



May 19, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Pentecost Sunday



Thought for the Day before Worship

Pentecost is the promise that as people who have been transformed ourselves
we can bring transformation to others.

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome

Prelude

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
Kendra Franke-Flute

(Albin Whitworth)

Tower Bell

Introit

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can feel the brush of angel wings,
I see glory on each face,
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

***Call to Worship**

Scripture tells us of how, time and again, God’s Spirit has been poured out upon God’s people,
renewing, recreating, and reinvigorating the community of faith.

On this Pentecost Sunday, we come to this place and time of Worship confident that God is
with us.

The Holy Spirit will be our guide, our comfort, and our truth.

With the universal church in all its history and diversity, we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit. Refresh and renew us in hope, peace, joy, and love.

Let us Worship our God in Spirit and in Truth!!

***Hymn #544**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

(Aurelia)

***Prayer of Adoration & Confession**

God of awesome power, you breathed into the void and there was form; you breathed into the darkness and there was light; you breathed into death and there was life. Breathe into us the breath of your Spirit, we pray that newness may arise, and waters flow as streams in the desert to bless the earth. Our lips and lives give praise to you, source of all life and God of our salvation. On this day of Pentecost, we join in community to invite and celebrate your power and presence within us and among us. Again today, God, we will hear that “when the day of Pentecost had come the disciples were all gathered together. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind... and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.” Help us be aware that you are present with us, as real to us here on this Day of Pentecost as to those first disciples in ancient Jerusalem. Give us a sense of expectation and excitement in our gathering together. By your Spirit empower us to better understand one another so that as individuals, communities, and nations we can avoid misunderstandings that so often lead to distrust, anger, and conflict. Help us to live in the assurance that your Spirit gives us new beginnings and that your love is always available to your people. It is in Jesus’ name we pray.

***Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! Apart from God there is no life at all. Those who confess their sinfulness find the true life that enlivens everyone. They are reborn and refilled by the holy and potent breath of the Spirit. Thanks be to God! Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

(Greateorex)
**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.**

From the Acts of the Apostles: Acts 2:1-24

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. 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 people 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? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and



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PROGRAM	LOCATION	TIME
Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.)	9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Infant, Toddler, Preschool & School Age Child Care	South Hallway	9:30 a.m.

CHURCH STAFF

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Church Office Hours

Monday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Calls will be answered off-site on days when the office is closed.	

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. Andrew Bierkan

Liturgist: Vickie Kennedy

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dr. Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Darlene Knepshield & Bertie Jo Tuerpe

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

Sunday, May 19: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Pentecost Sunday

Monday, May 20: 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, May 21: 6:30 p.m. East Row Garden Club Meeting
7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
7:00 p.m. Trent Kindergarten Graduation

Thursday, May 23: 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, May 25: 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Upper Room Devotional Group

Sunday, May 26: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Memorial Day Sunday Service

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GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—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, “Fellow Jews 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.’

“Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

Anthem

“Come, O Spirit, Truth Divine”

(Lloyd Larson)

Come, O Spirit, Truth divine, and dawn upon this soul of mine.
Word of God and inward Light, awake my spirit, clear my sight.
Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine.
Take control of my desires and purify with holy fire.
Come, O Spirit, Power divine, come fill and guide this will of mine.
Give me strength to live each day, to follow in Your holy way.
Holy Spirit, Light divine, reign within this life of mine.
Loose the bonds and set me free to live for You eternally.
O come, Holy Spirit. O come, fill this life of mine.
O come, Holy Spirit, with truth and grace divine!
O come, O come, today.

From the Gospels: John 14:25-27

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Sermon

“What a Bunch of Weirdos!”

Rev. Andrew Bierkan

Gathering Together in Prayer

Joys & Concerns – Silent Prayer – 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Response

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Mission Moment

David Stamm

Offertory Invitation

God has fed us, and we have not noticed. God fills our lives with good things, and we take the credit. God’s gifts are so numerous we cannot count them. Now is the time to declare by our giving that we are grateful. Now is the time to claim the mission God entrusts to us as we express our thanks.

Offertory

“More Love to Thee”

(Lanny Lanford)

More Love To Thee, O Christ, More Love To Thee!

Hear Thou The Prayer I Make On Bended Knee.

This Is My Earnest Plea: More Love, O Christ, To Thee;

More Love To Thee, More Love To Thee!

Once Earthly Joy I Craved, Sought Peace And Rest;

Now Thee Alone I Seek, Give What Is Best.

This All My Prayer Shall Be: More Love, O Christ To Thee;

More Love To Thee, More Love To Thee!

Give me a faithful heart, likeness to Thee,

that each departing day henceforth may see

Some work of love begun, some deed of kindness done,

Some wanderer sought and won, more love to Thee.

Then Shall My Latest Breath Whisper Thy Praise;

This Be The Parting Cry My Heart Shall Raise;

This Still Its Prayer Shall Be: More Love, O Christ To Thee;

More Love To Thee, More Love To Thee!

Hearing Assistance

We have wireless receivers for the hearing impaired which you may obtain from an usher.

Pastoral Care Notice

If a pastoral care need arises, please contact the church office at (859) 431-1818 and we will get a message to Pastor Marty or Pastor John Robson to contact you.

In Our Prayers

Judy Adams, Joan Berkemeyer, Norma Biery, Family of Walter Dauzenberg, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Betty Hasse, Family of Donna Hamilton, Phil Hamilton, Marilyn Hanson, Melvin Hanson, Betty Hasse, Chuck Hawkins, Family of Annette LaCroix, Henry Marksberry, Gayle McAtee, Family of Bill Seibert, Ed Von Strohe & Bonnie Walter

Continued Prayerful Support

Homebound members.
Those in assisted living and nursing homes.
Church Leadership Team, Ministry Teams, and all our church leaders.
Designated Pastor Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer
Pastor of Visitation John Robson

Homebound Member of the Week

Our homebound member of the week is Gayle McAtee. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Gayle as our member of the week!

Her address is:

Gayle McAtee
The Barrington of Ft. Thomas
940 Highland Avenue
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075

Children’s Activity Bags

Activity bags for the children are located at each entrance of the church. Feel free to pick up a bag for your child (children) to work on during the worship service. When the service is done just drop the bags off at each exit so that we may replenish the bags for the following week.

Audio Recordings of Our Sunday Services

Did you miss a Sunday service or would like to hear one over again? You can get a CD audio recording of any service each week down on the table located at the North Lobby entrance. The recordings are separated by date so just look for the service you want to hear and take it home.

Online Video Worship Services

You can view our online video Sunday worship services through our church website: www.stjohnsuccnewport.org, our Church’s Facebook Page or YouTube Channel (just search our church’s name on Facebook/YouTube) and through the Constant Contact weekly email, (just click the online worship button at the bottom of the page). Hope you enjoy the services!

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL GROUP

Saturday, May 25th
10:00 a.m-11:00 a.m.

Chapel Area

Study sheets are available by the Baptismal Font

MEMORIAL DAY ROLL OF REMEMBRANCE

If you are a church member and would like to add a member of your family to update our Military Roll of Remembrance for Memorial Day 2024, please contact the church office. The deadline for names is **Wednesday, May 22nd**. Our Memorial Day Service will be held on **Sunday, May, 26th**.

Please note that names featured in previous years will be included again, and there is no need to re-submit them. Thank you!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

During worship on **Sunday, June 9th** St. John's will be recognizing the graduates in our midst. If you know of someone graduating from High School, College, University or another academic institution, please contact the church office to let us know. Last day to submit names is **Friday, May 24th**. Thank you!

PLANNING FOR ST. JOHN'S FUTURE STRENGTHENING OUR FOUNDATION TOGETHER

Do you have ideas for the future of St. John's? Do you want your voice heard on what direction St. John's should take? Then you would be perfect for the St. John's Strategic Planning Team. The Leadership Team is looking for members to serve and help plan the future of St. John's for the next 5 years. Reach out to a member of the Leadership Team if you are interested.

LT Members: Kyle Taylor, David Stamm, Pat Goins, Vickie Kennedy & Laura Haas

HELP WANTED

We are asking if anybody has a copy of the CD (or tape) of the St. John's quartet featuring Donna and Phil Hamilton and John and Peggy Westlund singing "Unclouded Day." If so, the Church would like to borrow it and make a copy for the Church archives. You can bring it to Kelli at the Church office. Thank you.

***Doxology**

(Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Creating and giving God, on this Pentecost Sunday we claim the blessing of your Holy Spirit at work in us as individuals, and as a faith community brought together in the name of your Son, our Savior Christ. We thank you that by the Spirit we are being made one in heart and mind and love. Because your Spirit is working within us we want to share what we have to help others. In bringing this offering we express our willing participation in Christ's ministry. Accept us, with our gifts, for his sake. Amen.

***Hymn (Sing Twice)**



Celebrating God's Word in Sacrament

Communion is Open to ALL: saint and sinner, lost and found, believer and seeker.
We partake of the bread together to symbolize our unity and community as God's people.
We shall partake of the cup individually to symbolize our solitariness
as we each stand alone before our God

Invitation

Heavenly God, we pray your consecration on these simple elements, this bread and this cup, that in this hour they may be food not only for our bodies, but also for our Spirits. May we in our song and our silence, our partaking and our prayer, be drawn into an ever deepening relationship with you, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we do gather about this table. Amen.

As is our tradition, the Elements of Communion are held until all are served and partake at the direction of the Pastor.

Eternal God, you have called your people from the east and west and north and south to eat at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will.

Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

***Hymn #332** *“Let Every Christian Pray”* *(Laudes Domini)*

Friends go in peace. Amen. **And Amen.**

Postlude *“Tongues of Fire”* (Gordon Young)

Today we welcome Rev. Andrew Bierkan back to the pulpit as Pastor Marty is out of town celebrating the marriage of his granddaughter. Welcome back to St. John's Rev. Bierkan.

Please use trash receptacles located at each exit for disposal of communion cups.

We pray that your experience of worship will deepen your faith and prepare you for the week ahead. We believe God's Spirit is present in our listening to the Word and our response of discipleship. In our greeting of one another we sense the presence of Christ.

Please sign the guest register when it comes to your seat.



Flowers in church today are in honor and celebration of
Bob Mackey's birthday.
Happy Birthday Bob!

From your sister,
Karen Liden.



Open flower dates are May 26th & June 2nd, 9th, 23rd & 30th
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.

May 21st: Janet Ginter
May 22nd: Brandon Rice

May 22nd: Patricia & James Penrod, Jr. (31 years)

Today St. John's will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday. To celebrate the birthday of the church, St. John's is hosting a Cookies and Lemonade social following the service. The social will take place underneath the canopy outside in the parking lot. Come outside and join everyone for a cup of ice cold lemonade, some delicious cookies and fellowship with family and friends.