

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"DON'T LET THE FIRE GO OUT"

* *O Spirit of the Living God*

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* PRAYER FOR OFFERING OUR LIVES, OUR TITHES, AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD:

**Precious Lord,
we hunger for the light and strength that only the Spirit can bring.
Feed us and strengthen us, as we learn to feed others.
Fill us with the breath of your spirit as you search our hearts.
Ignite within us a desire to share the abundance of our lives.
Take our lives as proof of our faithfulness.
Take our gifts as proof of our love.
Use us and our gifts for the building of your church and your Kingdom.
In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.
Amen.**

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE ...

"Get on fire for God and men will come to see you burn."

- John Wesley

What will you say and do this week to show others the Spirit of the Living God?

Who will you talk with this week about what Jesus Christ means to you?

* BENEDICTION

* *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

133 (verses 1, 3)

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Wesley's Three Simple Rules:

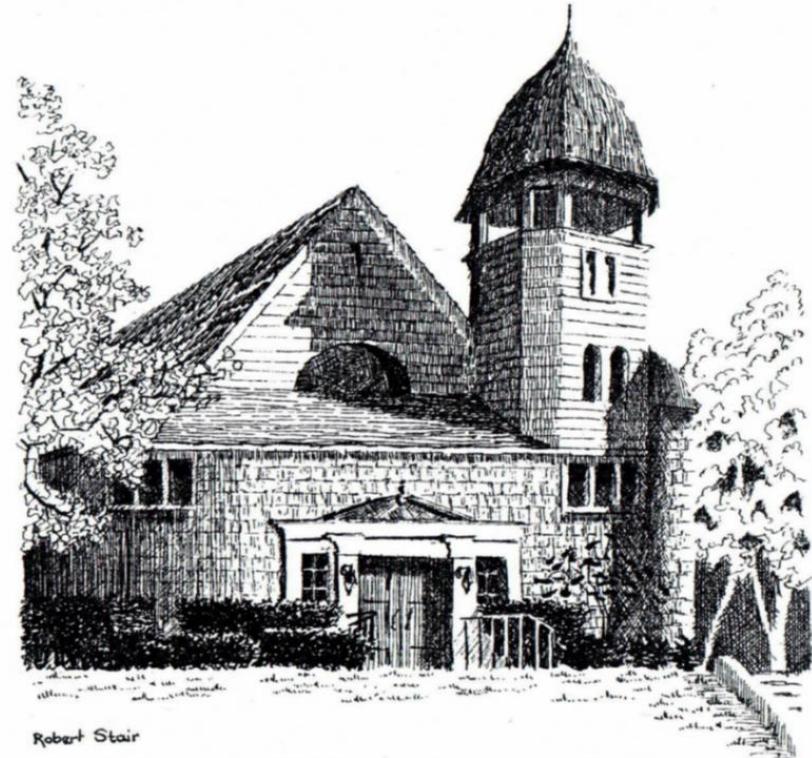
- 1) **Do no harm ... to anyone.**
- 2) **Do good ... to everyone.**
- 3) **Stay in love with God ... always.**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

May 23rd, 2021

"PENTECOST SUNDAY"

Liturgical Color – Red



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TODAY'S CENTERING VERSE

***"But when the Holy Spirit comes to you, you will receive power.
You will be my witnesses—
in Jerusalem, in all of Judea, in Samaria, and in every part of the world."***

- Acts 1:8

* Please stand in stature or in heart as you are able.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE ... *LET US FOCUS OUR THOUGHTS AND OUR HEARTS ON THE RISEN LIVING LORD JESUS CHRIST*

OPENING PAYER:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!

Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action.

Come, Holy Spirit. Energize our lives to work for God.

Let your wind of hope swirl around us, lifting and moving us from complacency.

Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your blessing on us.

Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God's presence and love in everything we say and do.

AMEN.

* *Spirit of Truth, Come Down*

332 (sung to tune of # 327)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CORPORATE CONFESSION & MOMENTS OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION:

We aren't ready, Lord.

**It is easier for us to hide in the upper rooms of our lives,
to let the world go by and not acknowledge your presence.**

**But you have challenged us to come alive again
with your love and words of healing mercy.**

Forgive our hesitant witness and our complacent spirits.

Heal our fears and our wounds.

Help us to be agents of healing and hope for others.

**Challenge and inspire us to overcome our feelings of inadequacy
and remind us that you have called us beloved
and have given us what we need to proclaim your Good News.**

In Jesus' Name, we pray.

AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PARDON

* *See How Great a Flame Aspires*

541 (sung to tune # 302)

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

AMEN.

TIME OF PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER

(from the ritual of the former Evangelic United Brethren Church)

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, forever. AMEN.

MOMENTS WITH ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

GOD'S WORD:

Acts 2:1-21, 37-41

(The Liturgist says: "This is the Word of God for ALL people" ... AND ... The People respond: "Thanks BE to God")