

**\*Please rise in body or in spirit**

**Guest Musicians: Leonard Lunsford, piano  
& Anthony Rapp, guitarist**

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

God Most High, we gather to honor and glorify you.  
Receive our invitation to dwell with us.  
Enfold us in your presence and  
fill us again with holy awe and mystery.  
We are yours and we claim you as our Lord. Amen.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

Leonard Lunsford

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Inspired by Psalm 68)

One: We shout for joy  
to God who rides upon the clouds!

**All: We sing praises to our awe-inspiring God,  
before whom the earth quakes,  
and whose abundant blessings  
provide for all in need!**

The Lord is Sovereign over the earth,  
Defender of the defenseless, and Parent to orphans;  
God creates families for those who are alone.  
**God leads captives to freedom  
and breaks the yoke of oppression.**

The Lord goes forth before the people,  
marching through the wilderness of their lives,  
bringing forth restoration and justice.  
**Sing praise to God,  
Rider of the ancient skies,  
who dwells in holiness.**

Proclaim the power of God!  
O Lord, how awesome you are in your sanctuary!  
**You give power and strength to your people.**

**Let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN – “Come, Great God of All the Ages”**

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**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious and Loving God,  
we give thanks for the life of Jesus;  
his work among us,  
and for those who carry on Christ's mission.  
We try to continue Christ's work,  
and pass on Christ's light,  
but sometimes we are scared we will be burnt;  
that Christ's work will be too costly, or too hard.**

**Sometimes we let the light go out;  
we let everyday concerns extinguish it.**

**Sometimes we are reluctant to pass the light on:  
we don't want to share,  
believing our way is the right way.**

**Forgive us for being self-absorbed and  
choosing to live solely for ourselves.  
Forgive us for ignoring the prompting of your Spirit,  
your purpose for our lives,  
and for placing our will above yours.  
Grant us courage to share in Christ's sufferings,  
to be his witnesses, and to carry your loving  
compassion to a hurting world. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Inspired by 1 Peter 5:6)

**As the Body of Christ, we are empowered  
by the Holy Spirit to be Christ's witnesses.  
Each of us has our own story of what Jesus'  
life means for us.**

**Through our stories we can convey  
hope to the hopeless, joy to the downtrodden,  
and peace where there is turmoil.  
Therefore, let us “clothe ourselves in humility,”  
sharing the Good News of Christ,  
that we “may all be one.”  
In this God is well pleased.  
Alleluia, Amen!**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE**

**A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Carol Klumb

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Startle us, O God, with your truth  
And open our hearts and our minds  
to your wondrous love.  
Speak your word to us;  
Silence in us any voice but your own  
And be with us now as we turn our attention,  
Our minds and our hearts to you,  
In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**

A reading from 2 Corinthians 4:5,12

Holy wisdom, holy Word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON “A Moment to Decide”**

Rev. Joseph Hookey

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

**\*HYMN – “Let All Things Now Living”**

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**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE INVITATION**

You, Spirit of Pentecost:  
**God of Jews and Greeks;  
Lord of Parthians, Medes and Elamites;  
God who stirs in the hearts all people;  
God who answers the needs of your children.**

You, Spirit of Pentecost:  
**God of everlasting love;  
Lord of promise;  
God of faith;  
God of presence.**

You, Spirit of Pentecost:  
**God of prophets and martyrs;  
Lord of teachers and questioners;  
God of hosts and guests;  
God of all space and time.**

We, your people,  
**gather here out of love for you as the faithful  
gathered in Jerusalem.**

**We gather here in the sure and certain hope  
that you hear the cries of all,  
and your reach is great enough  
that no one is ever beyond  
your knowing and loving.**

The Lord be with you.

**And Also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Holy One, you speak to us in silence,  
yet all languages interpret you.  
Since you call us to be in community on Pentecost,  
we are able to become gift to one another.

**We bless you, O God, for Jesus, who through his  
life, crucifixion, death and resurrection fully lived  
the promise of redemptive wholeness available  
for all who would be obedient to your creating  
will.**

Come to us in this sacred meal.

**As we break bread,  
may we be reconnected to the Christ.**

**As we drink from this cup,  
may we be strengthened  
to go forth in Christ's name,  
offering forgiveness and wholeness  
to all people as we affirm with the eternal choir.**

**Holy, Holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!**

The bread of our being loved, the wine of our joy,  
stand as reminders that miracles in faith and risk  
continue to happen.

In thanksgiving and remembrance, we ask you to  
bless this bread and this wine so that, in sharing them  
together, we shall be your church.

So, we lift up the joys and concerns upon our hearts

And now as your daughters and sons whom you have  
reconciled to yourself, we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

**\*The Breaking of the Bread & Sharing of the Cup**

*(Please come to receive a piece of bread and then dip it in the  
cup. You may return to your seats by the outside aisles. A  
communion server will serve you in your pew if you do not  
wish to come. The crackers on the communion plates are  
gluten free. Please take these if you have a gluten allergy.)*

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC** Anthony Rapp, guitar

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN** – "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" #561

**\*BLESSING**

Eternal God,  
our beginning and our end,  
be our starting point and our heaven  
and accompany us in this day's journey.

Use our hands, hearts, and minds  
to renew your world.

Use our lives to bring others the new life you  
give this world in Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all.  
Amen.

**\*POSTLUDE** Leonard Lunsford

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**Mission Partners Prayer List:**

**Presbytery of the Miami Valley:** Seven Mile Presbyterian Church  
**Sister Churches:** The First Church of Zlatoust, Russia and  
The Seventh Church of Barranquilla, Colombia

**Congregational Concerns:** Betty Barnhart, John Curry, Steve Dana,  
Tracy DeGood, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse, Breanna  
Kinneman, Jan Reinhart, Becky Rudolph, Charles Skipper, Sarah  
Soika, Joan Teckman, Dave Wilson, Stacey Winn, Jean Woodruff

Email prayer requests call Pat Roberts, 513-255-0549 or email the  
church office, [office@oxfordpresbychurch.org](mailto:office@oxfordpresbychurch.org)

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**MINISTRY NEWS:**

**Tuesday Evening Circle:** The Evening Circle will be having our end  
of program year potluck picnic on June 5, at Nancy Sturgeon's home,  
starting at 6:30. Billie Maynard will present the program and Jean  
O'Connell will lead us in devotion. **Taking the summer off, we will  
start the new program year September 4.**

**Mustard Seed Investment Group:** If you would like to join a small  
investment group of fellow congregants, learn a little about investing,  
and support mission giving, please consider joining the Mustard Seed  
Investment group. You can attend a meeting with no obligation. The  
group meets four times a year in members' homes, contributing \$50  
each quarter. We will meet Wednesday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the  
Holmes' residence. Call Joe Simpson 513.523.8363 if you would like  
to discuss the group or arrange a ride.

**Sunday School Teachers needed to teach K-5th grade in June  
and August!!** We can't offer Sunday School without teachers so  
please, please consider volunteering your time. We understand if you  
can only volunteer your time for one of the Sundays – we would  
appreciate any time that you can give! We need teachers on June 17,  
June 24, August 5, and August 12, August 19 and August 26. If you  
can teach on any of these Sundays, please let me know (513) 593-  
4883. THANK YOU!

We are also in need of volunteers to serve as a second adult in the  
preschool classroom this summer. A background check must be  
completed and on file at OPC prior to serving.

**Church Services at the Knolls:** If you are unable to attend some of  
our church services on Sunday mornings, we have another option for  
you. Becky Quay shows recent church services on DVD in the  
Country Kitchen at 10:00 A.M. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each  
month. For June, that's the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join  
us, but need a ride, just give Becky a call at 523-5747. **This  
gathering takes July and August off, so Becky will see you again in  
September.**

**Tuesday Afternoon Circle:** The Tuesday Afternoon Circle will meet  
June 19<sup>th</sup> for their last meeting of this year and Prue Dana will lead  
the final lesson, Lesson 9, "In Community with all the Saints". Karen  
Shearer will conduct the Least Coin and Becky Quay has Mission  
Yearbook. Reservations for the optional \$8, 12 o'clock lunch at the  
Café at the Knolls are due by Friday June 15<sup>th</sup> to Lynn Cronk at 513-  
524-8574 or [lcronk@woh.rr.com](mailto:lcronk@woh.rr.com). The study begins at 1:30 on the  
19<sup>th</sup> in the Country Kitchen. Visitors and guests are always welcome  
to join this circle.

**Relay for Life:** Our Oxford Presbyterian Church Relay for Life team is  
starting their fund-raising efforts for this year's campaign. The Relay  
is an event held in uptown Oxford to raise money for Cancer  
Research for prevention and to help find a cure. This year's event is  
on Saturday, June 23. If you have donated in the past, or if you  
would like to donate this year, please let one of our members  
know. Members this year include: Jennifer Lake, Janet Holmes,  
Candace Crist, Paula Foltz, Leanne Staley, Becky Quay, or Debbie  
Davidson.

**Vacation Bible School: Oxford Presbyterian Church**

Friday, July 6th 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (dinner included)

Saturday, July 7th 9:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (lunch included)

Sunday, July 8th 9:45 a.m. - Noon (lunch included)

**Register online:** [oxfordpresbychurch.org](http://oxfordpresbychurch.org)

**Child Participant:** <https://goo.gl/forms/OBjJZfZy8LIOSMEH2>

**Volunteer:** <https://goo.gl/forms/2eV2qsw977nWGgli2>

Please consider helping in a volunteer role.

**MINISTRY CALENDAR:**

**Sunday, June 3**

**Worship Leader:**

**Rev. Joseph Hookey**

**9:30 Historic Hopewell  
worship service  
NO 10:00 A.M.  
SERVICE AT OPC  
NO Sunday School**

**Tuesday, June 5**

6:30 Tuesday Evening Circle  
Hostess: Nancy Sturgeon

**Wednesday, June 6**

7:30 Mustard Seed  
Investment Group –  
Host: Holmes Family

**Thursday, June 7**

5:30 Mission and Outreach  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Pastor's Office)

**Saturday, June 9**

10:00 A.A. (Molyneaux)

**Sunday, June 10**

**Worship Leader:**

**Deanna Roberts**

9:00 MEF  
(Christian Ed. Office)  
10:00 Worship  
10:20 Sunday School  
11:10 Fellowship in the  
Molyneaux

**Pastor: Lawrence H. Bartel Clerk of Session: Julia R. Fisher**

# Second Sunday after Pentecost



**Sunday, June 3, 2018**



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