

**St. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

**SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016**



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Sunday, May 15, 2016

9:00A.M.

## THE FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST

PRELUDE: TO JESUS CHRIST OUR SOVEREIGN KING Ich Glaube An Gott  
arr. Jeffery Blersch

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: As Christians have for thousands of years and around the world, we gather for this great Day of Pentecost.

**People: We gather today to mark the birth of the Christian Church through the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: We gather to give all praise, honor and glory to God and to be equipped for our own discipleship in Jesus, our Lord.

**People: We gather to celebrate Christ's presence in the midst of us, to claim the Spirit's power, and to enjoy the fellowship of one another.**

**All: Let us worship Almighty God.**

\* HYMN 237                      On Pentecost they Gathered                      Munich

CALL TO PRAYER, PRAYER, AND THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**O Holy God, in Your presence we are conscious of our own unworthiness. Time and again we have grieved Your Spirit with our impure thoughts and angry feelings, our bad deeds done and good deeds left undone. We confess that we have hindered the work of the Spirit by objecting to change, or dismissing new ideas. Most merciful God, have mercy upon us. Forgive our many faults, and help us to get rid of them; for the sake of Your Son, our Savior.**

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON                      Ezekiel 37: 1-14

SPECIAL MUSIC: All Things Bright and Beautiful/For the Beauty of the Earth  
arr. Nancy Raabe

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:                      Acts 2: 1-13

\* HYMN 250                      O Breath of Life                      St. Clement

SERMON: CAN YOU FEEL THE BREEZE? Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

\* HYMN 687 In Christ There is No East or West St. Peter

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: Come Holy Ghost Lambillotte arr. Mary Beth Bennett

\* THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

**5803 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: and also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using *trespasses*)

**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.**

\* HYMN 668 For the Healing of the Nations Cwm Rhondda

BENEDICTION:

**Lord God, guide us and protect us as we leave this time of worship with You. May we feel Your presence even in the face of difficulties and challenges. Strengthen us as only You can. And remind us of your steadfast love and commitment to us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

POSTLUDE: Stuttgart arr. Mark Sedio

## **WELCOME NOTES FOR THIS GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY**

**WE WELCOME YOU ALL TO WORSHIP ON THIS DAY OF PENTECOST**, the birthday of the Christian Church throughout the world. May each of us feel the wind of excitement which will propel us into a strong, loving and meaningful future. Such is God's plan.

**ALL FRIENDS AND VISITORS** are invited to sign the guest book at the entrance of the sanctuary and to spend a wee while with us during our reception in the church lounge after worship.

**THE NEXT P & R (planning and review) MEETING** will be held on Monday, May 16, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. here at church. This is an open meeting to which everyone is invited.

**WE WISH TO THANK EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED** the Town Hall meeting last Tuesday. Many thoughts and ideas were shared. A summary report will be available soon.

**HOW ABOUT ENJOYING A REAL SCOTTISH DAY?** The Scottish Games at Fairhill will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2016, all day. Brochures are to be found on the Lounge piano. All ages welcome.

**OUR CHRISTIAN THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS** are shared at this time with the family and friends of Miss Ethel Roberts, who died on Saturday, May 14, 2016. She was a resident of Roland Park Place. Ethel was aged 103. She served Baltimore City Schools for many years. She was also very supportive of our St. Andrew's Christian Community. Services for Ethel were held last Thursday.

**PASTORAL CARE IN HIGH ON OUR LIST OF PRIORITIES.** Please do not hesitate to contact our pastor, Ernest Smart, at any time either for yourself or someone you know. Home telephone is best: 410-893-9470.

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK AHEAD**

“We can avoid all kinds of superstitious ideas about the Holy Spirit if we think of the Spirit's relationship with us as a personal relationship between God and ourselves.

– Shirley C. Guthrie (Christian Doctrine)-