



Sunday, June 9, 2019
Pentecost Sunday

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Summer Worship Schedule:

Updates in the Life & Work of the Church @ 9:30 AM
 Worship Service @ 9:30 AM
 Fellowship Hour: Post Worship



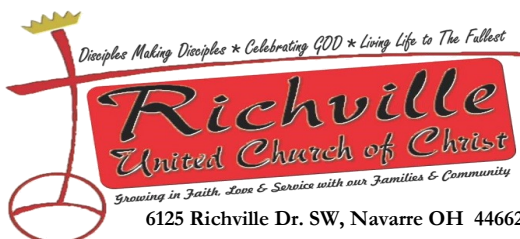
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Pentecost Sunday

Something to Think and Pray About:

Why Do We Celebrate PENTECOST?

"Pentecost" (meaning "fiftieth"), was originally the Jewish festival commemorating "the feast of harvest," and/or "the day of the firstfruits". From the sixteenth of the month of Nisan (the second day of the Passover), seven complete weeks, i.e., forty-nine days, were to be reckoned, and this feast was held on the fiftieth day. The manner in which it was to be kept is described in Leviticus 23:15-19 and Numbers 28:27-29.

Besides the sacrifices prescribed for the occasion, every one was to bring to The LORD their "tribute of a free-will offering" (Deuteronomy 16:9-11). The purpose of this feast was to commemorate the completion of the grain harvest. Its distinguishing feature was the offering of "two leavened loaves" made from the new corn of the completed harvest, which, with two lambs, were waved before the Lord as a thank offering.

Later, following Christ's ascension, the day of Pentecost was the day on which The Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, and on which, under Peter's preaching, so many thousands were converted in Jerusalem (Acts 2). It is often referred to as the "birthday" of The Church because, through the gift of the tongues of fire/anointing of The Holy Spirit, followers of Jesus were equipped to fulfill The Great Commission in Christ's physical absence.

GATHERING OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

+ **Designates all who are able please stand.**

9:30 am - Updates in the Life and Work of the Church

9:30 am - Ringing of the Church Bell

Prelude

WELCOME

+ Opening Hymn #495 "The Gift of Love"

+ **Call To Worship** (with Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon) *(responsive)*

[inspired by Acts 2:1-21]

Leader: Gathering all together in one place, we anxiously await a Divine Wind to rush into our midst.

PEOPLE: Fill this entire house of worship, we pray, with YOUR Essence, Holy One.

Leader: Land upon each of us -touching us with holy fire.

PEOPLE: Grant us the ability to talk to all people, in unique ways -speaking languages they can understand.

Leader: No matter where folks come from, when the faithful and spiritually-hungry come together, may YOUR Power be on display.

PEOPLE: And forgive us, we humbly pray, when the bewildering works of YOUR Spirit cause us to laugh at YOUR servants or accuse them of lacking self-control.

Leader: Remind us again of what the prophets foretold.

PEOPLE: Excite us with the vision of all humanity being anointed by The Holy Spirit.

Leader: Encourage young people (girls and boys) to plan big plans for YOUR Kingdom and to speak on YOUR behalf.

PEOPLE: Grant the elders of the community carefree daydreams of YOUR Goodness.

Leader: Allow those who have been enslaved to receive a fresh outpouring of YOUR Presence and Purpose.

ALL: *And no matter how frightening things may get at times, strengthen us to believe that YOU are with us and YOUR Day is coming -a day when anyone who calls upon YOUR Name will be saved; AMEN!*

+ Sung Response #9 “Glory Be to the Father” (Gloria Patri)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE LIVING WORD OF GOD

[The Focus-Scripture(s) during the Summer Sermon Series will emerge from the questions, topics and/or suggestions submitted by the congregation -which Pastor Will will select, at random, at the start of the message time]

Children’s Message

(Children up to grade 6 are dismissed for Children’s Church. Confirmation age children and above are to stay in worship, unless they are requested to help in Children’s Church.)

Message:

1st Week of “What Do You Want to Know?” Sermon Series

+ Hymn of Response #311 “Spirit Song”

Sharing and Responding to Our Stories-Of and Needs-for Resurrection

Prayers of The People (Joys and Concerns) and The Lord’s Prayer

(using “sins” and “those who sin against us”)

Prayer Response #297 “Spirit of The Living God”

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Bringing our Gifts and Thanksgiving Before The LORD

Call to Offering

Offertory

+ Offertory Response #7 **“Doxology”**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heav’nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+ **Prayer of Dedication** ^[based on Romans 8:14-17] *(responsive)*

Leader: As those who seek to be led by YOUR Spirit, O GOD, we bring these gifts.

PEOPLE: As a people thankful for being called YOUR children, we present these offerings.

Leader: May our living and giving serve YOUR Purposes -setting people free from slavery and fear.

PEOPLE: Let our contributions remind people that through Christ, we can all be family with one another and YOU.

Leader: Anoint us and these resources, we pray, so that our administration of them would be a bold proclamation of YOU as our Perfect Parent.

ALL: *And grant that our tithes would testify to us being heirs with Christ -in both suffering and the glory YOU so generously share with us; AMEN!*

Experiencing and Proclaiming The Hope of Resurrection to the World

+ Charge and Benediction ^(Challenge & Blessing)

+ Sending Hymn #678 **“In Christ There Is No East or West”**

+ Carillon Postlude on Hymns of the Day Michael Calabris

WELCOME GUESTS:

If you are visiting us today, our prayer is that you would see and experience the whole-life transformation offered us in Jesus.

Large print bulletins are at the entry doors of the sanctuary.

Please visit our Welcome Center. Most any information you would want to know about our ministry and/or all sign up sheets are centrally located there. Also make sure to pick up your welcome gift!

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN:

Please remember to visit our Children's Area located to the right of the sanctuary doors. There you may sign your kids in, grab a children's bulletin and a busy box. Also be sure to fill out a Sunday School attendance raffle form.

Our education wing is located downstairs in the lower level. We have education classes for children (during worship) and also have a nursery.

COMING NEXT WEEK:

Trinity Sunday/2nd Week of
Pentecost

Father's Day

Theme/Message:
**2nd Week of “
What Do You Want to Know?”
Sermon Series**

Liturgy Texts:
John 16:12-15 and Proverbs 8

Please join us for our hospitality social after worship in our Fellowship Hall directly behind our sanctuary.