

Pentecost Sunday
Service of Word & Sacrament
Recognition of Graduates
June 5, 2021

PRELUDE

CANDLELIGHTING

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION to PENTECOST

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, sisters and brothers! Let the church be born again by The Spirit!

Congregation: **Jesus said, "The Spirit blows where it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So, it is with everyone born of the Spirit." Come, Holy Spirit, come! We want to be born anew!**

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: *Come, Holy Spirit, come! Like a wind that blows from all directions – challenging and supporting simultaneously, you come to us - moving us in the direction you would have us go. In this time of worship, blow through us, removing all that stands in the way of our renewal and rebirth. Forgive our sins as you have promised. Grant us the dreams and visions you have promised and make us messengers of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Unite us through the power of your Spirit so that all people will be moved to healing and hope by the witness we make. May our songs of praise rise to you – here and everywhere – both now and forever more. Amen.*

HYMN

Come, O Spirit, With Your Sound

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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor: The Giver of Salvation, Jesus, said, "Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid."

Congregation: **In the midst of all that exists in our lives – joys and concerns, peace and worry – the power and calm of the Holy Spirit abounds.**

Pastor: Indeed! So, let us share the peace offered to us, with one another, using the same words used by our faith-full ancestors: "The peace of Christ be with you."

Congregation: **And also, with you.**

SPECIAL TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

Pew Hymnal, #1

FIRST READING

Holy Peace

John 14:8-17, 25-27

SECOND READING

Holy Gifts

I Corinthians 12:1-13

THIRD READING

Holy Chaos

Acts 2:1-21

SERMON

Rev. Laura Baker

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE SPIRIT MOVES US

Makenna and Morgan Edelblute, Dance

A CELEBRATION & BLESSING OF GRADUATES

INTRODUCTION of GRADUATES

BLESSING

Pastor: Before you were even formed, God knew you. While in your mother's womb, God named you. At your birth, God's breath filled you with life. Today we celebrate what you have become at this moment in time. And so, we pray together:

All: God of our beginnings, we thank you for the gift of these graduates; their excitement, their awesome wonder and curiosity, their open speech and encouraging words. Their contributions have blessed and challenged us, and we have become a richer and more diverse community because of them. As they step forward into the world that awaits, comfort their fears with the full knowledge of your divine presence. Strengthen their resolve to walk in the footsteps of Jesus as modern-day disciples in a world that needs their spirit. Guide their feet as they move through life, protecting them from the pitfalls of darkness while they help to lead future generations into the warmth and promise of your light. We ask this blessing upon each of them, In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

OFFERING INVITATION

Liturgist: Pentecost people, rejoice! We have received gifts too many to count. Now we have the chance to give in thanks and joy – AGAIN!

Congregation: **Our offerings of time, talent, and money will continue to enable our church to be a Pentecost presence in the community and wider world.**

Liturgist: On this day of celebration, let us re-commitment ourselves to sharing the wind and fire of God's Spirit through the ministries of our church: music, art and dance talent, financial resources, the melody of laughter, the blessing of friendship, the use of our hands in cooking, praying, and doing repairs...

Congregation: **the use of our minds in problem-solving, leading and teaching, our curiosity, spirit of compassion, and patience; our knack for planning and organizing, our obedience and the courage to act.**

Liturgist: All these gifts and others, which bear our personal marks, are symbolized in our offering for the work of the church. In joy and gratitude, let us dedicate our offerings with a prayer. Please pray with me.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

All people: *For all You have given, O Lord, and for all we have received, we give you thanks. We offer you our gifts of substance and the gift of our very lives. We bring our passion, joy, surprise, our visions, and dreams. May all we give, serve to refresh and enliven this church, as the wind of your Spirit did long ago. In the name of Christ, we pray: 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.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up our hearts.

Congregation: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Congregation: **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you pour your Spirit upon us, filling us with visions and dreams and intoxicating us with an uncontainable eagerness to proclaim your good news in languages understood by all people.

You sent forth your Spirit to create the universe and fill it with your wonders. You breathed life into humanity, and we rose from the dusty face of the earth. In the fullness of time, your child, Jesus Christ, came speaking your words and doing your works; revealing the truth of who you are. He was crucified but you raised him to glory by your life-giving power. Having secured our adoption as your children and commissioned us

to continue his works, he poured out your Holy Spirit on us, setting our hearts ablaze with a passion for peace, and firing our tongues with everlasting songs of joy. Therefore, with all the saints and angels we sing an everlasting hymn of praise...

All sing:

Seraphic Hymn

Hymnal, #522

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full, are full, of the majesty of Thy Glory!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: We remember on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples saying,

All: *"This is my body, which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

Pastor: In the same way after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave you thanks, then gave it to his friends, saying,

All: *"Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

Pastor: Bless, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts and bless us that as we receive them, we may be united with Christ and with one another, for the purpose of serving God in one Spirit and one mind. Amen.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS & COMMUNION HYMNS

(Singing as time permits)

**SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS
AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE
LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY**

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: *Triune God, you have called your people from the east and the west, the north and the south to feast at Christ's Table. We thank you for the Presence of Christ and for the spiritual food of his body and blood. By the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to do your will. Go us with us into the streets, to our homes, and to our places of work and play, that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be a Pentecost people – a people with hearts on fire with love for all your children and for Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

HYMN

The Spirit Sends us Forth to Serve

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BENEDICTION

Pastor: Church, go now in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Love Christ and do the things that He has done.
Dream dreams, pursue visions, and speak God's Good News -
in words and action to all who would hear and see.
In the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All people: *Amen.*

POSTLUDE

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 GRADUATES!



Emily Moyer

Address:

Parents: Devin & Lauren Moyer

High School: Dover Area High School

Accomplishments: NHS, Distinguished Honor Roll, Varsity letters in tennis and track, select jazz band

Future Plans: Accepted into Honors College at Millersville University
Majoring in Social Work, minoring in Writing

Laura E. Shearer

Address: 230 Jug Road, York, PA

Parents: Lynda & the late Blaine Shearer

High School: Northeastern Senior High School

Accomplishments: Member of National Honor Society and tennis team

Future Plans: Attending Elizabethtown College

Erica Shearer

Address: 230 Jug Road, York, PA

Parents: Lynda & the late Blaine Shearer

College: Millersville University with a BS degree in Elementary and Special Education

Future Plans: Teaching position with West Shore School District as a 7th/8th grade Learning support teacher.

Astrid Sheetz

Address:

Parents: Ashley & Jourdan Stough

High School: Central High School

Future Plans: Work at Misericordia Nursing Home in the Dietary Department

Georgia Lynn Nace

Parents: Shari & Tim Nace

Grandmother: Diana Wolf

College: York College of PA – Magna Cum Laude Bachelor of Arts in Spanish Education

Gabby Kreeger

Grandparents: JoAnn & Paul Kreeger

High School: New Oxford Senior High School

Future Plans: Attending College at IUP