

you will be my witnesses

-- (Acts 1:8)

May 23, 2010

Pentecost

Ten Forty-five in the Morning

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading; Fashion Us All Anew It's Your Leading That We're Needing; Help Us to Follow You

Gathering Song

setting by William Smith

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing, ... and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

— African-American Spiritual

Greeting

John Hewett

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Spiritual Song

by Wilson Niwaglia

The image shows a musical score for a spiritual song. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Come, — come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come." The music is simple and melodic, with a clear emphasis on the lyrics.

Call to Worship

Jackie Starkey

God will pour out the Spirit upon all flesh,

And our daughters and sons shall prophesy.

And old ones shall dream dreams,

And our young ones shall see visions;

And all who call on the name of the Lord

Shall be delivered.

+ Hymn

"O God of Vision"

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please see back page

+ Affirmation of Faith

Paul Sims

Let us say what we believe:

We believe in God, the Creator Spirit,

who moved upon the face of the deep at the beginning of creation,

who created all that is,

and who spoke through the prophets of old.

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*We believe in Jesus Christ,
into whom God's Spirit was poured in fullness and power,
that the whole creation might be restored and unified;
and who promised that the Spirit would come and fill the faithful
with power to witness to the mighty love of God.
We wait on that Spirit today with longing hearts,
seeking to be empowered to witness to God's love in Christ,
with fresh words and courageous actions of love and hope.
Glory be to God – Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit – now and always. Amen.*

1 Gloria Patri

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*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.*

Preschoolers are dismissed for Extended Session

Celebration of Christian Baptism

John Hewett

The baptism of Zack Morris

Guide Our Thinking and Our Speaking Done in Your Holy Name Motivate All in Their Seeking, Freeing From Guilt and Shame

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Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

First Lesson

Exodus 3:1-6

Sara Spahr Stubbs

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 104

setting by Hal Hopson



O Lord, send down your Spir-it, and make us new a - gain.

Lord, how great you are! How beautiful the world you made.

The moon and stars on high, the flowers and the hills,

O God, you made them all, they still are in your hand. REFRAIN

Lord, you formed the seas – the waters wide from land to land.

All creatures in the seas, all creatures on the earth,

O God, you made them all, they still are in your hand. REFRAIN

Lord, we bless your name, your glory shout forevermore.

You feed us by your hand, you guide us by your love,

I'll sing my whole life long, and you will be my song. REFRAIN

Second Lesson

Acts 2:1-17

Fred Simpson

*The Gospel of our Lord.**Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"BODYWORK: Eyes to See"

John Hewett

**Come to Teach Us; Come to Nourish Those Who Believe in Christ
Bless the Faithful; May They Flourish, Strengthened by Grace Un-Priced**

Spiritual Song

by Wilson Niwagala

Come, come, come Holy Spirit, come.

The Celebration of Communion

Breaking Bread

"Taste and See"

by James Moore

Taste and see, taste and see the good ness
of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and
see the good ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

*I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;**My soul shall glory in the Lord for God has been so good to me. REFRAIN**Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.**I called the Lord who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free. REFRAIN**Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.**Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust. REFRAIN*

Sharing the Cup

"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

by Jody Lindh

The Chancel Choir

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all your quickening powers;**Kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.**See how we trifle here below, fond of our earthly toys;**Our souls, how heavily they go, to reach eternal joys.**In vain we tune our formal songs, in vain we strive to rise;**Hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.**Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all your quickening powers;**Kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.**Come, Holy Spirit.*Isaac Watts, 18th century

+ The Peace John Hewett

*The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.*

+ Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Church Membership John Hewett

+ Hymn 717 *“Lord of the Church, We Pray for Our Renewing”* LONDONDERRY AIR

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+ Offertory Prayer Max Melton

All loose change received in May will benefit Restoration House, a local ministry that reaches out to lost and broken people, offering them an encouraging hand in the name of Christ. Please give as you are able.

Organ Offertory *“Choral and Variations on the Theme ‘Veni Creator’”* by Maurice Duruflé
Sarah Poindexter, cantor

+ Doxology for Pentecost LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Please rise as the deacons pass your pew in returning the offering to the Chancel

*Praise God who gives all blessings birth; praise God all creatures on the earth:
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise God, who makes, sustains, sets free – one holy God in persons three:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!*

Carl Daw, 20th century

Keep Us Fervent in Our Witness: Un-Swayed by Earth’s Allure Ever Grant Us Zealous Fitness, Which You Alone Assure

Honoring our High School Seniors John Hewett and Sara Spahr Stubbs

Cole Caskey
Sara Ashley Eagle

+ Spiritual Song by Wilson Niwaglia

Come, come, come Holy Spirit, come.

+ Benediction Julia Wall

Organ Postlude *“Choral Variation on the Theme ‘Veni Creator’”* by Maurice Duruflé
IV. Finale

– Those who are able may stand

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Assisting in today's ministry of worship are:

John H. Hewett, Minister of Worship and Teaching

Paul M. Sims, Minister

Sara Spahr Stubbs, Minister

Timothy Belflowers, Organist

The Chancel Choir

Jessica Bachelder, Zack Morris, Sarah Poindexter, Soloists

Lindsay Harris and Taylor Vancil, Percussion

Max Melton, Deacon

Jackie Starkey and Fred Simpson, Readers

Preschool Extended Session workers for today are Robin Haas and Anita Gross

Pentecost Sunday, May 23

Join us for our annual Pentecost Picnic following worship today at Belk Tonawanda Park. All food, drinks and paper products will be provided by the church for the picnic at a cost of \$2.00 for adults, with those 18 and under eating for free.

Red Shirts

As part of Pentecost Sunday, we are taking donations of various children sizes of red knit shirts for the School Uniform Closet. If you did not bring a shirt today but would like to help, please drop your donation off this week in the Gathering Area. Thanks for helping.

Food-Packs-4-Kids

Each Friday afternoon, twenty-five children from Rock Rest Elementary School return to their homes with backpacks laden with kid-friendly foods that will sustain them through the weekend. With only about three weeks left in this school year, our food supply for them is running low. A list of suggested donations is printed in this week's newsletter if you would like to help.

Young-at-Heart

Members of Young-at-Heart are invited on a trip to the Park Seed Company in Greenwood, SC on Thursday, June 17. The group will leave from the church at 8:00 a.m. Lunch will be on your own in uptown Greenwood. Cost (for transportation) is \$10. If you would like to go, please contact the church office.

Children's Party

The next Children's Party will be held on Saturday, June 19 from 5:30-9:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Included will be a pizza supper, with time given for making a special gift for Father's (or Grandfather's) Day. Friends are welcome. Call or email the church office by June 16 to make reservations.

Summer Choir

The Summer Choir will begin on Sunday, June 6. Rehearsals will be held each Sunday morning at 9:00 in the Sanctuary. The Summer Choir is open to all those who enjoy singing.