want to continue your gifts to the church. There are several ways that you may donate a gift to the church. By logging onto the church website at www.rlp.org you can give through PayPal. Also, there is a mailbox outside the choir room where you can drop your offering or send it by mail. A prayer of dedication will be included in the Prayers of the People. Thank you for your support of our missions.

2020 PEARL INGRAM APPLICATIONS



Applications for the 2020 Pearl Inghram Scholarship are now available. To be considered for the scholarship, the applicant must have graduated from high school by spring/summer of 2020 or in a previous year. Applicants must also be enrolled in college, trade school, or other post high school professional training program for the fall of 2020. Completed applications must be in the church office by 1 PM, July 1. Applicants will be notified of the Scholarship Committee's decision by email on or before July 20. A check will be mailed directly to the applicant awarded the scholarship no later than August 21. APPLICATION FORMS can be requested by calling the church office at 304 768-4141 weekday mornings or by emailing rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com."

THE GUEST PREACHERS FOR JUNE ARE:

June 7 Ed Thompson

June 14 Rocky Poole

Nurture Time

May 31: Read John 3:13-17 Scripture tells us that "all who hate a brother or sister are murderers." How might we "lay down our lives for one another" without physically dying? Search through the newspaper or listen to the news for a story of someone who is a victim of hate. How might you show them love?

Prayer List

To add/remove/correct names on the prayer list,
please call the church office (768-4141) or email rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com

Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families

Hilda Alsop's cousin,	Mary Jane Hamrick	Ruth Pritchard
Bonnie Leslie	Brad Harkins	Joy Ratcliff
Merrily Bailey	Addilyn Hardin	Sarah Shaver
Niall Bailey	Tre' Hardin	Mary Anne Smith
Sgt. Major Jeff Bibb	Juanita Hefner	Mike Spurgeon
Day Bishop	Jim Johnson	Susan Spurgeon
Dick Clark	Mark King	Gregory Stonestreet
Jo Clark	Chuck Lathom	Linda Taylor
Sue DeWald	Cheryl Laws	Bill Wagner
Lee Ann Goff	Cheryl Morgan	Ella Grace Washington
Mary Graham	Jackie Pauley	Jo Wilson

Prayers for our nation and our world through this time of uncertainty due to the Corona virus outbreak. 40,000 deaths a year from gun violence; global climate change; those who are struggling with the aftermath of natural disasters; all those who have lost someone to a drug overdose; all who struggle physically, spiritually, emotionally, financially or in their relationships; freedom and peace throughout the world; refugees and refugee families; all those whose lives are affected by violence wherever it occurs; Friends of Bluestone Camp and conference center's financial challenge.

Prayers for our Military

Brett Baker	Brent Bishop	Evan Chaney
Jeff Barker	Steve Cash	

All who are serving, who have been injured and the families who have lost someone in combat; those who live and serve on the Korean Peninsula and other nations in that region of the world; our troops facing terrorist attacks.

Prayers for those in Senior Residential Centers - Cliff Asbury, Kanawha Place; Betty Berry, Edgewood Summit; Barbara Shriver, Sweetbriar

Prayers for those at home - Reva Asbury, Jeanette Bates, Anne Copper, Bonnie Cheely, Sam Ford, Anita McCormick, Anita Wehrmann

Prayer List for Churches –Zion Presbyterian Church, Helvetia; Bates Memorial Presbyterian Church, Huntington; Marua Church (Mah-ROH'ch); Kagumo Parish (Kah-GOOM'OH)

