

## **Pentecost**

**August 16, 2020**

### WELCOME & LIFE IN THE CHURCH

- 11th Sunday after Pentecost

### **Worship - When and How**

Next outdoor service - August 22 at 7:00 p.m We will continue to do regularly scheduled livestream at 9:30 on Sunday mornings.

**At all events all attendees and participants would be masked and at least 6 feet apart (spacing will be marked off).**

You are asked to bring your own lawn chairs or blankets to sit on the grass (if this is a challenge - let us know). If you are interested in being a part of this or helping direct people to seating, please email myself or Marion as soon as possible.

We will continue streamed services regardless, and we hope they will continue to improve in content and quality. If you would like to be a part of helping with our services, or if you have any gifts of technology, production, etc... please reach out and let us know!

Your safety and the lives of your loved ones and our neighbors is our primary concern, so we will take our time and do what we need to do to ensure our worship continues in the safest manner possible.

But never forget, the church is not a building, it is not a service, it is not the music or the words - You are the church. You bring it with you -in all that you do. We'll work on *that* piece of our faith until we can again meet in our accustomed way.

### **Conversations About Race and Racism**

I would like to hold a book group via Zoom to go deeper into how we can participate in challenging racism in our own lives. If you are interested in being part of this group/conversation, please email me at [abbiehuff@germondschurch.org](mailto:abbiehuff@germondschurch.org).

### **Pledging & Giving**

Thank you to all who continue to send in pledges. Thanks to you we are doing ok, and hope to continue to do ministry in the community. Marion can give you an update on where you are with your current pledge.

### **Germonds Cemetery & Home Visits**

Take a walk in the Germonds cemetery anytime, it is beautiful. A good place for socially distanced walks. I can walk in your neighborhood. I'm am happy to come to you and we can sit outside on a stoop or in a yard and visit - wearing masks or staying very far apart. I'm available, 267-664-3180.

PRELUDE

Pat Singer

INTROIT

*God Welcomes All*

Germonds Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Karin Valvo

What joy we feel when we are called together to celebrate God's love.

**God's love flows through our lives!**

This is what it means to be the body of Christ!

**This is what it means to be faithful witnesses to God.**

Let us rejoice on this day!

**Lord, we thank you for the blessings you pour on us.**

## OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Abbie Huff

Holy God, we stop in the stillness of this morning. In the gray light of day, with the patter of rain coming down, we pause to greet you. We lift up our voices, we take deep breaths, we revel in the peace that you give to us. Lord, in the midst of these troubled times, you reach out to us through the scriptures. You long to communicate to us through these stories, to remind us of your wisdom, your power, and your unexpected lessons. We live in a world where tragedy takes place and challenges rise up. And your message to us is one of invitation. You invite us to trust you, and through that we might see what you can do. You are capable of great things, O God. You can take the worst of situations and redeem them for the good. Teach us to trust in you, Lord. Open our eyes and our hearts to see your life-changing work all around us. In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE

Karin Valvo

### **Matt 15:10-20**

10 Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: 11 it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” 12 Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” 13 He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. 14 Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind.[a] And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” 15 But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” 16 Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? 17 Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? 18 But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. 19 For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. 20 These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

## SCRIPTURE

### **Gen 42:1-17, 45:1-15**

42 When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, “Why do you keep looking at one another? 2 I have heard,” he said, “that there is grain in Egypt; go down and buy grain for us there, that we may live and not die.” 3 So ten of Joseph’s brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. 4 But Jacob did not send Joseph’s brother Benjamin with his brothers, for he feared that harm might come to him. 5 Thus the sons of Israel were among the other people who came to buy grain, for the famine had reached the land of Canaan.

6 Now Joseph was governor over the land; it was he who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph’s brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. 7 When Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke harshly to them. “Where do you come from?” he said. They said, “From the land of Canaan, to buy food.” 8 Although Joseph had recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him. 9 Joseph also remembered the dreams that he had dreamed about them. He said to them, “You are spies; you have come to see the nakedness of the land!” 10 They said to him, “No, my lord; your servants have come to buy food. 11 We are all sons of one man; we are honest men; your servants have never been spies.” 12 But he said to them, “No, you have come to see the nakedness of the land!” 13 They said, “We, your servants, are twelve brothers, the sons of a certain man in the land of Canaan; the youngest, however, is now with our father, and one is no more.” 14 But Joseph said to them, “It is just as I have said to you; you are spies! 15 Here is how you shall be tested: as Pharaoh lives, you shall not leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here! 16 Let one of you go and bring your brother, while the rest of you remain in prison, in order that your words may be tested, whether there is truth in you; or else, as Pharaoh lives, surely you are spies.” 17 And he put them all together in prison for three days.

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**[fill in the blanks of Joseph’s tricks]**

45:1 Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. 2 And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. 3 Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. 4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. 7 God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. 10 You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. 11 I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ 12 And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. 13 You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” 14 Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. 15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

**This is the word of the Lord,**

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

ANTHEM

David Morgans Sanchez

*The Lord's Prayer* arr. Fred Bock

**Benediction**

May the love of God, the Peace of Jesus Christ and the *Power* of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Pat Singer