

WELCOME TO HARWICH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Pentecost Sunday
May 28, 2023

Thought for the Week

"Thunder is good, thunder is impressive, but it is lightning that does the work." - Mark Twain

~~Gathering and Welcome~~

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prelude

Call to Worship

L: Lord, our hearts are on fire this day!

P: Set the blazes of hope that burn away fear!

L: Lord, we come here to be empowered to serve you.

P: Cause the winds of change to blow away doubt and alienation!

L: Praise to God who has brought to us the Holy Spirit!

P: Let us worship and rejoice, for God is challenging and empowering us this day!

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit. Embolden us today. Give us power and energy to proclaim, with our very lives, the great good news of your eternal presence. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"Spirit of God"

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1. Spir - it of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life
2. Spir - it of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace
3. Spir - it of God, bright Hands, e - ven in far -
4. Spir - it of God, bright Flame, send us in your ho -
5. Spir - it of God in all, we glad - ly hear

be - gin, blow as you al - ways do; cre -
and love, heal - ing up - on your wings for
off lands you hold all the hu - man race in
ly name, the pow - er to heal, to share your
your call, the life in our hands that sings, the

ate us a - new. _____ Give us the breath
all liv - ing things. _____ For when we live
one warm em - brace. _____ No mat - ter where
love ev - ery - where. _____ We can - not fail
power of your wings. _____ Born of your grace

to sing, lift - ed on soar - ing wing, }
your peace, cap - tives will find re - lease, }
we go, you hold us to - geth - er so, }
or fall, or know de - feat at all, }
we rise, love shin - ing in our eyes, }

held in your hands, _____ borne on your wings. _____

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia!

1 _____ 2 _____
Come, Spir - it, come! _____ come! _____

Opening Prayer

Spirit of wind and fire, come to us this day, freeing us from our fears. Lift us up when we have fallen. Dust us off and set us squarely on the path to hope you have set before us. Remind us that we are never far from your presence. Get us ready for the great adventure and opportunities that lie before us. Help us to be good and willing workers for you. In Christ's Name, we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Lord of patience and persistence, we live in a broken and shattered world. All around us we see great evidence of hatred and alienation. We cannot help but observe the alienation of your people from each other. We create devices to separate rather than unite; to divide rather than come together in hope. Forgive us for our sins. These sins cause such division and hurt. Remind us today that the disciples, too, lived in a fearful world and that one day you came to them, as they sat huddled in fear, and you empowered them. You gave them hearts of courage and faith. Please bring to us the same hearts that we may serve you well, bringing peace and hope to our world. In the name of Christ, we offer this prayer. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Dear ones, fear no more! The power of God's Holy Spirit has set us free from the prison of doubt and fear! Now is the time to shine with the light of God's love, given to you by Jesus Christ. Amen.

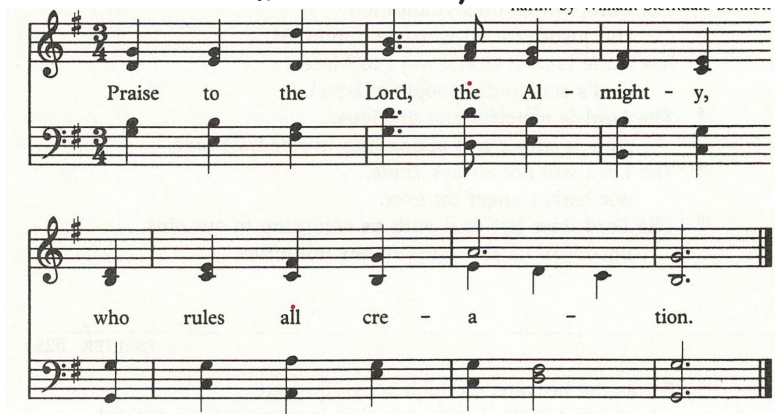
*Passing of the Peace

~~The Church Proclaims the Word~~

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

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Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y,
who rules all cre-a-tion.

- 24 O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.
- 26 There go the ships,
and Leviathan whom you formed to play in it.
- 27 These all look to you,
to give them their food in due season.
- 28 When you give to them, they gather it;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
- 29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.
- 30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.
- 31 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever,
may the Lord rejoice in his works,
32 who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!
- 33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
- 34 May my meditation be pleasing to the Lord
in whom I rejoice.
- 35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more!
Bless the Lord, O my soul!
Praise the Lord! **R**

Scripture Readings

Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Anthem

"Come, Join the Dance of Trinity"

Trad./Leach

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-23, 7:37-39

L: The word of God for the People of God

P: Thanks Be to God

Sermon

"By Water and Fire"

Pastor Dianne

*Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

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Service of Baptism

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Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Lay Leader: I present Mary Frances McKenzie Dulemba for baptism.

Pastor: On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain a faithful member of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

The pastor addresses the congregation, and the congregation responds:

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Mary now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Mary with a community of love and forgiveness that she may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, [who was conceived by the 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.]

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.]

Thanksgiving Over the Water

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare Christ's works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and she who receives it, to wash away her sin and clothe her in righteousness throughout her life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, she may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Baptism with Laying On of Hands

I baptize you, **Mary Frances McKenzie Dulemba**, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister in Christ.

All: Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

To the Congregation

Remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

Members of the household of God, I commend **Mary Frances McKenzie Dulemba** to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

All: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries

Prayers

The residents of Guam including Lil and Dan Murphy's granddaughter, Evie

World-wide effects of climate change

Hospice: David Thyng

Grieving: Steve Curry and family; Eddie Chase and family

Children growing up in a culture of violence

Healing: Pastor Dianne, Ruth Zeller, Judy Johnson Velasquez, Randy Chase, Dan and Lil
Murphy, Don Howell, David Thyng, Roz Coleman

Continued Prayers: Al Thompson, Donald Turcotte, Joan Felahi, Kenny Souza, Joan
Stevens, Nancy McIntyre, Pauline Doliber, Ruth Crocker, Michael Chatham, Greg Legeyt
and Karen Daffinee

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