

DAY OF PENTECOST

11:00 A.M.

**Rev. Mark Piedmonte**

**Music Director – Gregory Fraser**

**\* Congregation will stand**

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Schubert 3 Valses Nobles

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – **Updated COVID Guidelines** – See Announcements Insert (Hymns that do not appear in the Presbyterian Hymnal are included on an insert in the bulletin – Singing WITH MASKS ON will be allowed in worship)

MAY MISSION MOMENT: Dog Food & Toys for U.S. Kennels

INTROIT: “Spirit of the Living God” (PH# 322)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

**All: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.**

Leader: Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit;

**All: and they shall prophesy.**

Leader: I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below.

**All: Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN: “Spirit Song” (See Insert)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us call on the name of the One who invites us to speak the truth about ourselves and our relationships and promises to show us mercy.

**All: Holy and Merciful God, we know too well our failures to do as you have commanded and to hold fast to your word. Forgive us for the divisions we nurture, guide us to your way, keep us in your care, and lead us into faith. We trust your word that the Spirit of truth will show us all things and grant us courage and peace. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance. Accept God’s grace, repent of your sin, and be restored to abundant life.

**All: We give God thanks and praise! In Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with all of you.

**All: And also with you.**

YOUTH MESSAGE: “Happy Birthday Church”

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

SONG OF PRAISE: “Every Time I Feel the Spirit!” (PH #315)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: Holy Spirit, come again. As long ago you inspired, astonished, and confused the people, come to us now to fill our ears with the sound of your breath, fill our eyes with the brilliance of your presence in each other, fill our hearts with your good Word. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 2:18-22

Acts 2:1-13

**Response to the reading of God’s Word:**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: “Punch Drunk”

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

\*HYMN: “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us” (PH #129)

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: **The Brief Statement of Faith Sections (selected sections)**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS (Please be seated)

PRAYERS OF INTERSESSION (Responsive)

Leader: God in your mercy;

**All: Hear our prayer**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

OFFERTORY: Special Pentecost offering

DOXOLOGY / DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN: “Sweet, Sweet Spirit!” (See Insert)

\*BENEDICTION / RESPONSE: “Go Now in Peace”

POSTLUDE: Schubert/Liszt Soirée de Vienne #6

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10am – 2pm	Youth Fundraiser Car Wash
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Brief	Congregational Meeting

### THIS WEEK: May 24 - 29, 2021

Monday, May 24	Sharing & Caring 6:30pm
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Wednesday, May 26	Prayer Shawl Ministry 1-3pm; Pastor Hrs. 1-3pm; High School Youth 5:30-6:30pm
Thursday, May 27	Bible Study 6-7:30pm w/Pastor Mark
Friday, May 28	Pastor Hrs. 10am – Noon

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, May 30	Rev. Kerry Shull Guest Preacher
Monday, May 31	Church Office Closed
Tuesday, June 1	Session Meeting 6:00pm
Tuesday, June 8	Men's Breakfast at Rayne's Reef 8:30am
Saturday, June 12	Church grounds spruce-up 8am – Noon
Saturday, June 19	June Dinner – Pick-up, Delivery, or Picnic 4-5:30pm – more info below

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- Social distancing of at least 3-6 feet will still be maintained for indoor activities – couples and families may sit together;
- We will continue to refrain from passing the peace and collection plates – we will soon celebrate touchless communion services;
- And of course, keep those hands washed and sanitized! If you have any symptoms, please stay home and stay safe.

**Please Note:** First and foremost, it is our goal to protect all our members of every age and to make our guests feel welcome and safe. While most of the population is now eligible to receive vaccinations, some (like children under 12) still are not. And because we are blessed to have so many children in our midst, we want to be sure we are protecting them. (Plus, schools in MD are still requiring masks and other similar precautions.) Please also note, that those who are not fully vaccinated\* are encouraged to always wear a mask. And those who are vaccinated may feel free to wear a mask if they choose.

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