DAY OF PENTECOST
May 31 2020
An Ecumenical Service Offered to God’s Glory
By the Churches of the Montana Association of Christians

GATHERING
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RING THE BELL!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Church Council will be meeting today. Information regarding reopening will be sent out following the meeting.

CALL TO WORSHIP
Enter into God’s presence on this Pentecost Sunday and prepare for surprises!

Like a rush of mighty wind, Spirit fills the room
Fills us with vision and possibility.
Fills us with hope and encouragement
God is at work in this place
In us and through us and around us, to be the church for this time and space.

PRAYER of CONFESSION:
Holy and Loving God, this Pentecost Sunday, we hear the promise of Christ again to us and to the Church: “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses…” Today, we confess Your greatness, Your love for us and your Church, shown and gifted into the world in our Lord Jesus Christ. It is because of your great love that we may humbly and safely confess one of our main sins: that, while we do try to live faithfully, we often forget to ask for and live into the power and wisdom and love pouring forth from the Holy Spirit, which you have readily made available to us and all your people. Forgive us, Lord. Cleanse us from sin by Your Almighty Grace. And fill us with the Holy Spirit. Give us fresh resolve to start again, trusting that the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit to come forth in our lives. For it is in Christ’s Name that we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:
On that first Day of Pentecost 2,000 years ago, the Apostle Peter stood before the crowds in Jerusalem to preach. He quoted the prophet Joel saying, “And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved!” As forgiven people, beloved and cleansed, let us live out the Christ-life in faith, hope, and love.

GATHERING HYMN
"O Holy Spirit, Root of Life" ELW 399

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

1 O Holy Spirit, root of life, creator of all things: anoint our wounds, a
2 Eternal vigor, Saving One, you wear our pain, and all creation is restored.
3 O holy Wisdom, soaring pow'r, encircling all above, below, and through the world.

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Music: European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621; arr. hymnal version
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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen, amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE
Thanksgiving for the Holy Spirit

Today, as we receive the gift of forgiveness and celebrate the coming of the Spirit to Christ’s Church, we give thanks to God for the Spirit’s coming even unto us, the Church of today in its variety of expressions:

Holy Spirit we thank you even as we continue to pray:
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,* and kindle in us the fire of your love.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
Word of God, word of life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW Page 102
Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,* and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23
The Holy Gospel according to John.

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.”

The Gospel of The Lord.

Praise To You, O Christ

SERMON
PENTECOST, HOLY SPIRIT

Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness
calling and free; Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.

then you coaxcd up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and you goadcd your people with a law and a land;
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;

and over the eons you called to each thing:
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
and down in the city you called once again,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.

"Awake from your slumber and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.
With... bold new decisions your people arise.

Refrain

HYMN OF THE DAY "Spirit of Gentleness" ELW 396 v. 1, 3 & 4

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray:
Creator God, we praise you for the prayers and promises of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, that we might receive the Spirit and become one.
You are in us, and we are in you, that the world might recognize your love.
And so we pray:

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (CONT.)
That the communion of your Holy Trinity would be reflected in our communion:
Pour out your Holy Spirit.
That your church around the world would offer a unified witness of your saving love:
Pour out your Holy Spirit.
That we would minister with courage, compassion and generosity:
Pour out your Holy Spirit.
That the offerings of our tithes, hearts and hands would be blessed for your work:
Pour out your Holy Spirit.
That divisions of every kind between people would be overcome:
Pour out your Holy Spirit.
That those who are neglected, oppressed, excluded would be drawn into fullness of life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit.
That those weighed down in grief, addition, illness or despair would be lifted up:
Pour out your Holy Spirit.
That resentments, tensions, and conflicts would be healed:
Pour out your Holy Spirit.
We lift before you these people who need your healing presence:
Pour out your Holy Spirit.
Continue to build us up as the body of Christ in the world, until that day when you will gather up all in the fullness of your kingdom;
Through Christ all glory and honor are yours, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING
Discerning and Offering of Diverse Gifts
Each one of you has received gifts of the Spirit – yes, really, everyone! Yes, you too! -- because in our baptisms, we all drank of the same Spirit. “To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good,” the apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 12.
All of these gifts are activated by the same Spirit. Nobody has a lesser amount of the Spirit than anyone else; no one has a greater amount. Everyone gets an equal share, brimming with the abundance of God. And in that abundant Spirit, different gifts are given to different people so that all can play a unique and important role in serving the common good.
Today we give thanks for the many different gifts, callings and activities we’ve received from the Spirit and offer them to God.

Create in Me a Clean Heart
Offering Song

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Let us pray: Creator God, we praise you for the prayers and promises of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, that we might receive the Spirit and become one. You are in us, and we are in you, that the world might recognize your love.

BLESSING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Holy Spirit, River of love, divine delight, flow through me. Flame of sun, burn in me. Wind of heaven, breathe in me. Tongues of strangers, speak in me. Love of God, sing in me.

Lead me beyond myself, to return to you in the other, to love you in my stranger, my foreigner, my enemy.

Burn with your fire in me, that it may be mine. Breathe yourself into my life, that it may be yours.

I am your song, and your singing. I am your candle; you are my flame.

Holy Spirit, love the world in me. (Steve Garnaas-Holmes, Unfolding Light)

SENDING SONG "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading" ELW 401 v. 1-3

OFFERING RESPONSE "Create in Me a Clean Heart" ELW 186

OFFERING PRAYER
Let us pray. Holy Spirit, activate and utilize the diverse gifts present in your church, that they share your life and your love with all. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Discerning and Offering of the One Body

Some of our members may celebrate communion by the bread and the one cup; others of our members may celebrate communion by worshiping in many homes in one Spirit. Some of our members will cherish the body of Christ in receiving the broken bread. Others of our members will cherish the body of Christ in sheltering vulnerable members. All of our members will celebrate the communion that has been given us in the Spirit, building us into the one body of Christ, sent into the world.

The Communion of Empty Hands

You are invited to join together with one or several others, and share these words and actions, with hands empty.

We have no bread, nor water to use instead of wine, but we will act as though we had. The meal in which we take part reminds us of the imprisonment, the torture, the death and final victory of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The bread is the body which he gave for humanity. The fact that we have none represents very well the lack of bread in the hunger of so many millions of human beings.

Hold out your empty hand and place it over another person’s open hand.

Take, eat. The body of Christ was given for us. We do this in remembrance of him.

When all have been given this imagined bread, all raise hands to their mouths in silence, as if receiving the body of Christ.

The wine, which we don’t have today, is the blood poured out for us. This cup represents our dream of a united humanity, of a just society, without difference of race or class.

Imagine taking a pitcher of juice and pour it into the cup another person acts as if they’re holding. Pour your own cup, too.

Take, drink. The blood of Christ was shed to seal the new covenant of God with us.

All drink from the absent cups they imagine holding.
SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pentecost 2020 in the time of COVID 19, unprecedented and frightening, yet nevertheless falls beneath the outpouring of God’s fiery Spirit. Let us go out into God’s world filled with the spark of this Spirit. It may be from our laptop screens, it may be with masks. It may be together or alone. However it looks, it will be with God’s thirst quenching and life giving Spirit. Let love guide our actions and let us spread the peace and hope of Christ in all we do and say, this special and holy day and always.

Amen.

Beth McCaw, Presbytery Leader, Presbytery of Glacier (PCUSA)
Sandy Messick, Transitional Regional Minister and President, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Northern Lights Region
George Goodrich, CoGeneral Presbyter for Yellowstone Presbytery (PCUSA)
Rev. Dr. Laurie Jungling, Bishop, Montana Synod, ELCA
Marc Stewart, Conference Minister, United Church of Christ in MT – NWY
Scriptures from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.
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Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

Njoo kwetu, Roho mwema

1 Gra-cious Spir-it, heed our plead-ing, fash-ion us all a-new.
2 Come to teach us, come to nour-ish those who be-lieve in Christ.
3 Guide our think-ing and our speak-ing done in your ho-ly name.

Tu-fundi she ya mbi-ngu-ni, tu-we wa-tu wa-pya.
It's your lead-ing that we're need-ing, help us to fol-low you.
Bless the faith-ful, may they flour-ish, strength-en ed by grace un-priced.
Mo-ti-vate all in their seek-ing, free-ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain

Njoo o, njo o, njo o, Ro-ho mwe-ma.
Come, come, come, Ho-ly Spir-it, come.

4 Not more knowledge, but discer-nment,
nor rootless liberty; turn disquiet to content-ment,
doubt into cer-tainty. Refrain
5 Keep us fervent in our wit-ness, unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure. Refrain

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DAY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 31, 2020

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

1 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.’”

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

3b No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. 4 Each one of us, then, is filled with the fruit of the Spirit in our own language. 5 And there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 6 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 7 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 8 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 9 To one is given the utterance of wisdom according to the same Spirit, 10 to another faith by the same Spirit, 11 to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 12 to another the working of miracles by the one Spirit, 13 to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 14 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. 15 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 16 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

IN OUR PRAYERS

Loss & Grief: Family & friends of Karl Salmonson (Cora’s husband)

Health: Ed Nelson, Fred Petersen (James McKee’s stepfather), Craig Erickson, James Guthrie, Debbie Lundquist, Jerry Vogan (Vickie Salway’s brother), Kody Breider (Dave & Ferol’s Grandson), Mike Flynn, Charles Clausen, Scott Trosper, Marge Hanson, Rob Knutson (Al & Norma’s nephew), Sarah Christiansen, Betsy Holte, Kari Jo Comstock (Rick & Mary Jo’s daughter), Hailey Feist (Brenda & Gary’s Granddaughter), Mike Knutson, Jeff & Shirley Jacobson, Marjorie Burkitt, Al & Norma Knutson, Everyone affected by the Covid-19 Virus.

Thank you for your prayers and thoughts during this difficult time.

Recovery Success: John Erickson has recovered.

Prayer Shawls are available to give to anyone in need of comfort. We have some that are ready to give, along with a prayer card. Also, we would appreciate any assistance in making them. Yarn and instructions available. Thank you to the knitters, who have created beautiful shawls. We now have some ready. Thank you!

The Sunshine Ministry THANK YOU Marjorie! She sends a card to anyone you feel needs a special note. Please have their name & address available & contact Marjorie at burkittlaw@aol.com

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JUNE 01st—JUNE 07th, 2020

SUBJECT TO CHANGE……..

SUNDAY: FaceBook Live Web Feed Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. ZOOM Meeting Fellowship Time: 10:00 a.m.