



Central United Methodist Church at Oak Point – service at 10:00 a.m.

May 19th, 2024

Day of Pentecost

Preaching: Dave Dextraze – Certified Lay Minister

Liturgist: MJ Strickland Musician: Kyle Akin

We are a family of faith that invites everyone to share our walk with Christ

Service on Facebook:

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Centering Music:

Kyle Akin

Welcome:

MJ

Opening Prayer/ Call to Worship: (in unison)

***Creator Spirit and Giver of life,
make the dry, bleached bones of our lives
live and breathe and grow again
as you did of old.
Pour out your Spirit upon the whole creation.
Come in rushing wind and flashing fire
to turn the sin and sorrow within us
into faith, power, and delight. Amen.***

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

L-Leader

P-People

L: 104:24 O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the

earth is full of your creatures.

P: 104:25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

L: 104:26 There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

P: 104:27 These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

L: 104:28 when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

P: 104:29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

L: 104:30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

P: 104:31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works--

L: 104:32 who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

P: 104:33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

L: 104:34 May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

P: 104:35b Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

Hymn: UMH 77 “How Great Thou Art”

1 O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the *worlds thy hand have made,
I see the stars, I hear the *rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!

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how great thou art, how great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! [Refrain]

This morning's Old Testament Reading:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

37:1 The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

37:2 He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry.

37:3 He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know."

37:4 Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

37:5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.

37:6 I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

37:7 So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

37:8 I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

37:9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."

37:10 I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

37:11 Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.'

37:12 Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

37:13 And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people.

37:14 I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

This morning's Second Reading:

Acts 2:1-21

2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

2:2 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.

2:3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

2:4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

2:5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

2:6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

2:7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

2:8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

2:9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

2:10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

2:11 Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

2:12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

2:13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

2:14 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.

2:15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

2:16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

2:17 '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.

2:18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

2:19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

2:20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

2:21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Youth Message:

Linda Merritt

Hymn: *"Spirit of the Living God"* (sung twice)

UMH #393

Spirit of the living God,
Fall afresh on me.
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.

Sermon: "God's Ways" **Dave Dextraze CLM**

God Moments (*Joys and Concerns*)

Pastoral Prayer **Dave**

Special Music: **Kyle Akin**

Hymn: **UMH 620** "One Bread, One Body"

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more.
One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.
One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all.
One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Communion Liturgy: The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Holy Communion Invitation:

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him and seek to grow into His likeness.

Let us draw near with faith, make our humble confession, and prepare to receive this Holy Sacrament.

Confession and Pardon

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have failed to be obedient and have not done your will. We have rebelled against you and ignored

the promptings of the Spirit. We do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own goodness, but in your unfailing mercy. We are not worthy that you should receive us, but give us your word and we shall be healed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: Hear the good news – Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

L: In his life, Jesus exemplified a life of love poured out in suffering and passion, even unto death, that others might live. He delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took the bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to his disciples and said, “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” And so in remembrance we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

P: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

L: O Lord, pour out your holy spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to the world, until Christ comes in final victory.

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD AND CUP:

A great feast is prepared for us— the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ.

PRAYER (after receiving Communion - in unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery, in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit, sharing the abundance which we have been given, and telling others the good news of salvation through your life, death and resurrection.

Tithes and Offerings/ Doxology (UMH #95)

Heavenly God. We thank You this morning for the blessing of another day and another chance to serve You. May You accept and bless these gifts and use them as You see fit to enrich and further Your kingdom.

AMEN.

Announcements:

Blessing:

May the Lord God watch over us all as we go forth and share the wonder of our faith and the strength of Your word.

Closing Hymn: UMH 672 *“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”* Verse 1

1. God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:

Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

Birthday Wishes

May 2- Shirley Parker

May 10- Sherri Vanston

May 18- Jody Battistini

June 1- Bob Ramsay

June 2- John Stidham

June 4- Linda O’Leary

June 11- Bev Payne

June 27- Elwin Hanson

Thank you for worshipping with us at Central United Methodist Church.

Come as a stranger, leave as a friend.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 19th- Worship with our friends at Oak Point
Monday, May 27th- Memorial Day

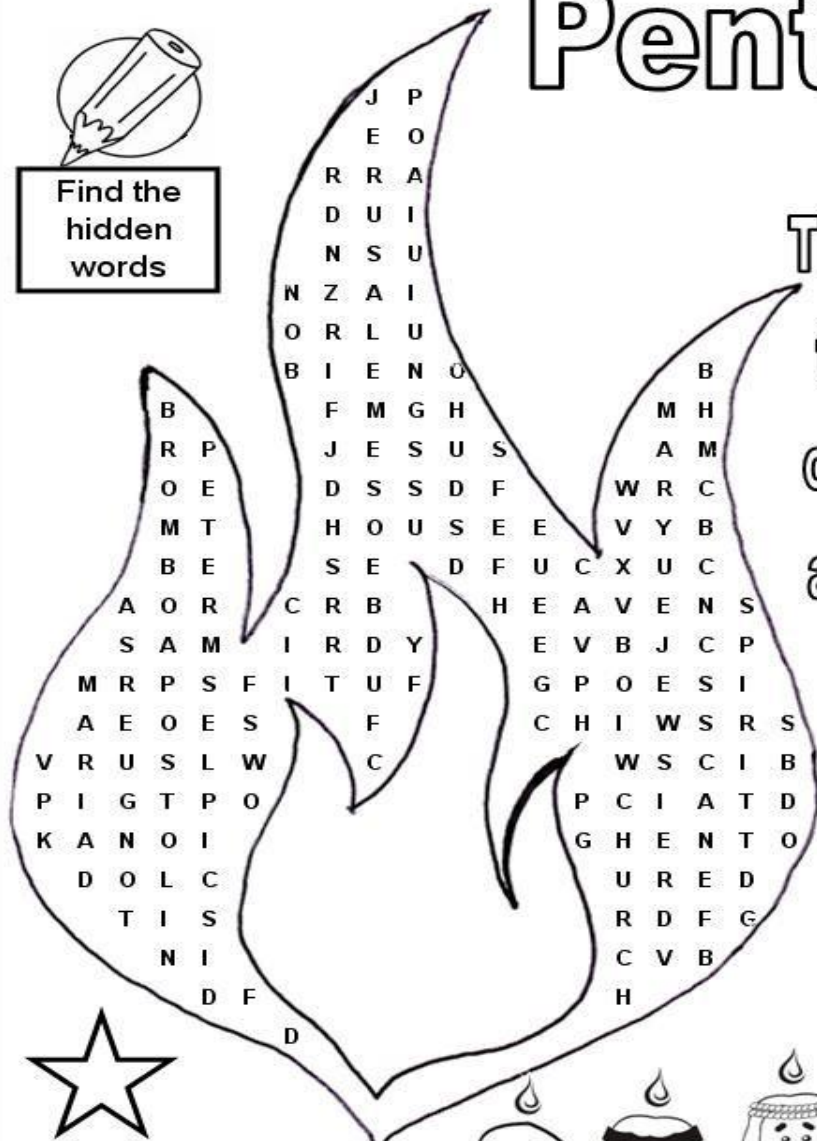
LAY SERVANT SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Preaching</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Counter</u>
5/12/24	Susan Scott	Paul B	Nancy E	MJ S	Paul B
5/19/24	Dave Dextraze	MJ S	Bill G	Bill G	MJ S
5/26/24	Ann Burnham	Linda M	Sheri V	MJ S	
6/2/24	Paul Battistini	Linda M	Donna T	Kevin O	Paul B

Pentecost



Find the hidden words



Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

Acts 2:3



- Wind
- Heaven
- House
- Tongues
- Fire
- Spirit
- Jews
- Jerusalem
- Peter
- Jesus
- Wine
- Disciples
- Mary
- Church

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