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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIPZsQ5nMwmFfhUGn8zJ3sQ/videos>

Please feel free to place any questions you may have by replying in the comments section (YouTube), or contact the church office by phone or email and request to be added to our email list.

PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. You can share a prayer request online in the comments section (YouTube) and by contacting the church by email or phone.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
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ONLINE WORSHIP

Pentecost Sunday

May 23rd, 2021

10:00 A.M.

If you are at home, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

* Please rise in body or spirit

PRELUDE Jane Wester

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INTROIT** Spirit of the Living God #288

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Psalm 88)

One: O Lord, God of my salvation, let my prayers come to you.

All: Incline your ear to our cries. For our souls are full of trouble.

One: We are like those who have no help.

All: Sometimes we feel like those whom you no longer remember.

One: Every day we call on you, O Lord. We lift up our hands in need.

All: Does your love go beyond the grave? We believe so. Let us experience that powerful love in our lives

***HYMN** On Pentecost They Gathered #289

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray.

All: God of life, we live in a world of death. We confess that sometimes we don't bring life in our actions. We confess that sometimes we don't bring life with our words. We confess that sometimes we witness death around us and feel defeated. Forgive us for not bringing life and love with our actions. Forgive us for not bringing life and love with our words. Forgive us when we bring death with our words and actions. Help us to bring life. Help us to love and encourage well. Heal us, transform us, and make yourself known through us. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: United, when life is bleak, when it feels like death has won in our disagreements, relationships, or even in our minds we are reminded that we are imperfect people. We are not always going to get it right. God is gracious. God loves us. God gives us life and life abundantly. Witness and believe the good news of the Gospel: because of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection...

All: We are all forgiven. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

You are invited to bless those around you with the words, "**The peace of Christ be with you.**" (You may pass the peace in the comments section if online. Say hello to one another. In person you may throw up peace signs and check in.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN Kathryn Craven

SCRIPTURE READINGS Tom Vosburgh
New Testament Reading Acts 2:1-21

SERMON "Dry Bones: Speaking Life to Death" Rev. Brett M Foote
Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14

***HYMN** Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness #291

OFFERING
MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION
OFFERTORY Jane Wester
***RESPONSE** #717

For the life that you have given,
For the love in Christ made known
With these fruits of time and labor,
With these gifts that are your own:
Here we offer, Lord, our praises;
Heart and mind and strength we bring;
Give us grace to love and serve you,
Living what we pray and sing.

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God who speaks life over, in, and through us, we offer all our gifts to you, our lives, our passions and so much more. Bless these tithes and offerings. Bless our mission and vision as the church, as we reach out with our neighbors for the betterment of our community. May we be good stewards of these gifts and may we be generous neighbors. May resurrection thrive in each heart and may we in our giving be a part of that. Help us to connect with and care for our community so that Superior, Duluth, and the surrounding areas may know God's resurrection love. In the name of the Holy Trinity, Amen

TIME FOR PRAYER

Prayers to be Shared Please email the church with your prayer requests or share them in the comments section. (YouTube)

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Process outside, weather permitting.

***CLOSING HYMN You Shall Go Out With Joy #80**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Jane Wester

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 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 round 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, 'Prophecy 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, 'Prophecy 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.'

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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."

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 5/23

10:00 AM Morning Worship

MONDAY 5/24

TUESDAY 5/25

6:30 PM Softball vs Central Assembly, 58th St Field 1

WEDNESDAY 5/26

12 PM Staff Meeting (Zoom)

4-6 PM CSA Pickup

THURSDAY 5/27

6 PM CYF

FRIDAY 5/28

UPBeat Mailing

SATURDAY 5/29

Birthdays This Week

5/27 Deb Emery

LOOKING AHEAD

May 25	Softball vs Central Assembly
May 30	Graduate Sunday
May 31	Office Closed (Memorial Day)

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE?

At United Presbyterian Church, we offer many opportunities to give of yourself to glorify God.

If you'd like to donate online to the church, you can do so at the following link:

<https://www.upc-superior.com/donate>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ICU TREE

What was formerly the mitten tree is now the ICU tree! It is still set up in the main entrance, and we are asking for donations of **new socks, first aid bags, and flashlights** to be placed on the tree to be donated to the Inclusive Care Unit. Please bring in donations during office hours to decorate the tree!

SOFTBALL

UPC softball returned to the field Tuesday in a 23-11 loss vs Bayside.

Jay pitched for UPC, Zach H. played catcher and had a single and scored a run for UPC, Katie got a birthday hit (and got to take home the ball), Keaton P. had 3 hits for UPC, Pastor Brett played 2b and had a base hit.

Next game: May 25 @6:30 pm- vs Central Assembly @ 58th Field 1 .

Players, please arrive at 6 pm for warmup. Go green!



CONTACTING PASTOR BRETT

If you need to contact Pastor Brett and he doesn't answer on his cell phone, please call the church to leave a message, as his voicemail sometimes malfunctions.

COFFEE HOUR

Following the service on the first Sunday of every month, Fellowship and Outreach will be serving coffee outside. The other Sundays are still available if other committees or individuals are interested in hosting.

DOORS TO THE NARTHEX

The Building and Grounds Committee would like your help to reduce the Church's utility bill by keeping the doors from the fellowship hall to the narthex closed. These two areas are heated and cooled by different air conditioning units. The thermostats are set at different temperatures. So if the doors separating these areas are left open, the units will run more than necessary.

PW RUMMAGE SALE

The PW rummage sale will be held on Friday, June 4 from 3 to 6 and Saturday, June 5 from 8 to noon. Start bringing your items to the church on Tuesday, June 1 during office hours. From Wednesday through Friday someone will be at the church all day so you may bring your items any time. Try to have your items here by noon on Friday. Be sure they are clean and in good condition with all parts intact. No electronics. Please price your items in 25 cent increments before you bring them. Call Dean Hecht if you need help getting your items to the church. If you are able to help with set up or during the sale please contact Bonnie Wallin or Jan Letsos.

GRADUATE SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Graduate Sunday. Please contact our CYF Director Kathryn Craven if you are aware of anyone in your family or in the congregation graduating this year.

Spirit of the Living God 288

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

289 On Pentecost They Gathered

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.
on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the
 wil - der - ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,
 spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id - ness,
 wind, wind on the sea. *Fine*

1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient

deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill; then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -
 law and a land. When they were con - found -
 whole world was still. And down in the cit -
 cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -

ons you called to each thing, "A -
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you
 y, you called once a - gain when you
 sions; our men clear their eyes. With

wake from your slum - bers and
 spoke through your proph - ets to
 blew through your peo - ple on the
 bold new de - ci - sions your

rise on your wings."
 o - pen their eyes.
 rush of the wind.
 peo - ple a - rise.

to Refrain

You Shall Go Out with Joy 80

The Trees of the Field

Em B7 Em B7 Em

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;

G C G D

the moun-tains and the hills will break forth be -

B N.C. Em B7 Em

fore you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the

B7 Em B7 Em B7 Em

trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

D7 N.C. G C G D

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;

D7 G D7 G

the trees of the field will clap their hands;

C G D

the trees of the field will clap their hands

B7 Em B7 Em

while you go out with joy.

A FOUNDATION
OF FAITH
established during
childhood through
young adulthood
helps ensure lifelong
faith and service.
When you give to the
Pentecost Offering,
you are helping to
provide opportunities
for young people to
grow and share in
their faith in Christ.



WAYS TO GIVE —



Through your congregation



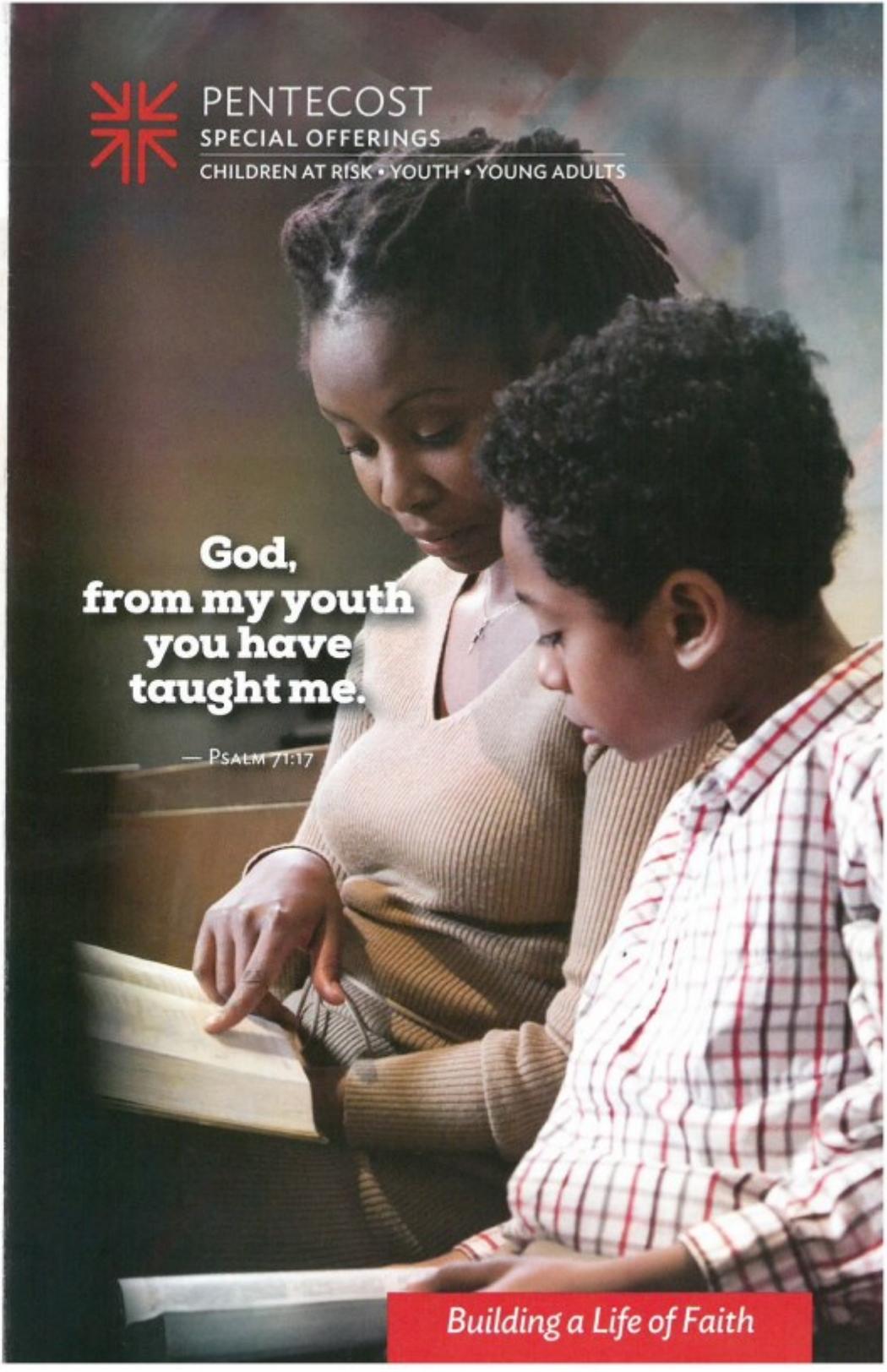
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**God,
from my youth
you have
taught me.**

— PSALM 71:17



Building a Life of Faith



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
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The Pentecost Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining

what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning and witness, and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.



God,
 teach us
 through every
 young person
 we meet.
 May we see
 your house,
 not only as
 a place where
 young people
 are present,
 but where
 they are
 actively
 building
 the world
 you would
 have us
 make.

AMEN.



Langley Hoyt spent a year in Washington, DC as a Young Adult Volunteer; an experience that reinforced the importance of her faith as she continues to discern how she wants “to live and be in the world,” particularly in the light of the PC(USA)’s Matthew 25 invitation’s to “build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism and eradicate systemic poverty.”

Langley is a teacher.



When the Revs. Myung Sung “Martin” Han and Jieun Kim Han, accepted the call to serve the church from Seoul, Korea, their 15-year old daughter Sami left many things behind — but not her deeply felt connectedness to her church. Sami believes that youth can generate ideas for more effective worship services that speak to younger generations, and looks forward to being involved in hands-on mission projects and church youth activities in South Korea.

Sami is a teacher.

With a foundation in faith built in the early years, our youth can teach us something about leading movements for change in their own communities and in the world. Gifts to the Pentecost Offering are helping to provide opportunities for young people to grow and share in their faith in Christ.



40%

stays with this congregation

to develop and support programs for young people in our own church and community.



25%

supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAV),

serving in communities around the world, and growing as leaders through transformative Christian service.



25%

supports Ministries with Youth

including the Presbyterian Youth Triennium.



10%

is devoted to children at-risk

to improve education and provide safe havens.

The gifts we share will help young people learn important lessons about life and faith. And children, youth, and young adults can teach us new things and help us shape our faith, too.

Please give generously...for if we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.