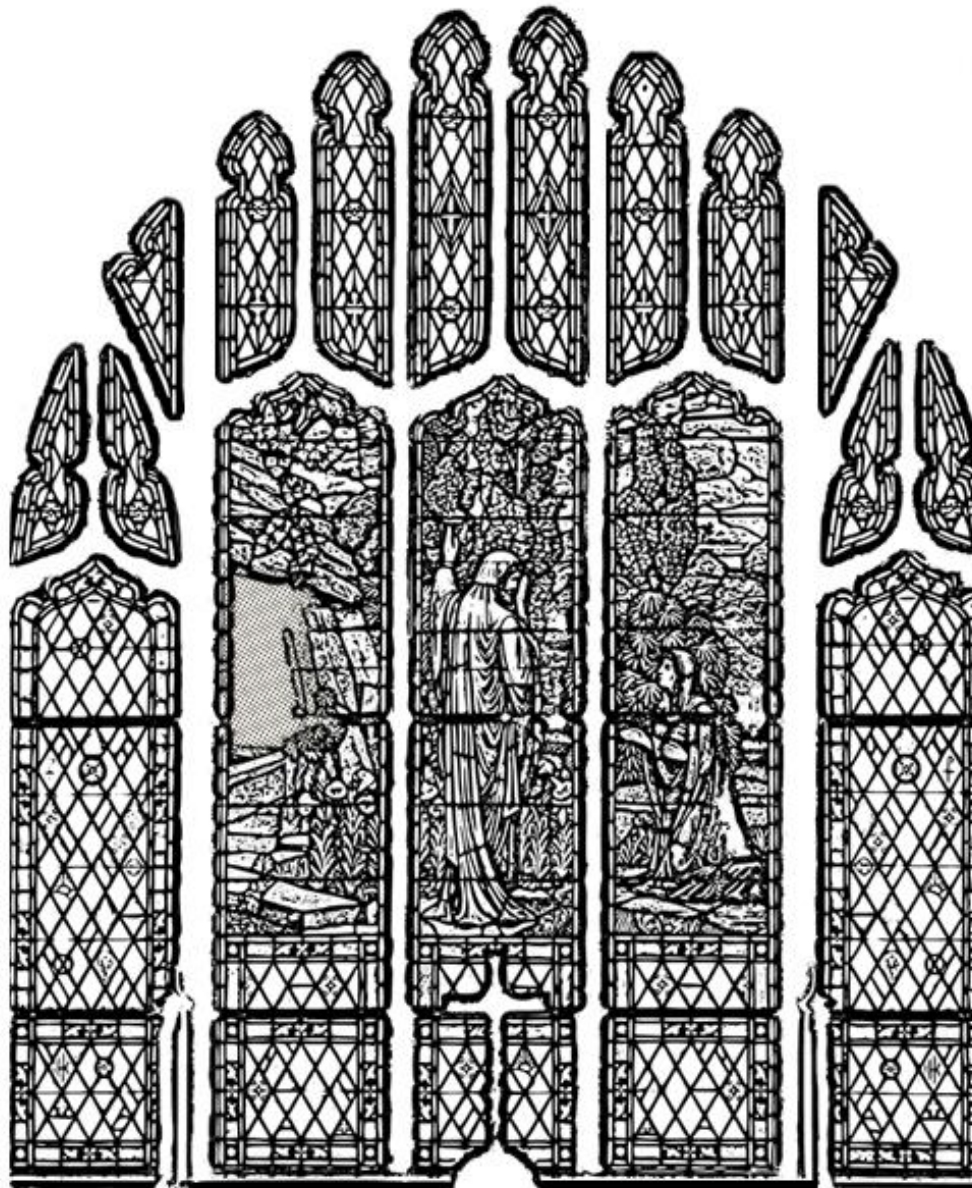


MT. LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Sunday, May 19, 2024, 8:30AM & 10:45AM

The Day of Pentecost

with Centenary Celebration of Confirmands

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Sunday, May 19, 2024 – The Day of Pentecost

On this day of Pentecost, we are glad to welcome back the Rev'd Deborah Ackley-Killian and the Rev'd Grace Killian as they help us celebrate the many individuals who have made their promises of Confirmation in our church, in this month's installment of our year-long Sanctuary Centennary celebration.

**Indicates an invitation to stand in spirit or posture, as able.*

The Prelude

Adagio in E Flat

Emanuel Kronach (1812-1889)
(Karl Emanuel Klitzsch)

Today's prelude and postlude are the final installment of the multi-week series celebrating our "Zwicksburgh" partnership, as Mr. Stecker prepares to depart for Germany this week. For more information, see the 'Music Note' at the rear of the bulletin.

The Introit (10:45)

Light of the World

Cathy Pino, arr. B. Kornelis

As the chimes sound following the introit, all rise, in either body or spirit, for the procession.

*Opening Hymn

"Come down, O Love Divine"

UMH 475

*Call to Worship

∞ O Lord, how manifold are your works!

℞ in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

∞ You send forth your Spirit, and they are created,
and so you renew the face of the earth.

℞ I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.

∞ I will rejoice in the Lord:

℞ Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!

from Ps. 104

*Opening Prayer

Said by all, with one voice.

Almighty God,

on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation

by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit:

Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel,

that it may reach to the ends of the earth;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

*Silent Prayer

*Response

“Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit”

UMH 404

A Message for Young Disciples (10:45 am)

As the young disciples gather at the front of the church, all sing:

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong.**

The young disciples (3 yr. - 3rd grade) then depart the sanctuary for Kids Praise.

Teachers will lead them back to the sanctuary prior to the conclusion of the service.

The First Lesson

A Reading from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel

EZEK. 37:1-14

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. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 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.”

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. 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. Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, 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.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

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.’ Therefore prophesy, 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. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your

graves, O my people. 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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

"Come holy Ghost, our souls inspire"

UMH 651

The Second Lesson

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

ACTS 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. 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 nation 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 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, "Men of Judea 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.”

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Said by all, with one voice.

**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, the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

The Sermon

“Breath and Bone”

Rev. Deborah Ackley-Killian & Rev. Grace Killian

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMANDS AND CONFIRMATION TEACHERS (10:45AM)

Remarks

Rev. Scott Miller

Those who serve or have served as confirmation teachers come forward as prompted, and kneel at the altar rail as able.

Prayer over the Confirmation Teachers

Those who have been confirmed in this sanctuary come forward as prompted, and kneel at the altar rail as able.

Prayer over the Confirmands

***Congregational Reaffirmation of Confirmation Vows**

All rise, in posture or spirit, as the confirmation vows are reaffirmed, and remain standing for the creed.

∇. Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Through the reaffirmation of our faith we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

℟. I do.

∇. Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

℞. I do.

∇. Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

℞. I do.

∇. According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

℞. I will.

***Congregational Profession of Faith**

∇. Do you believe in God the Father?

℞. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

∇. Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**℞. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

∇. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**℞. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

***Congregational Thanksgiving and Renewal of Mission**

∇. Let us give thanks and rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God.

℞. We give thanks for all that God has already given us.

As members of the body of Christ

**and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,
we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts,
our service and our witness**

that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

∇. The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and peace.

℞. Amen.

*Response

"Great is thy faithfulness!" (Centenary Celebration Edition)

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my fa - ther; there is no
2. Here, O Good Lord, is our dear sanc - tu - a - ry; nay, tis not
3. Twelve li - ving flames first il - lu - mined the dark - ness, hearts set a -

sha - dow of tur - ning with thee; thou chan - gest not, thy com - pas - sions they fail not;
our sanc - tu - a - ry, but thine. Thou art the gi - ver of all that we che - rish;
blaze by the fire of the Dove; still, here and now, thou art call - ing di - sci - ples:

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as thou has been, thou for - e - ver wilt be. Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
thou art the mas - ter of this house di - vine.
send down once more the strange warmth of thy Love.

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Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Mor - ning by mor - ning, new mer - cies we see! Thou hast been

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faith - ful a cen - tury of Sun - days: strength - en and guide us in years yet to be.

***The Sign of Peace**

☩. The peace of Christ be with you.

℞. **And also with you.**

*The people are now invited to share signs of peace with their fellow members of Christ's body.
Extended conversation would ideally and most appropriately be reserved until the end of the service.*

Announcements

At the Offertory

The Offertory Hymn (8:30 am) "Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me" UMH 393

The Anthem (10:45 am) *He is Marvelous!* Rosephanye Powell

***The Doxology & Prayer of Dedication UMH 94**

***The Sending Hymn "O Spirit of the Living God" UMH 539**

***The Dismissal**

☩. Let us bless the Lord.

℞. **Thanks be to God.**

***The Benediction**

The Postlude *Postludium in C* Frederic Archer (1838-1901)

The people remain in place until the altar party has retired.

"The Music Note"

As Mr. Stecker prepares to go to Germany this week to lead the inaugural Summer Church Music Workshop through our Zwickau partnership, the preludes and postludes over the past weeks have all been selected along the theme of "Zwicksburgh", celebrating the music of composers from both of our hometowns. The prelude this morning is by Emanuel Klitzsch, who served as a teacher of music in Zwickau, as director of music at the Evangelical (Lutheran) churches in the city, and who also worked as a composer, music critic and journalist. He was an early promoter and close personal friend of Robert Schumann. For reasons that are not entirely clear, he published his compositions under the pen name "Emanuel Kronach."

The postlude this morning comes to us from Frederic Archer, a native of Oxford, England, who studied in London and later Leipzig, Germany, before coming to the United States, first taking a position in Boston before finally settling in Pittsburgh. He became director of the Carnegie Music Hall, served as organist at Church of the Ascension in Pittsburgh, and in 1896, he founded the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. His activities also included work as a composer, publisher, and music journalist. He, along with his wife, is buried in Pittsburgh's Homewood Cemetery.

We give thanks to God for the lives of faith as embodied in the confirmands and confirmation teachers we have celebrated this morning, who include:

Confirmands

Gloria Barber	1942	Laurel Summit Walczyk	1971	Madeline Miller	2018
Chuck Vogel	1942	Betsy Rayner	1973	Abigail G. Nagle	2019
Carol Fairgreve	1947	Laurie Lowe	1977	Jacob Lowe	2021
Edee Hutchinson	1963*	Amy Gastgeb (DiPietro)	1997	Emily Shoff	2021
Chuck Hutchinson	1964*	Kimberly Davis (Minnotte)	2005	Grant Volek	2022
Rick Minnotte	1966	Grace Killian	2005	Evan Shoff	2023
Rob Spicher	1967	Jacob Cerneskie	2017	Vivienne Volek	2023
		John M. Nagle III	2018	Rachel L. Nagle	2023

**Indicated confirmands from Brookline United Methodist Church, which was merged into Mt. Lebanon UMC in the 1990s*

Confirmation Teachers

Lizzie Diller	Linh Quach	David Langenbacher
Marcy Picardi	Rev. Scott Miller	Rev. Deborah L. Ackley- Killian

Please remember in prayer:

Convalescing in care facilities

Priscilla Utzig, Providence Point
Carol Fairgrieve, Providence Point
Jo Newman, Friendship Village

Convalescing at home

Bishop George Bashore
Jean Boyer
Don Langston
Susan Lichtenfels
Carol Van Sickle
Dawn Lonsinger

Serving in the military

Jason Boyer
SPC Natalie Brown
PFC William Dilla III
Maj. Zachary Allen Finch
1Lt. Shaun Hay
LCpl. Wyatt Hoover
James Iantelli
1Lt. Jaskiewicz
Sgt. Keith Kimmell
Sgt. Brendan Lamport

Sgt. Matthew McConahan
Thomas Orda
David Poncel
Sgt. Steven Reitz
LTC Scott B. Rushe
Pastor Rick Townes
Lt. Col. Azizi Wesmiller
LTC Matthew Wesmiller
Sgt. Keith Scott Winkowski
Sgt. Michael Zimmerman

Leaders in Worship this Morning

ABIGAIL & JOSEPH LOWE, ACOLYTES

ROB SPICHER & GRANDCHILDREN ALLAIRE AND ARAZIO, CROSS BEARER

RICH TREMBLAY (8:30AM) AND

MARCY PICARDI AND LIZZIE DILLER (10:45AM), LECTORS

THE CHOIR OF THE MT. LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Ms. TIMOTHY WILLIAMS, STAFF MEZZO-SOPRANO

MR. KIRBY DILWORTH, STAFF TENOR

MR. A. MITCHELL V. STECKER, MINISTER OF MUSIC & ORGANIST

THE REV'D GRACE KILLIAN, VISITING CLERGY

THE REV'D SCOTT A.F. MILLER, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

THE REV'D DEBORAH L. ACKLEY-KILLIAN, BUTLER-FRANKLIN DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

The altar flowers this morning given by

Lesley Troy

in loving memory of her son,

Camden Toy.

The flowers in the narthex this morning given by

Linda Nixon

in loving memory of her mother,

Helen R. Heinz.

*For information about furnishing altar flowers for future services,
contact Lizzie Diller at 412-860-3614. The cost is \$45 per arrangement.*