
Welcome, we're glad you joined us!

We welcome you to join us on a transformative journey.

Seeking God, we strive to know God and love God.

Serving others, we follow our Servant Savior
to help bring fullness of life to others.

Sharing Christ's love with all, we proclaim the
unconditional love of Christ filled with joy and hope.

Liturgist: Bill Fisher

(Image on cover: The Holy Spirit on Pentecost in the spirit of Celtic Christianity. Image by John Stuart, a Scottish pastor serving Erin Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, TN)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – *"Come, Creator Spirit"* setting, Carson Cooman

CALL to WORSHIP

One: The wind of God, the breath of Life,

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

Our Advocate, our Counselor,

Come, Holy Spirit!

Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ,

Come, Holy Spirit!

Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace,

Come, Holy Spirit!

All youth and elders,

Come, sing a new song of worship!

Today is a day of a promise fulfilled.

With joy we celebrate Pentecost!

Pentecost – a day when power and comfort flowed.

Pentecost – a day of hope and inspiration!

A day when the Holy Spirit was revealed in flaming glory

and the glory was given to the people.

The fire of the Holy Spirit lives on in us.

We praise God with one voice, one body,

one church, one mind, one spirit.

Come and worship!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

HYMN – *"Come, O Spirit Dwell Among Us"*

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**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
come with Pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision;
help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation,
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission
that God's love shall be made known.**

**We would raise our alleluias
for the grace of yester years;
for tomorrow's unknown pathway,
hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey
you have led us all the way;
still in presence move before us,
fire by night and cloud by day.**

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you,
glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas
now and through eternity.**

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Hear us, O Spirit,
as we talk with you about our lives
and those parts that are like dead wood,
that need revival, renewal, and re-creation.
**We want to talk about those parts
that are dry and do not give life;
those parts we do not feed with
creativity or time or effort.
Kindle a flame and, from this dryness,
refresh and renew us.**

Hear us, O Spirit, as we talk with you about our lives
and those parts that are broken.
**We want to talk about the hurts in our relationships,
where our selfishness,
or our insecurity has broken ties with others;
those parts that we cannot mend ourselves,
that have broken off from the nourishment
of you and others.
Kindle a flame and, from this brokenness,
reconnect and renew us.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

The Holy Spirit renews our dry lives
with compassion and justice.
Spirit of Life renews our overspent living with love.
Spirit of Love renews our broken ways with transformation.
Spirit of Hope renews us with new life,
and sends us into the world together.
**Thanks be to God!
Alleluia, Amen!**

A TIME with YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

**Shine upon us, God of glory,
And by your Holy Spirit reveal to us
The grace and truth of Jesus Christ,
Your Word made flesh. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Acts 2:1-21

Holy wisdom, holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON – *"Ready"* Pastor Lawrence and Pastor Marc

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

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

**On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ's disciples,
to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing,
filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire a glowing
inspired each person there.**

**The people all around them were startled
and amazed to understand their language,
as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message,
what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.**

**God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
on women, men, and children
who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit,
bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming,
responds in every hour.**

**O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER (sins...sin)

MUSIC for OUR OFFERING "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"
arr. Edwin T. Childs"

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PRAYER of DEDICATION

HYMN – "Go to the World!" #295

**Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.**

**Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.**

**Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.**

**Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"**

BLESSING

The Holy Spirit is life,
and we will live in the Spirit.
The Holy Spirit is truth,
and we will speak in the Spirit.
The Holy Spirit is action,
and we will work in the Spirit.
The Holy Spirit is creativity,
and we will dream in the Spirit.
The Holy Spirit is direction,
and we will go out in the Spirit. Amen.

***POSTLUDE** "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"
arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

Congregational Concerns

Betty Barnhart, Jim Baer, John Curry, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates,
Genee Hesse, Ruth Miller, Jan Reinhart, Becky Rudolph, Sarah
Soika, Joan Teckman, Stacey Winn, John & Jean Woodruff.

Email request to Judy Fisher, fisherrh@miamioh.edu, or email the
church office, office@oxfordpresbychurch.org.

Are You Inclined to Worship in Person?

*Will you be inclined to attend worship in person under the
conditions of Phase Two in our reopening plan?*

When the time comes to safely enter Phase Two, we wish to have
the worship space fully prepared. Your feedback on potential
worship participation in Phase Two will be very helpful in order to
learn whether or not we will need to prepare a second worship
site.

Please follow the link (<https://forms.gle/3q3u48sRz7PRK7ym6>) to
read the conditions for worship in Phase Two and answer a TWO
question survey about your potential worship participation.

**Food for Thought (Campus Ministry) - Virtual Interfaith
Discussion with Geneva Blackmer this Sunday!**

Today at noon, our campus students are invited to bring their
favorite lunch from home and join us for a virtual discussion on
interfaith relationships and service with Geneva Blackmer,
Program Director of the Interfaith Center of Oxford. Geneva will
discuss what interfaith work looks like here in the Oxford
community, and we'll have a Q&A to follow. Check your e-mail on
Friday evening for login info. If you are not on the mailing list,
please contact Pastor Marc, and he will be happy to help you get
connected. Bring your favorite lunch...and any interfaith
questions you've always wanted to ask!

Worship at Historic Hopewell Church – CANCELLED

**Sunday, June 7, join us for a livestream of worship at 10:00
a.m. from the Memorial Church Sanctuary of Oxford
Presbyterian Church.**

The Worship and Music Committee, after much discussion, have
informed the Trustees of Hopewell Church that we would not be
going there for worship this year due to the conditions imposed by
the COVID-19 pandemic. This was a painful decision and one that
was not taken lightly. We fully expect to return next year.

The Pastors investigated the possibility of doing a live stream
service from the Hopewell site but discovered the cell signal at
that location was too weak.

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for a full ministry calendar, please visit:
<https://oxfordpresbychurch.org/calendar/>**

**Lawrence Bartel, Pastor
Marc van Bulck, Associate Pastor
Kent Peterson, Music Director
Lynn Jacobs, Organist**

Pentecost Sunday



Sunday, May 31, 2020



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