



**St. John's United Church of Christ**  
300 N. Huntersville Road, Batesville, IN 47006  
Worship Service: 9:00am / Sunday School: 10:15am

~ *Pentecost Sunday* ~

**Sunday, May 28, 2023**

[\* = Those who are able may stand, **L** = Leader, **P** = People and **A** = All]

Words of Welcome: "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place." ~ Acts 2:1

Thought to Ponder: "Remember that you were given this life because you are strong enough to live it."

Organ Prelude: "Marche Militaire" — Schubert

### Welcome & Announcements

Pastoral Greeting

Call to Worship:

L: Here in this place, as we gather to remember the Risen Christ...

**P: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!**

L: To a world that is desperate for the love of God; to a world that needs the peace of Jesus...

**P: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!**

L: In the midst of all of life's sorrows; when we are surrounded by the best of life's joys...

**P: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!**

L: In all times and all places, because we always need to experience anew the grace of God...

**P: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!**

L: Come now, Holy Spirit; our hearts are waiting...

**P: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!**

\*Opening Hymn: "On Pentecost They Gathered" #334

\*Prayer of the Day<sup>+</sup>:

**Come, Holy Spirit. Move through us this day for we have come seeking you. Make your presence known like you did so many years ago. Give us the grace to hear you in loud winds and silent moments. Give us the wisdom to listen to your voice and to respond to your call. Inspire us. In-spirit us that we may leave this place even more prepared for the missions you call us to in the world. Come, Holy Spirit. In Jesus's name, Amen.**

Prayer Response: "Glory Be to the Father" #734

Mission Moment: St. John's Cemetery Fund

Especially for Children

The Song:

**“Jesus Loves the Little Children”**

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.  
Every child in every land, Jesus holds them in His hand,  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Scripture Reading:

Acts 2:1-8, 11b-21  
John 20:19-23

Special Music:

“On Eagle’s Wings”

~ performed by Jane Link

Sermon:

“Come, Spirit, Come”

Hymn:

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

#327

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Invitation for Our Offerings

Organ Offertory:

“Spirit of God”

arr. Paxton

Doxology

#34

Offertory Prayer

\*Closing Hymn:

“America, the Beautiful”

#727

\*Benediction

Organ Postlude:

“My Country ‘Tis of Thee”

arr. W. T. Best

Ministers

Every Member

Pastor

Rev. Joseph Feldmann

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. David Johnston

Organist/Choir Director

Mr. David W. Hanson

**LITURGIST / BENEVOLENCE CALENDAR:**

|        |                   |   |
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| May 7  | Charlie Dieckmann | Batesville Children’s Summer Meal Program |
| May 14 | Emma Weiler       | Strengthen the Church                     |
| May 21 | Mike Vonderheide  | St. John’s Youth Fund                     |
| May 28 | Donna Weber       | St. John’s Cemetery Fund                  |

## **St. John's Prayer List – Those Bereaved** *(these names remain on for one year):*



Ruth Thie; Florence Meyers.

**Others For Whom We Have Been Asked To Pray:** Gayle Sarringhaus; Nikki Sarringhaus; Bob Wilhelm; John Thie (brother to Jennifer Huffmeyer); Dave & Bonnie Johnston; Danny McDonough (Health Issues, father to Sarah Feldmann); Marian Koester; Carolyn Carson (Breast Cancer, grandmother to Nikki Sarringhaus); Loretta Jones (Health Issues, cousin to Dale Koester); Robert Weiler Jr. (Colon Cancer); John & Connie Moody (Health Issues); Lori Mauer (Thyroid Cancer); Kelsey Weber (Health Issues, daughter-in-law to Gary & Donna Weber); Jerry Rose (Cardiac and Neurological Issues); Arthur Simmons (Health Issues, cousin to Dale & Marian Koester and Barb Foster); Vicky Wintz (Breast Cancer); Doug Stidham (Health Issues, uncle to Sarah Feldmann); Nikki Sarringhaus & family (on the passing of her father, Greg Redmon); Jane Fussner (Cancer, friend of Christina Robbins); Mike Malone (Stroke, father of friend to Kristina Frye); Sandy Gutzwiller (Cancer, co-worker's mom to Kristina Frye); The Family of Arlene Wachsmann; The Family of Florence Meyers; Maria Perez (Cancer, friend to Elizabeth Hall); David Smith (Esophagus Cancer, nephew of Joan & John Kuhlman); Bill Davenport (Cancer, friend to Dale & Marian Koester); Randy & Becky Schebler (Health Issues); Ruth Siefert (Health Issues, friend to Elizabeth Hall); Margaret Meyers (pray for bone healing and comfort); Becky Fields (Cancer, sister-in-law of Ron Meyer); Bev McKinney (Health Issues); Jerry Meyer (Recovery from a fall, brother to Art Meyer); Janet Pike (Pancreatic Cancer, friend to Dawn & Mike Buettner); The Family of Becky Seals (on her passing, sister to Linda (Ron) Meyer); Doug Emsweller (recovery from back surgery).

## **Members/Friends Serving Active Duty in the Armed Forces:**

Kris Freeman, Aaron Gordon, Steven Meer, Ryan Miller, Chris Williams; Bryce Timonera.

## **Our Members and Friends in Nursing/Retirement Homes:** (For Peace)

*St. Andrews Health Campus in Batesville:* Willis Rouse, Margaret Meyers, Carol Narwold.

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## **EVENTS OF THE WEEK:**

May 28: Chancel Choir Singing

May 29: Memorial Day

June 1: Celebrate Recovery @ Batesville Christian Church, Meal @ 6pm, Meeting @ 6:30pm

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

June 4: Communion

Men's Choir Singing

St. John's UCC Penntown Homecoming Chicken Dinner 11am-1:30pm

June 5: School Board Meeting @ 6pm

June 5-8: Vacation Bible School 12:30-4pm / Program June 8 @ 3:30pm

June 8: BAMA @ 1:30pm

Celebrate Recovery @ Batesville Christian Church, Meal @ 6pm, Meeting @ 6:30pm

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## ***Announcements***



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

We are looking for people to volunteer for Margaret Mary Hospice. Basically just provide companionship, conversation, etc. (*NO physical care of course.*) Please contact Leeanne Beiser, Margaret Mary Volunteer Coordinator at 812-933-5269.

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## **MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE:**

The Sunday School Board will once again be hosting a special Memorial Day service after worship on Sunday, May 28. This year our guest speaker will be our own Mike Buettner. Please plan to join, either in person or online, for this always special service in our Cemetery honoring those veterans who have gone too soon.



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## **PRAYER SHAWLS:**

The Local Arrangements team for this summer's General Synod has put out the call for Prayer Shawls that can be given away to visitors and participants at this year's event. Many of you have already responded. Others of you are working hard to prepare shawls. (If you still want to, please see Barb Foster.) We will be blessing the shawls that have already been made during worship on Sunday May 28 so that they can be brought to the Conference Annual Gathering. While shawls CAN be brought after that, we want most of them that morning so that we can surround them, and those who will receive them, with our prayers.



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## **COULD YOU BE AVAILABLE?:**



To drive a fellow member to the hospital, to an appointment, or an evening service? We are exploring the idea of maintaining a list of people who could. Details are only being imagined right now, but if you would be willing to be on such a list, please let the office know. Thanks! If you NEED such a list, stay tuned.



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## **GRADUATES:**

We want to honor both in worship and in the June newsletter all of our members who have graduated this year. High school, college, and grad school all count. Please email or call the office and let us know so that we can give you the honors and congratulations you deserve.



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## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**

June 5-9th from 12:30-4pm! The program will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. Ages are Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This year we will be launching on a cosmic quest learning to shine Jesus' light out into the world. Get ready for an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith building fun! Look for registration forms on the tables at church or online via a link from Facebook!



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## **SUNDAY SCHOOL ICE CREAM SALE:**

The Sunday School has quarts of homemade ice cream left from the Picnic to sell. Cost is \$3 a quart or 2 for \$5. We will be selling ice-cream during the SS hour after church.

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## **SCRIPTURES**



### **Acts 2:1-8, 11b-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? In our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: '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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'



### **John 20:19-23**

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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."



## **Hymns**

### **On Pentecost They Gathered**

On Pentecost they gathered quite early  
in the day, a band of Christ's disciples,  
to worship, sing and pray.

A mighty wind came blowing,  
filled all the swirling air, and tongues of  
fire a glowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were  
startled and amazed to understand their  
language, as Christ the Lord praised.  
What universal message, what great  
good news was here? That Christ, once dead,  
is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who  
would believe, on women, men, and  
children who would God's grace receive.  
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life  
and power. The Church, formed and  
reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day  
long ago, rekindle faith among us in all  
life's ebb and flow. O give us ears to  
listen and tongues aflame with praise,  
so people of all nations glad songs  
of joy shall raise.

### **Glory Be to the Father**

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.

### **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

### **Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song**

Like the murmur of the dove's song,  
like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigor of the wind's rush,  
like the new flame's eager might:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body,  
to the branches of the Vine,  
to the church in faith assembled,  
to our midst as gift and sign:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division,  
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the power to love and witness,  
with the peace beyond compare:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

### **America, the Beautiful**

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern,  
impassioned stress a thorough-fare for  
freedom beat across the wilderness!  
America! America! God mend thine  
every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control,  
thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved  
in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved,  
and mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
till all success be nobleness,  
and every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream  
that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam,  
undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown they good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea!