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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 10, 2022

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lynn Williams

Leader: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come with your questions, come with your awe!

People: For the God who broods over the chaos meets us in this place.

Leader: Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

People: For the God who breathes new life into the dust meets us in this place.

Leader: Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

People: For the God who dared to become human meets us in this place.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

#376 (Blue)

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we approach God in humility and remorse, he will hear our prayers and forgive our sins. Holding tight to the promise of God's grace, let us join our voices together in our prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

You call us to be your voices in this world and we stay silent. You call us to be your hands in this world and we keep them hidden. You call us to be your feet in this world and we go our own way. When we meet those who are doubting and say nothing, forgive us. When we meet those who need your touch and do nothing, forgive us. When we are called to take up your cross and carry nothing, forgive us. Breathe life into these bones; bring freedom to these lives that we might declare with heart and soul and voice that you are our Lord and our God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Receive this assurance of pardon, and rejoice in the good news: In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

#579 (Blue)

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ezekiel 37:1-14 (pew Bible page 614)

*HYMN Spirit of the Living God (sing twice) #322 (Blue)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 5:1-5 (pew Bible page 798)

SERMON "I Believe in the Holy Spirit" Rev. Diane Knauf

TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: God declares: 'See, I am making all things new.'

People: Amen, make all things new!

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From a Brief Statement of Faith)

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.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

*HYMN Here In This Place page 6 bulletin

SENT TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Departing in Gratitude: there are offering plates on either side of the sanctuary to receive your tithes and offerings.

*BLESSING OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD (unison)

We offer our gifts of thanksgiving through Christ, who gives us the words of eternal life. Endow our offerings of time, talent and treasure with your power, O God, that they may express your steadfast love and impart your sustaining strength to all those in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

*SUNG RESPONSE Go With Us, Lord #535 (Blue)

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you. Amen.

This Week's Activities

Today	10:00 am	Worship
Tuesday	8:00am	Walking Club
	10:00am	Bible Study
Wednesday	6:45am	Men's Group
Thursday	Please note Chair Yoga will NOT be held on July 14.	
Saturday	8:00am	Farmer's Market
Sunday	10:00am	Worship

^{*}CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

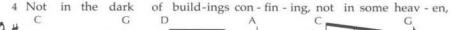
^{*}Please stand as you are able.

Here in This Place





- 1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
- are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the





van - ished 'a - way; vearn for your face.

see in this space our fears and our dream-ings We have been sung through-out all of bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters, light years a - way: here in this place the new light is shin - ing;



brought here to the light of you in this day. be light called to to the whole hu - man race. call us a - new to be salt for the earth. now the king - dom, and now is day.



Gath-er us the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in, in, the Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er us and in



blind and the lame; proud and the strong; bread that is you; make us your own;

call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en; give us a heart, SO meek and so low - lv: nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



shall a - rise at the sound of we our name. give us the cour-age to en - ter song. lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Would you like to help at our Farmers Market? The Outreach committee is responsible for lining up "Church Hosts" to be on site every Saturday during the Farmers Market, held in our parking lot from 8-11 am. Duties are simple but important:

- 1. Get the building key from Mary Ann Wright near the end of the week. This can be worked out for your convenience.
- 2. Put up vertical sign in grassy area at front of parking lot (bring a hammer) and put up small sign on Breazeale at Medical Park intersection. These are very lightweight (can be done by one person).
- 3. Be at church lot around 7:30 am to greet vendors and get above done.
- 4. Mary Ann will be glad to meet anyone at the lot at 7:30 on your dates if you want to help.
- 5. At 11 am when market concludes, remove both signs, make sure building is locked and return key to Mary Ann.

We need to fill some dates in July and August. Hosts can be singles, partners or families. It is a fun, social role. You are the welcoming face of MOPC! Remember holding the Farmers Market is providing a much needed service to our community. Contact Mary Ann Wright for further details.

Thank you for your Generosity! The Pentecost offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas and unique gifts with the church and the world. Your donations totaled \$280. Of this, \$160 will be used for Presbytery projects and the remaining 40% (totalling \$112) will go to MOPC's Backpack Buddies project.

Helping Others: It's Sunday morning. You're just coming out of worship and you encounter someone in our parking lot asking for money. It can feel wrong to say "no," especially after we've just prayed and worshiped and vowed to help others as part of our Christian faith. However, let me remind you that MOPC is part of Area Churches in Action, which is set up to address urgent needs such as payment for utilities, medication, food or clothing. When a person calls the phone number for ACIA and leaves a message, they will get a call-back (even when the thrift store isn't open). ACIA does a thorough screening to determine that the needs are legitimate, something you probably can't determine when handing out money in our parking lot. I would never tell you not to help others as you feel led, but please know that when you give money, the word quickly gets around and more people come to us seeking assistance. Directing people to ACIA is truly the best way to get them the help they need. Their number is 919-658-0942. Thank you for being such a caring and generous congregation! --Rev. Diane

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

(names listed for 2 weeks)

 J. B. Price (brother of Margaret Anderson and Patsy West, continuing medical issues.)

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Bill Cox (brother of Lynda Roten, lymphoma and chemotherapy)
- Aubrey Blizzard, continuing health issues
- Brent Crutchfield (best friend of Justin Rectenwald, stage 4 colon cancer)
- Rex and Phyllis Whitfield Lewis, major health concerns
- Sarah Wiggins (thyroid cancer surgery and chemotherapy)
- Donna Fulghum, recovering from a fall
- Jim Holland (friend of Lynn Williams, stage 4 kidney cancer)
- Hunter Smith (great nephew of Julie Graham, follow up treatment for lymph node removal.)
- Nellie Davis (sister of Betty Lou Kornegay, back injury/paralysis.)
- Mitzi Lesher-Thomas (brain tumor)
- Lee Sargent (chemotherapy)
- Kirk Nethercutt (son-in-law of Alice Adams, metastatic lung cancer)

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- David Stentz, June 19
- Charles Ivey, May 31
- Michael Sutton (brother of Linda Kelly, May 22)

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Vennie Jordan
- Barry Giddings
- Mary Kelly
- Robbie McSwain
- Rudy Hooks

Praise and Celebration

Jeremy and Emilee Rouse announce the birth of a son, Jordan Lee, on June 25. Congratulations to grandmother, Charlotte Stentz and great-grandmother, Dee Stentz

Please call or email the church office with your prayer concern. Church members and their family will be included in the worship bulletin and e-newsletter for the durations listed above. Please let us know as prayers are answered, so we can celebrate with you; or as needs change, so we know how best to pray with and for you. If you have a confidential concern, please contact Rev. Diane.