

WELCOME TO
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Pastor

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Organist

May 19, 2024

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Day of Pentecost
Mental Health Sunday in The World

Prelude: "Holy Ghost, with Light Divine"

Gottschalk

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship

One: God has done great things for us!

Many: We declare God's mighty works with all we have!

One: In a world where there is deceit and unkindness,

Many: We declare God's mighty works with all we have!

One: We praise the One who has kept us safe and provided for us.

Many: We worship the One who has blessed us with holy wisdom!

One: Let us worship God together!

Many: Come, Holy Spirit!

Invocation (unison)

Jesus, our sibling and friend, we thank you for your example, which guides us as we share the good news of God's love with a hurting world. Thank you for protecting us, teaching us, and equipping us to partner with you to work for love and justice. Help us share the joy we've found in our relationship with you. Empower us with the Holy Spirit, that we might testify to God's goodness. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "On Eagle's Wings"

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life (unison)

Gracious God, Jesus prayed that his disciples would be protected from deceit. Sometimes, it's not easy to be bold in sharing how God's love has impacted our lives. We ask forgiveness for the times we have not been strong enough in sharing our truth, for fear of how others would

respond. Help us find strength in Your promises to us. Help us share our joy with abundance. Amen.

Words of Grace

One: Friends, take comfort. None of Jesus' disciples found this work to be easy, and sometimes they faltered. We aren't expected to be perfect either. We are sanctified in God's truth. Christ prays for us and guides our words and actions. We always have opportunities to grow in our discipleship, as long as we trust in Christ to lead us.

All: By the grace of God, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Hymn: "Amazing Grace" p.343

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21 p.948

Reflection

Litany for Mental Health Sunday

One: On this Mental Health Sunday, we join in this Litany of Naming.

Many: As a congregation we are glad to lift up our voices and our spirits to break the silence that often happens when we are confronted with mental illness.

One: As a faith community, we name the gifts and the often unnamed experiences which come to those who live with a mental illness such as major depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety disorder, schizophrenia, substance use, addiction, historic and generational trauma, racial trauma, grief and eating disorder. We name:

Many: The Hope which upholds our spirit through honest sharing;

One: The Pain when people turn away because of fear;

Many: The Courage to speak in a safe place the way that Jesus spoke truth with love;

One: The Strength from being with others who listen compassionately. The Isolation that comes when no one knows what to say;

Many: The Realization that mental illnesses and brain disorders can be managed;

One: The Exhaustion that comes with living with a mental illness as well as for those who are caregivers;

Many: The Welcome of mental health as part of our church's ministry and outreach;

One: The Wisdom that comes when we become educated about mental health; The Spirituality that comes when we walk alongside those who show both resilience and vulnerability in their lives affected by mental illness;

All: We receive these gifts that we have named, those which are

welcomed and those that are challenges. We come before you, our God, knowing we are not alone and that You will show us a way to be and live. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

(this litany was prepared by the Rev. Alan Johnson)

Invitation to Generosity

Just as everything given to Jesus comes from God, everything given to us comes from Jesus, the foremost human example for our faith. May we respond to that gift with joy, mindful of the ways God works in this church, intros community, and in this world.

Offertory: "Holy Spirit, Fill Me Now" Smith

* Presentation of our Gifts and The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (unison)

Loving God, we remember that one of Christ's most important commandments is loving one another. With these gifts, help us show this love in our words and actions, caring for the vulnerable and offering hope in times of despair. Amen.

Choir Anthem

*The Pastoral Prayer...The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever. Amen

*Closing Hymn: "In The Bulb there is a Flower" insert

*Benediction

Christ sends you out to proclaim God's good news! God has done great work *in* you. Now go and let God work *through* you! Amen!

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "See How Great a Flame Aspires" Scriveyner

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**In the World: Service Prayers for the Day of Pentecost Year B** was written by Rev. Jacob Nault, Pastor of Union-Congregational Church in Waupun, WI. He also works alongside the UCC's Disabilities Ministries Board to provide music, liturgy, and other resources on issues of disability justice.

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are sponsored by Dennis and Cindy Kneisley in memory of Bertha and Raymond Aston.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Dennis and Cindy Kneisley in memory of Sarah and Clyde Martin.

**TODAY'S GREETER** is Ruth Stansfield.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Cheryl Martucci.

RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE on the main floor of the Church and downstairs. Bulletin MAGNIFIER SHEETS can be found on the sound system.



Our church is equipped with an Assistive Listening System. You provide your own headphones which can be connected to the transmitter which will allow you to more clearly hear the Worship Service or any program being offered in the Sanctuary. See anyone at the sound booth to inquire.

All loose offering today will go into our Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Thank you.

The **All Things Free Room** (ATF) next Sort and Store will be tomorrow, Monday, May 20 at 10:00am. Thank you for your help with this giving ministry. Please remember to not block the chair path when leaving donations in the stairway. Please call Millie with any questions.

**Peanut Butter & Jelly** Collection - We are once again collecting peanut butter and jelly for the Zionsville Area Food Pantry at the end of our Sunday School year. We will be collecting through Sunday, June 9. Please place your items in the box outside of Pastor's Office.

**Wooden Crosses** – We are selling wooden crosses for the Cemetery, in your garden at home or to hang on the wall. These are beautifully made and decorated. You can also buy the flower/ribbon portion to attach to the cross you have previously purchased. The attachment costs \$15. See samples after Worship or pick one up for Memorial Day. They are selling for \$30.00 each. See Richard Yeakel or Lisa Talecki.

**Attention Soon-to-be Grads!** Please let the church office know if you or a loved one will be graduating from High School, College or a Military program this year. We would like to honor you for all your hard work by putting your name and the name of the school in next month's newsletter. We would love to hear any future plans you would like to share with your church family also. You may call the church office or send us an email. **We will be celebrating all of our graduates in worship on Sunday, June 9. A special gift will be given to those who send us their graduation information by May 26** 😊



**GriefShare** is held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This nationally acclaimed course consists of 13 weeks of meetings for support offered to people who have lost loved ones. Each session includes a video to offer thoughts and ideas to learn about. There is a workbook which is helpful for each participant to have to follow along, take notes of the video, and then do some homework before the next session. There is also time to share and support each other through grief. There is no cost for the sessions, but the fee for the workbook is \$15 or whatever you can afford. We meet in the handicap accessible, air conditioned lower social hall. To register for these sessions, or ask questions, you can contact The Rev. Lori Esslinger at [MomAndPastorToo@yahoo.com](mailto:MomAndPastorToo@yahoo.com) or by calling the church office at 610-966-3601. The course concludes July 24, 2024.

**Sunday Brunchers** will be meeting after Worship today at the Mercantile Club. **Lunch Bunch** will be going to Powderbourn Sportsman's Club, 2071 Baus Road, East Greenville on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon. Please RSVP for this by Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. The next **Supper Club** will be meeting at 5:30pm on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Carriage House Restaurant in East Greenville. Please RSVP to Mark or Linda by Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. **All welcome!!**



**The last day for Sunday School will be June 2.** Classes will resume on September 8. And there is always room for more teachers and more helpers! We will be starting a Confirmation Class this fall on Sept. 8. All students interested in attending Confirmation classes are welcome. Please register with Lori Esslinger so we have enough books.



Celebrate history at the **Dillingersville Schoolhouse** located at 7226 Schoolhouse Lane, Zionsville. Informal worship begins at **10:30 a.m. on June 30, 2024** under a big tent on the grounds, rain or shine. This service is open to all and especially those who enjoy the outdoors and being in nature. Tours of the schoolhouse are available. We are engaging the Heidelberg Brass Band to offer their Polka Service during our Worship Service.

Invite your friends and family to join us for a lively morning worship with extra music after the service to lead us into our home-made lunch and bake sale offered for donation. This is a great day to learn about local history, the beginnings of education in this area, and to spend some time in the outdoors. Parking is available on site. Questions? Call 610-966-3601.

**Calling all Bakers!!** We are having a bake sale at Dillingersville. Please bring something for the sale.

**Week of May 19, 2024:**

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesday from 10am-3pm.  
Other times by appointment.

Church Secretary Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-3pm  
(please call before coming)

Sexton: Richard Shoemaker (with Thanks to his wife, Brenda)

ATF Sort & Store – Monday @ 10am

Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

Consistory – Tuesday @ 7pm

Grief Share – Wednesday @ 6:30pm

ATF Celebration Planning Meeting – Wednesday @ 6:30pm

Beef Pie & Sandwich Pick Up – Thursday between 3-5:30pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

**Next Sunday** – 9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Worship, Come to church to sing some Patriotic music and consider the memory of those who have lived good lives and served.

**Total Offerings from May 12:**

General Offerings: \$1,240.00

Window Fund: \$200.00

Communion: \$10.00

Mission: \$40.00

Building Repair: \$20.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$20.00

Cemetery: \$70.00

Attendance: 52