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SAINT PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Fleetwood, Pennsylvania
Pentecost Sunday
May 20, 2018
Confirmation Sunday
Holy Communion

GATHERING

Almighty God, you have called the church into being and gathered us into one family. By the power of your Holy Spirit help us to live in unity of peace with all your children. May our actions this day be fruit of our faith in your kingdom. In the name of Christ. Amen.

INTROIT

OPENING HYMN *"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"* No. 351

PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE *"We are the Light"* Children's Choir

CENTERING

Pastor: Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life,
in the beginning of time, you moved over the face of the waters; you breathe into every living being the breath of life.

All: Come, Creator Spirit, and renew the whole creation.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, voice of the prophets:
you enflame men and women with a passion for your truth,
and through them, call your people to ways of justice and compassion.

All: Come, Spirit of Righteousness, and burn in our hearts.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, Spirit of Jesus:
by your power Jesus came to bring good news to the poor
and release to those held captive;

All: Come, life giving Spirit, open our hearts.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, Advocate, Teacher:
You speak to us of our Lord, and show us the depth of his love.

**All: Come, liberating Spirit,
and free us from the power of sin and death.
Come, Spirit of Truth,
dwell in us and lead us in the way of Jesus Christ.**

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Pastor: Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame:
You filled disciples with joy and courage,
empowering them to preach your Word
and share your good news.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Peace:
You break down barriers of language, race, and culture,
and heal the divisions that separate us.

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life:
at the close of the age,
all creation will be renewed to sing your praise.

**All: Come, Spirit of Power,
make us bold witnesses of your redeeming love.
Come, Reconciling Spirit,
and unite us all in the love of Christ.
Come, Creator Spirit,
and make us new creations in Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Let us say again what it is that we believe.

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the
power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father. He 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**

SPECIAL MUSIC *"I've Got Peace Like a River"* Traditional arranged by Mark Hayes

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

HYMN *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* No. 330

EUCHURIST

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY *"The Spirit of the Wind"* Jill Haley

*(Congregation Stands)***THE DOXOLOGY***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**Praise God, all creatures here below;**Praise God above, you heavenly host;**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**(Congregation Standing)*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them to the Lord!

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: singing

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! You a-lone are ho - ly,
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Words: Reginald Heber, 1826, adapt.; Music: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861, adapt.

Pastor: Out of a formless void you shaped the world and all living things
 and continue to breath into them the breath of life
 and to declare all creation good.
 From above you watch over the world,
 seeking in Fatherly caring and motherly nurturing to protect and discipline
 your own beloved but often erring and straying children.
 You continue to send us prophets and apostles
 to remind us that all creation is your gift, a
 precious planting in need of our care.
 In holy love you come to us, driving out our fears
 and assuring us that we are not left to wallow in the sins
 of our own devices and desires.

All: singing

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three person, blessed Trinity!

Pastor: In Jesus Christ you became flesh and continue to dwell among us
 in reconciling grace and redeeming truth,
 promising the whole world a new creation.
 Through Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension
 you have revealed yourself to us, allowing us to see who you are
 in the midst of our own limits and human shortcomings.
 From above, in Christ you draw us into a wholehearted trust
 and call us to press on toward the work and word of Christ
 In body and soul, in life and death,
 our only comfort is that we belong not to ourselves
 but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: singing

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three person, blessed Trinity!

Pastor: By the power of your Holy Spirit you create and renew your Church,
 binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.
 You shower a variety of the Spirit's gifts, empowering and commissioning us for
 Jesus' ministry of preaching, teaching, and healing.
 Through your Spirit we are inspired
 for lives of joyful service and grateful giving.
 Therefore, with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and martyrs,
 with all the saints on earth and in heaven who have witnessed to your power,
 with your holy Church throughout all the world, we give you thanks.

All: singing

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three person, blessed Trinity!

Pastor: We offer now these elements of bread and wine,
 Together with the offering of our thanksgiving and praise.
 By your Holy Spirit sanctify us and these gifts,
 transforming them from the Earthly into the Holy
 that we may be nourished through these holy mysteries,
 and be strengthened for Your service in the name of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.**THE SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS**

(We offer wine or grape juice as the symbol of the Blood of
 Christ. You will be invited down the center isle to receive the elements from the pastor's. (Grape juice is
 the light, wine is the dark. We also offer gluten free wafers.)

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

(Children who did not receive communion and infants are welcomed to come forward and receive a blessing at this time).

(Congregation Standing)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SENDING

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Praise with Joy the World’s Creation” No. 273

THE BENEDICTION

CHORAL SENDING

piano

May the Grace of Christ our Savior, and the love of God our Fa ther, and the fellowship of the Spirit be with us----- May the Grace of Christ our Savior, and the love of God our Father, and the fellowship of the Spirit be with us----- For ev-er, and ev-er, for ev-er - more. A - men.

CHIMES

THE POSTLUDE

“Come, Thou Almighty King”.

Giardini

MISSION STATEMENT

As Followers of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves to:

- Enthusiastically proclaim and teach God’s love through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Share God’s love with neighbors near and far.
- Live as a Christian community of hope, acceptance, and encouragement in a rapidly changing world.

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL’S

- If you are visiting and would like to know more about St. Paul’s please fill out the visitor’s card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. One of our pastors will contact you.
- There are assisted listening devices for the hearing impaired available at the sound board in the rear of the church.
- **Adult Sunday school is held at 9 a.m. - Generations Class in the Lounge off the Narthex. Also, Adult Bible Study is held Wednesday mornings. See Announcement sheets in the bulletin for details.**
- Children are always welcome in our worship space (as are the joyful noises that they sometimes add). For those moments when it might be needed, we do have a nursery room in the rear of the church that anyone with younger children is welcome to use. The room is equipped with a speaker that will allow you to continue enjoying the service. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.
- Activity bags for children can be found on a rack in the Narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Altar Flowers** are sponsored by Elaine Heller in honor of her Granddaughter’s birthday.

The **Bulletins** are sponsored by Joan Yoder, in loving memory of Neil S. Yoder on the anniversary of his birthday, by his wife and daughter.

The **Upper Room Publication** for this month is sponsored by Gail Greth.

A **Rosebud** is placed in celebration of the birth of Felicity Anne Walter, born May 2, 2018. Parents: Chad M. and Holly A Walter. Grandparents: Jay A. and Anne M Smith.

Coffee Time Sponsor: The Hoffman’s

Readers: 8:55 a.m. – Ro Wolf 10:25 a.m. – Jim Goldman

Acolytes: 8:55 a.m. – Chase Reifsnyder, Zack Fry 10:25 a.m. – Colin Snyder, Stella Koch

Ushers: 8:55 a.m. – Cindy Rothenberger, Ro Wolf, Jenn Hoffman, Christoph S.

10:25 a.m.- Jim Goldman, Bill Thomas, Marie Richdale, Jason Crockett

Attendance: May 13, 2018 8:55 a.m. – 133 10:25 a.m. – 82

March	Income	Expense	Difference
General Acct	\$ 32,854.68	\$ 44,607.61	-\$ 11,752.93
Other Accts	\$ 12,475.01	\$ 10,270.92	\$ 2,204.09
Year to date			
General Acct	\$ 90,734.49	\$123,895.51	-\$ 33,161.02
Other Accts	\$ 23,158.01	\$ 15,410.28	\$ 7,747.73

