



Prayer Concerns: Jerry Kendall; Mark Kaczmarczyk in the passing of his wife, Judy.

Today's Sanctuary flowers provided by Lila Allen to the glory of God in honor of her son, Mike T. Allen.

Today's choral selections are provided by the Temple Choir under the direction of Joan Nevill. Organist: Barbara Waite. Additional Music provided by the Intergenerational Choir.

Ushers (20): Eric Eades, captain; Seby Durgy, Chuck Taylor, Ronnie Pursley, Thornton Patberg (balcony), Margo Borre (balcony)

Ushers (27): Eric Eades, captain; Chuck Taylor, Ronnie Pursley, John Oberhelman, Thornton Patberg (balcony), Margo Borre (balcony)

Greeters (20): Warren & Rosemary Heinsohn, Janet Kissel, Tom Harvey

Greeters (27): Sue & Cle Watson, Pat & Ken Haynie

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

Luke Rausch, piano

PRELUDE

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" arr. by M. Burkhardt

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this day of Pentecost, we are reminded that God's Spirit lives within us.

People: **Holy Spirit, ignite our hearts with joy again.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, fill us with Your power, that we would faithfully serve You.

People: **Holy Spirit, be with us now and always.**

CHORAL INTROIT

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

*CHIMES & SERVICES OF LIGHT

*FIRST HYMN

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Please turn to those around you and pass the peace of Christ.

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray as one.

PASTORAL PRAYER/ LORD'S PRAYER

All: **Glorious Trinity, You are the source of all our hope. Send Your wind and fire of Pentecost this day to shake up our lives. As we gather here, like Your disciples gathered in years past, fill us up with passion, foolishness, and reckless joy. And now, O God, hear us as we pray, each in our own hearts and our own ways...**

GIVING OFFERING

"Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord" by F. W. Zachau

*DOXOLOGY *the congregation stands as the Ushers return the offering to the Altar.*

#95 in Hymnal

ANTHEM

"Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel" arr. by Roger Emerson

KIDZ MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-4

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE UMH #162

"Alleluia, Alleluia"

MESSAGE *by Pastor Andy Payton*

"Enthusiast"

Good morning Methodist Temple. I have good news and my good news this morning is that Prince Harry and Meghan Markle are finally married, so you can return to your normal viewing schedule of the television. Yesterday morning I called my mother in law and I asked her what she was doing. She says I'm watching the wedding. I'm like what are you talking about? What wedding. She's like you don't know about Prince Harry wedding. I'm like No. I watch Netflix. I call my mom. I was like Mom what are you doing? She goes I'm watching the wedding. Like what wedding? I don't watch that. I watch PBS Kids. What are you talking about? Last night I went to bed. And you know what my wife was doing- Leslie was doing -when I went to bed watching the wedding. Everybody wants to be a princess. I don't know. I don't know. One of the things I did watch about the wedding that was pretty good though. I have to confess to you- I don't think Leslie is here, No. OK. - So I'll confess to you one of the things I did like about the wedding, the part I did watch, was the Bishop's sermon. Did you see that? He was awesome wasn't he? I should just like show the YouTube video of that guy's sermon today for our sermon this morning. He was so good. I loved how he talked about how the power of love could transform a world in a good way, bring us together as a global community. Such an important message. It's the message in my opinion. We need the power of love. And I think in many ways these last few weeks we've been kind of talking about this idea of the power of love. I mean it's kind of like a kind of a backdoor approach to it. But we're talking about how to remove the fixations in our lives that keep God's love from flowing freely through us. That's really what we've been talking about with this Risen series. And of course we've been using the Enneagram which is an ancient spirituality test that as much tell us what we are as much as it tells us why we are. And it helps us to understand how we can remove those things in our lives so that God's love can move more freely through us. Today our emphasis, our topic if you will is number seven on the Enneagram, the enthusiast which fits for Pentecost in my opinion because we're talking about fire, we're talking about the Dove, the Holy Spirit- all these things- passion. And the enthusiast, in terms of the Enneagram, is like the spark plug of the Enneagram; so it all kind of comes together and fits. And I like it when a plan comes together.

As we get started this morning, let's begin with the word of prayer. Oh God help us to be present to you today even as you are here present with us. I pray that you would take the words of my mouth and the meditations of all of our hearts and that you would work in such a way that they would be may be made acceptable in your sight. I pray this through Christ. Amen.

So today's not only the enthusiast Sunday, of course, today is Pentecost Sunday. And Pentecost is one of the top three Christian festivals. The first festival that begins the Christian year of course is kind of like Advent (Christmas). The next one is can is Lent (Easter) and then Pentecost is one of the top three. The first two festivals- Christmas, Easter- celebrates what we call the incarnation of God in Christ. So God comes to us in the person of Jesus Christ to redeem the world of sin, to set us free from the power of death. So that's kind of what Christmas, Easter celebrates, but what Pentecost celebrates is kind of a shift in this progression of things and the shift here is this: if God comes to us in the person of Christ at Christmas and Easter, Pentecost reminds us that God wants to come within each of us. Just as God came to us and Christ, this God wants to become a part of each of us, wants to incarnate within us if you will. And so today is kind of like the perfect third Christian festival if you think about. It starts with Christ, but it continues into our lives. The story that comes to my mind is the temple. As I talk about Pentecost, the temple in the old testament was kind of a big deal. The temple in the Old Testament is like the house of God. In fact if you look at some of the Psalms and you read some of the stories within the Old Testament, it talks about wanting to go to the house of God, the Temple in Jerusalem. And that was like the literal home where gone stayed in the mindset of the Jewish people in the Old Testament. Literally they believed it was the home of God. It was there. They made sacrifices. It was there that they made offerings to God, so the Jewish Temple in the Old Testament was the place where God stayed. Well in the New Testament, there's a shift. We become the temple. We're the home of God. Paul boldly says Don't you understand. Don't you see that you are the temple of the Holy Spirit. That's what you are. And that basic belief, that basic idea should transform the way that you look at yourself, that you look at other people that you relate to everyone within the world. When we become the temple of the Holy Spirit how we treat other people also is a reflection of how we relate to God. And that's something in my mind that we should get enthusiastic about. That's exciting. That's practical. That's something we literally carry with us. Now in my mind, I think Julian's mom might be right. This is her favorite Christian festival- Pentecost. This should be like the biggest celebration of them all because this one- Pentecost- transforms the lens in which we look at the world and we look at one another. So let's get enthusiastic about it and we'll get enthusiastic about it by talking about the type 7 enthusiast if you will.

So let's jump into the Enthusiast. The enthusiast as I said is the spark plug of the Enneagram. I think the enthusiasts can teach us a little bit about how to say yes to the spirit that's within us. They are full of energy. If I was going to describe the enthusiast of the Enneagram it would be this. They are so extra. They are so extra. They are over the top. Next slide. They're fun. They're loving. They're imaginative. As I said they're full of energy. If you take an enthusiast with you on vacation, 30 minutes after they get to the vacation spot they're already thinking of the next vacation. That's the enthusiast way. Over the top. So extra, full of energy. Next slide. They're always thinking about the future as I said. They're always thinking about that next fun experience- how to keep it fun, how to keep it exciting, and how to keep it happy, happy, happy, happy. Next slide for them there's no good Friday; it's only Easter. And by that I mean they don't want to talk about the pain of the world. They don't want to talk about suffering. They only want to keep it happy. I think the best way I heard it described is they're spin doctors- they're the spin doctors of the Enneagram. Something horribly wrong could happen within their lives and they're going to just twist it and start thinking of it in a positive way and avoid the pain. And avoid the pain of whatever it is that they're going through.

Next slide. Their sin is gluttony, and by gluttony I mean they overindulge in seeking happy experiences. They overindulge in wanting to just have fun, fun, fun keep it happy, happy, happy. That leads them to being one of the types on the Enneagram that struggle with addiction more than just about anyone else. The peacemakers also struggle with addiction; we haven't got to that one yet, but the enthusiasts do as well because they just overdo things. And so when they find something that makes them feel good, they just overdo it. They overdo it. And so their sin becomes gluttony. But the reason -next slide -the reason why they do all of this, and you won't see it on the surface but the reason they do all of this is because deep down they are afraid. They're fearful. A lot of research I've read indicates that many of the enthusiast as a child went through some sort of horrible trauma, horrible situation happened to them; and in order to to hide themselves from that horrible situation they have overcorrected. And they've gone off the happy end because they've never really dealt with that thing that has really, really impacted them. You won't see it on the surface. On the surface, they're full of energy. They're fun. They're loving. They seem confident, but underneath it they're afraid. And this is how they deal with their fear. Deep down, they see monsters- if you will- wherever they go.

The story that comes to my mind as I think about this is my daughter Jaden. That's her. She's 17. Oh man. We should have a prayer service for me, but that's her. But 14 years ago, she would have been three, so she would have been this- this daughter Jayden 17 now looked a lot like my daughter Paige 14 years ago. She was 3. At the time I was in college, and I would come home for the weekend just to be with Jayden, and one of the things that would happen as Jason stayed at our house in Loogootee over the weekend is inevitably when it became time for bed she would get afraid. It was a new house. I was a non-custodial parent. She was used to being at her mother's house, and so she's at our house and she gets afraid. Who wouldn't get afraid at 3 years old? And so, one of the games that we came up with- and this is probably not the best parenting strategy I've ever came up with -but one of the games we came up with was a game that we called the Monster. I was young, not the best move. We would go through the house and I would try to prove to her there was no monsters so there's nothing to be afraid of. So I'd pick her up and I remember like we'd usually start in the downstairs bathroom. And I'd be like "you want to go check for a monster?" Yes. So I look in there. "Do you see a monster?" No. "Do you want to go check the downstairs closet?" Yeah. Open the door. "Do you see a monster?" No. Do you see a monster in the living room?" No there's no monster. "Do you want to go upstairs to check for monsters?" Yeah let's go upstairs. I remember, we'd go upstairs. It was almost every time inevitably about halfway up the stairs she be like, dad I don't want to go upstairs. OK when I go to my downstairs. "Where you want to go?" Let's go to the basement. One time in particular, we walked down the stairs, and we went to the basement and our basement at the parsonage was an unfinished basement. So like you opened the door and it was musty smell and it was kind of like this dark basement. And I remember one time in particular when we were walking down the stairs and about halfway down the stairs into the basement she goes Dad, and I thought she was afraid that she wanted to go back up the stairs. I mean that's why I thought she wouldn't do. But she said Dad, Dad I think peed my pants. And I pulled her away and sure enough monster got the best of us. It was all over us. All over us- me and her. As I thought about that story, as I came away from that story, here's what occurred to me. She saw monsters wherever we went, but what she had forgotten is that I was holding her the whole time. She saw monsters wherever we went but she had forgotten that I was there with her. I was holding her the whole time. That applies to our relationship with God, doesn't it?

We look at the world and we're afraid we are the monsters. It is scary. It is frightening. There are things that are happening right now today that well I don't know, they're scary; but what we need to remember, what the healing message is, is it were already being held. That's what the enthusiasts of the world need to hear. That's what we need to hear. That's what we need to hear. A person once said that fear is false evidence appearing real to us. When we're consumed with our fears, we think that all there is a scary stuff out there. It's false evidence appearing real to us. But what faith teaches us is there's something greater than our fears. There's someone else holding us, living life through us, sustaining us, granting us grace and peace and power in the midst of the frightening things that happened into this world. And once it is that faith there, it is that faith that God is here with us that gives us something to stand on. One of my favorite theologians Marcus Borg once noted that there are fundamentally three different ways that people can look at the world. First, you can look at the world as a fearful place, as a dangerous place. We look out at it and it's unsafe- monsters everywhere. That's the enthusiast way of looking at the world. That is many of our ways of living at the world if we were really honest; but the first we really can look at the world through a fearful lens. And that influences the way we live our lives. The second way we can really look at the world is as an indifferent place- just kind of a series of coincidences that makes life possible. But the third way we can look at the world is as a good place- a life giving place, a place which is emanating from the very breath of God. And our scriptures teach us about this world and how we're supposed to look at it. The Book of Genesis says after God created a, what did God say? It was good. The gospels teach us that even though the world crucified Jesus, God raised from the dead. God How can we as a people of faith look out at this world and not see good because we say that's what we believe in. That's what we say.

The way I've come to experience it is this way: in the Methodist Wesleyan spirituality I'll call it, there are three basic ingredients that go together to formulate our spiritual life if you will. In the three steps of the spiritual journey, in the Methodist Spirituality are this: first repentance, second faith, third holiness. These are the three things that we talk about when we're talking about how it is we experience this goodness of God within our lives. So let's first talk about repentance real quick. And John Wesley's understanding of repentance. He did not really think of it in terms of measuring up to some sort of moral code. In John Wesley's mind repentance was about true self knowledge which is kind of a different take on it. I mean we think about repentance today the first thing that comes to my mind is don't drink, don't dance, don't chew, that kind of thing. That's repentance is the way we've been taught. But that's not repentance in the Wesleyan way. Repentance in the Wesleyan way is true self knowledge. And here's the knowledge we're supposed to have. We're created in the image of a good God. That's who we fundamentally are. Before this world fell into sin, we were created in the image of a good God. Period. But of course we don't measure up. We fall short of that good image and that's sin. But that's not who we really are. So the first step is repentance, it's true self-knowledge were created in the image of this good God. There's the goodness of God that we don't measure up to that goodness which leads to faith- specifically faith in the forgiving love of God.

I use the word forgiving, not forgiveness, because forgiving is something that's happening within our lives even now. Forgiveness is something we talk about when we ask God for forgiveness in order to go to heaven. But the forgiving love of God is something that's happening within us even now, and so in the midst of this goodness, in the midst of this sin that we realize is in our lives, what we also come to realize is that the presence of God is here with us and working in such a way to transform us from the inside out. I remember a couple of years ago a person came to my office with a big Bible and a three ring binder and they were ready, and I thought oh my gosh here we go. And the conversation began to unfold and this person wanted me to hold someone else accountable for their sin. This just in. You haven't got the gospel yet when you can see sin and everyone else but you. I've got a message for you. They wanted me to hold someone accountable for their sin, and I remember he smacked his hand on my desk and he said And the gospel is sin no more. At that point I was young, I was young and he made me mad. I responded and I sai: Well are you telling me there's no sin in your life then? He got real mad at that point. Real mad is probably not the best way to describe it. But it's the truth. Are you telling me there's not sin in your life? You're telling me that the message of the gospel is sin no more. That's what you're telling me. That's not good news. That's sin management. If I was going to answer his question today when he came to me and he told me that the essence of the Gospel said no more. I would say no it's not. The essence of the Gospel is Grace is greater than sin, sir. That's the essence of the gospel.

Yes we're made in the image of a good God. Yes we do fall short. No God does not give up on us. That the spirit of God is with us and is transforming us. It will not give up on us. That's the essence of the gospel. That's it. And when we began to see that that presence lives within us, the next thing that happens is it ricochets out into the world and we see that same presence living within all people as well. And we call that holiness. Holiness is spelled holiness. The way I would spell it is wholeness. This because when we see that this live within us is indeed God breathing us into existence and we see that this life that lives within us is also connected to every other life within the world, it's not holiness, it's wholeness. And this is why we say faith without works is dead. Because until you truly have faith and you're able to see the presence of God in all people, then you're missing it. We all fall short. We all mess up. God does not give up on us. God does not give up on them. And that basic belief calls forth our transformation in the way that we treat one another.

Which leads me back to Pentecost. Pentecost originally was a Jewish holiday. Did you know that? The way it worked was first the Passover, fifty days later- there was Pentecost. And what Pentecost was in the Jewish calendar was the day in which God gave the new covenant to the Jewish people. God gave- in other words- the rules on how they were to live together as community. That's what it was. In the New Testament kind of shifts. Instead of us getting to a bunch of rules, what we believe as Christians is that God gives us grace. And by grace I mean God gives God's self to us, God's mentality to us- that presence lives within each of us. And it is that grace that should define us as a community- not rules, not legalism, not not give up on us. That is our value. That is who we are. That is what it means to be church. We are a community that chooses to humbly love one another. Amen.

MESSAGE *by Pastor Andy Payton*

"Enthusiast"

*LAST HYMN UMH #544

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

*CHIMES & SERVICE OF LIGHT

BENEDICTION

"O Day of Peace" arr. by C. Callahan

POSTLUDE