

Welcome to Myerstown United Church of Christ

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If you are visiting, we welcome you!

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WORSHIP LEADERS & ASSISTANTS

Appreciation to the following people who assisted with today's service:

9:00 am	Open Church:	Mark Herr
	Greeters:	Ed and Candy Hibshman
	Worship Leader:	Bill Arnold
	Ushers:	Kory and Ryan Leppo Robert Dash Kenny Patrick
	Sound:	Paulie McQuate
	Counting Team:	Marie Hibshman Kathy Grose Charles and Carolyn Williams
	Flowers:	In loving memory of Ralph, Margaret, and Thomas Kohl and Nancy Gettle by Carl Gettle.

Thank you to Jim and Beth Diehm for sponsoring this month's Better Families.

Stewardship Report for Sunday, June 2, 2019

Offerings:	General Fund	\$ 4,067
	Our Church's Wider Mission	445
	Church Improvement Fund	980
	Attendance at the 9:00 am service	63

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June 9, 2019

Worship Time 9:00 am

Pentecost

Prelude *Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire* *Dietrich Buxtehude*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, O Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Come to us, we pray.

Leader: Descend upon us, embrace our spirits.

Congregation: Lift us, create more willing responses.

Leader: Come, O Holy Spirit of God.

Congregation: Lead us in your way, we pray.

*Opening Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #358

(please be seated)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Spirit of Life, we confess that we fail to honor life. Blow your life-giving breath through us. Spirit of love, we confess that lovelessness prevails in our lives. Shower upon us the grace of your Son. Spirit of truth, we confess that our opinions are put before your truth; confess the hardness of our hearts. Whisper new imagination, new dreams into our minds. Open our hearts to Jesus Christ, the word and wisdom for this world. Spirit of gentleness, we confess the hardness of our hearts. Whisper new imagination, new dreams into our minds. Spirit of unity, we confess our disunity in the church, community, and world. Bind us together and heal our divisions. O Holy Spirit, gather us in the power of your peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

A Word for Children

Scripture Readings

The New Testament Lesson is from Acts 2: 1-21.

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 17 In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. 18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. 21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

All who are able, please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

The reading is recorded in chapter 20: 19-23.

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

One: Here ends the Gospel reading. It is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

(please be seated)

The Message

Hymn

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

#327

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Offertory

Andante

Felix Mendelssohn

*Offertory Response

We Praise You, O God
(verse 3)

#726

The Apostles Creed

(on the inside back cover of the hymnal)

*Closing Hymn

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

#326

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Spirit, Working in Creation
(verse 4)

#128

Congregational Meeting

Postlude

Toccata in F

Johann Pachelbel