



A
new kind
of fire, and
new speech
brought to voice
words that are flames
through walls that divide;
language that's praise sung
in harmonies of the Spirit;
inclusive vocabulary of love.
Drink deep from the new wine
of freedom, all people. Dream
as equals, worlds sons and
daughters. See the visions
of the kingdom of peace.
Wherever wind blows
the Spirit will flow:
the fire that
quenches
our
thirst
for
God's Love.

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
FOR
PENTECOST SUNDAY
AT
HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH(USA)
"ANOTHER HIGHLANDS CELEBRATION SUNDAY"
June 4, 2017 -- 10:00 A.M.

**WELCOME TO
PENTECOST SUNDAY!**

Today marks the 50th day since our celebration of Easter. Pentecost is the day on which the Holy Spirit was unleashed in Jerusalem upon those who were to become 'the church.' In our service today you will hear the story and we hope, once again, to experience the coming of the Spirit upon the church, our church.

As we Gather for Worship please read the information concerning today's decorations. Each year we add elements to those we have used historically to represent the Day of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Music as we gather is a big brassy version of "Every Time I Feel the Spirit."

During the **The Time of Preparation** please take in your surroundings and feel with anticipation what is to come. We have a very full service today as we celebrate with graduates, confirmands, a new member, the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lords Supper and the joy of being the church of Jesus Christ in this place.'

We welcome all to worship today and especially our High School graduates: Brad Beirne, Josh Briones, Rhiannon Parker, Thurman Picarelli, Hunter Sholar and Sydney Trombley. Thurman, who was Sandalwood's Class President, will represent the group with a presentation. All of them will help us transition into the theme of the Day with a "Senior Litany for Pentecost.'

Our combined choirs share a Choral Introit, "A Mighty Wind."

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP (Silent Prayer and Meditation)

(As we gather today please enter quietly and take in your surroundings. The Sanctuary is decorated predominately in red, the liturgical color of Pentecost. Representative of the fiery form of the Holy Spirit that came this day upon the disciples, red reminds us of the intensity and passion of God's Holy Spirit for the church. Above, there are 9 banners depicting the Holy Spirit descending as a dove bringing the 'fire of Pentecost' and the 'Gifts of the Spirit.' Individual 'tongues' of fire dance over our heads. The dove descends from the cross as the Holy Spirit came from Christ to us. The long red mantle of the dove connects the cross, to the table, to the font. On that 50th day, a Sunday, they have this glorious experience of the Holy Spirit. We have come, as worshiping people to experience the Holy Spirit anew, to renew our calling to be the church, and to catch the 'fire' of the Holy Spirit.)

"WE GATHER TO FEEL THE WIND AND FLAME OF GOD'S WORD"

MUSIC AND TIME OF PREPARATION

(Enter reverently. Before the service, speak to God. During the service, let God speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.)

CHIMING THE HOUR

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP AND SHARING LIFE IN THE CHURCH
COMMISSIONING OUR SUMMER RETREATERS
CELEBRATING OUR 2017 GRADUATES
SENIOR LITANY FOR PENTECOST**

CHORAL INTROIT AND INVOCATION OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD

"A Mighty Wind"

arr. Andrews

*"A mighty wind invades the world, so strong and free on beating wing:
it is the Spirit of the Lord from whom all truth and freedom spring.*

*The Spirit is a fountain clear Forever leaping to the sky,
whose waters give unending life, whose timeless source is never dry.*

*The Spirit comes in tongues of flame, With love and wisdom burning bright:
The wind, the fountain and the fire Combine in this great feast of light.*

*O Holy Spirit, bring us peace, With God, the Father and the Son:
We praise you blessed Trinity, Unchanging and forever One. Amen."*



***CALL TO WORSHIP & PENTECOST GATHERING**

Out of the silence of our contemplation, our seeking, our pensive anxious need, the Spirit comes on the rush of a mighty wind,
bringing a breathless anticipation of new dreams and amazing visions.

Send Forth Your Spirit!

The Spirit spreads like fire,
Bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

Send Forth Your Spirit!

The Spirit descends like a dove,
Bringing peace to unite the world as a just and caring community.

Send Forth Your Spirit!

The Spirit comes like a breath,
Whispering healing and proclaiming promises of new life.

Send Forth Your Spirit!

The Spirit comes! In countless forms, across all times and places,
to all of God's people.
Come to us, spirit of the living god. Come to us and transform our lives by your power.

Send Forth Your Spirit!

We are gathered here today for our lives to be touched by tongues of fire.

**We Are Gathered Here So That Our Hearts Might Become
Flames Of Love For The World.**

We are gathered today to be open to the possibility of the Holy Spirit.

Fill Us, Lord!

Come down upon us descending dove!

Inspire Us, Lord!

Enable us to worship with joy and gladness!

Hallelujah! We Celebrate The Church Of Christ!

So today, as God's people, we await a renewal of the Holy Spirit in our midst. To once again realize those great gifts that the Spirit of the Living God brings! This is our worship!

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

***GATHERING HYMN FOR *PENTECOST NO. 130 "Let Every Christian Pray"**

***PASSING THE PEACE** (Please Remain Standing)

May the peace brought to us by the Holy Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(At this time you are invited to share a sign of peace: a hug, a handshake, a kiss...)

***CHORAL RESPONSE HYMN NO. 314 "Like The Murmur of a Dove's Song"**

**"Like the murmur of the dove's song, Like the challenge of her flight,
Like the vigor of the wind's rush, Like the new flame's eager might:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**To the members of Christ's body, To the branches of the Vine,
To the church in faith assembled, To her midst as gift and sign:
Come, Holy Spirit, come."**

Today's service is being led, in part, by the members of this year's confirmation class.

Our **Call to Worship and Pentecost Gathering** brings into focus the themes for the day. **Please note that today all congregational responses are in red.**

Our **Gathering Hymn For Pentecost**, is "**Let Every Christian Pray**" is written for the day. The tune is from a familiar Hymn, "When Morning Gilds The Skies".

Our final 'gathering act' we "**Pass the Peace**" as an act of caring, welcome, and mutual love. In any language, the love of God is translated into peace as we join hands and hearts together. We are re-gathered as a worshipping community with the first two verses of the Hymn "Like The Murmur of a Dove's Song" which implores, 'come, Holy Spirit, come.'

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THANKSGIVING**

(Responses are in red and actions are in green)

The winds and fire of Pentecost remind us of the chaos of the time before time. At creation God brought all things together in order, peace and harmony. We, however, chose to reenter a world of confusion and by our actions brought about disunity, returning to chaos and disorder. In our living we have only one hope for order, peace and harmony, and that is in God whose Holy Spirit we receive anew this day. Let us pray:

Even though you are the God who calls us your children we do not always do your will.

Forgive us, Lord, for challenging your will. (Turn toward the center aisle)

We build boundaries between races and nations.

Forgive us, Lord, for building up walls.

(Pulpit side face the parking side walls)

We do not accept those who are different than us.

Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of unity.

(Choir side face the street side walls)

Our backs to others we blame our actions on language, cultures, social differences, and do not even try to understand each other.

Forgive us, Lord, for being close minded. (Pulpit side face the back)

Our actions and lack of love cause us to live in confusion.

O Heal Us! God! (Choir side face the back)

O God, three in one, send to us once again your Holy Spirit on this Day of Pentecost.

Thanks For Clearing Our Confusion. (All face the front)

You reverse the exasperation of chaos by the flaming tongues of your Spirit.

Your send to us your spirit. (Stand still, listening)

Your promise to be with us is realized on this Pentecost Day!

Come, Holy Spirit, Come! (Pulpit side move to the center)

You can sweep away the barriers of race and nation by the wind of your Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come! (Choir side move to the center)

You can destroy the barriers we make between the rich and the poor.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

(Move to the middle and meet each other in the aisle.)

You can take all that divides us and make us one in the Spirit!

Come, Holy Spirit, Come! (Everyone please face the center aisle)

You are the God who calls us children in your Holy Spirit!

We Pause Now To Give You Thanks, O Spirit Of The Living God:

(Here you are invited as the Spirit moves you, to say or pray for those things for which you are most thankful)

In the Unity of your Holy Spirit we praise you and thank you for forgiveness.

Amen! (As we sing, please return to your seats.)

**“Breathe on me, Breath of God, Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, breath of God, Till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me, glows with Thy fire divine.”**

By the power of the Holy Spirit of the Living, Loving God, we are forgiven.

Thanks Be To God!

Our Prayer of Confession and Thanksgiving

is ‘interactive.’ Our responses will be in red and directions for ‘movement’ will be in green.

As a part of this prayer you will be invited to verbalize those things for which you are most thankful.



“THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD”

THE STORY OF PENTECOST

A Sensory, Interactive and Responsive Sharing of Acts 2:1-21

*(As the story of Pentecost from Acts 2 is read, please note the other languages, some of which were no doubt present on the Day of Pentecost and others which might be a part of such a Pentecost experience today.)
(Congregational response in 'red')*

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Ἰκαὶ ἐγένετο ἄφνω ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἦχος ὡς ἕρως φερομένης βιαίας καὶ ἐπληρώσεν ὅλον τὸν οἶκον οὗ ἦσαν καθήμενοι ἰκαὶ ὠφθησαν αὐτοῖς διαμεριζόμεναι γλῶσσαι ὡσεὶ πυρὸς καὶ ἐκάθισεν ἐφ’ ἕνα ἕκαστον αὐτῶν.

[Greek (the language of the New Testament and the common language of the apostles’ time)

(Let the wind wash over you and fill you with the mighty presence of God)

They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

(As the choir sings, let loose your imagination to feel the wind and see the tongues of flame....)

Choir:

"Pentecost"

*Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.
Come O Spirit of fire to all people inspire, Holy Wind, Holy Fire,
Rushing down in glory, tell the ancient story:*

*Refrain: Rushing wind, wind, wind -- Tongues of flame, flame, flame,
Rushing Wind, tongues of Flame -- Who will tell the story?*

*Come, O Spirit of flame, to your people proclaim,
God in Spirit became for us to inherit, Father, Son and Spirit! Refrain:*

*Come, O Spirit of light, Pentecost is your might,
Seven gifts sent aright to your congregation
Blessing every nation. Refrain:*

*Father, Son, Spirit blest ever our welcomed guest,
Endless praise be given, to the Lord in heaven: Refrain*

*Rushing wind, tongues of flame We will tell the story!
Come, O Spirit of love from the Father above,*

*Come, O heavenly dove, Shine in all your Glory, tell the ancient story!
Rushing wind, wind, wind -- Tongues of flame, flame, flame,
Rushing Wind, tongues of Flame -- Who will tell the story?
Rushing Wind, tongues of Flame -- WE will tell the story?*

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

[Mayan (from the western hemisphere, an ancient language group in South America)

Ca la'j jchuupob ye'tel Quilich Pixan, cu joop' u t'anoob ichil jejela's t'anoob, jeebix u betaal u t'anoob tumen Quilich Pixane'.]

The 'heart' of our worship is "The Proclamation of God's Word."

Today's scripture is the story of Pentecost from Acts 2:1-21. In it we will 'hear the wind' and be reminded of the

Fire of Pentecost by the red above and around us. Rather than have people relate a portion of the scripture in different languages we have broken down the story and shared, in print, the translation from many nations of the world. There will be a pause for you to consider the way the Holy Spirit enables all to hear and understand the story, even in different 'tongues.'

As a part of the relating the "Word" the combined choir will sing an anthem, "Pentecost," which speaks of the rushing wind and the tongues of flame.



Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?"

[Spanish (language of Spain, where tradition says Paul took the Gospel after Rome)

⁵*Moraban entonces en Jerusalem Judíos, varones religiosos, de todas las naciones debajo del cielo. ⁶Y hecho este estruendo, juntóse la multitud; y estaban confusos, porque cada uno les oía hablar su propia lengua. ⁷Y estaban atónitos y maravillados, diciendo: He aquí ¿no son "Galileos todos estos que hablan?]*

Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

[English (because these verses are hard enough in our own language!)]

Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

[Afrikaans (a language of South Africa and the Reformed Church in that country)

Hulle was almal verbaas en uit die veld geslaan. Party het vir mekaar gevra, wat kan dit tog beteken? ¹³Maar party het gespot en gese, hulle is dronk.]

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!

[French (language of France, home of the Franks who became Christian in 5th century)

Alors Pierre, se présentant avec les onze, éleva la voix, et leur parla en ces termes: Hommes Juifs, et vous tous qui séjournez à Jérusalem, sachez ceci, et prêtez l'oreille à mes paroles! ¹⁵Ces gens ne sont pas ivres, comme vous le supposez, car c'est la troisième heure du jour.]

No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

[German (language of Germany, land of Reformation in the 16th century)

¹⁶*sondern dies ist es, was durch den Propheten Joel gesagt ist: ¹⁷Und es wird geschehen in den letzten Tagen, spricht Gott, daß ich von meinem Geist ausgießen werde auf alles Fleisch, und eure Söhne und eure Töchter werden weissagen, und eure Jünglinge werden Gesichte sehen, und eure Ältesten werden Traumgesichte haben;]*

Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

[Swedish (language of John Calvin: ¹⁸ja, över mina tjänare och mina tjänarinnor skall jag i de dagarna utgjuta av min Ande, och de skola profetera.)]

I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

[Italian (present language of Rome)

Farò prodigi in alto nel cielo e segni in basso sulla terra, sangue, fuoco e nuvole di fumo.]

'The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

[Korean (The Korean Presbyterian Church is the largest Presbyterian body in the world)

'태양은 어둠과 피로 달 주님의 위대하고 영광스러운 날이 오기 전에 비활성화됩니다.]

'And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

[Latin (language of Rome and of the first major translation from the original languages)

et erit omnis quicumque invocaverit nomen Domini salvus erit.

May the Holy Spirit Enliven us by the reading of the Word.

Thanks be to God!

In response to the Proclamation of the Word we, on this Pentecost Sunday, will participate in things that are essential elements of our faith. At the Font and Table we discover who we are and whose we are.

Today at the Font, we share an Order for Affirmation of Faith, the Sacrament of Baptism, and of remembering our Baptism, as we confirm the baptismal vows taken on behalf of our Confirmation Class: Evan Abbott, Carson Grimm, Nicole Kleppen, Savannah Scholar, Marielle Todd, Rylan Trombley, and Dylan Williams.

We gather at the Font because this is where our faith journey begins, as our names are declared and as promises are made on our behalf.

Do you want to know if the baptismal vows we take here at Highlands work? It is quite evident in the **PENTECOST AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** written by the class.

We also welcome a new member, Chris Heath, by Affirmation of Faith and Baptism.

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH "Pentecost Gifts"

PENTECOST MEDITATION "6 + 7 + 9 + 3 = The Church"

"THE SPIRIT AT THE FONT"

*A PENTECOST AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from our Confirmands Statements of Faith)

We believe in God who is

the one above us, the watcher who lives to love us and we live to love.
the clear sky after the storm, but also like rain breathing life into our earth

We believe that:

God made us and everything around us and continues to love and save us to this day, is the all-knowing, all seeing, can take the form of people, ideas, actions, or events in order to reveal his self to us.

We believe that with God, all bad will be good in the end, and if the good hasn't happened yet, it's not the end.

We believe that God focuses on each one of his children to give them a life of blessings, but also of hardships that he will help us to overcome.

We believe in Jesus who:

was made from the one and only God, who was like us, a human, but yet our savior; is human and equally divine, meaning that he is everything God is, but in the form of a human for us to better relate to him; walked this earth with our ancestors, fed the people, healed them, taught them and loved them, felt our challenges, and shared our bodies, hearts and minds, felt pain, doubt, misery, and hardship just as any human would; had the power to die a painless death, to save himself. but he stayed true to God's will for him out of love for us basically cleans our slate, and gives us a new beginning by giving his life for me and everyone else in this world so we are free from the power of death and sin and Jesus still does this today.

We believe the Holy Spirit:

is like a guardian angel, guiding us to do the right thing, and finding God in doing so.

With the Holy Spirit we stay faithful, compassionate, and willing to help others

The Holy Spirit is like the flame to a candle. The candle is made to spread light, but without fire, the candle is useless. We, similar to the candle, were made to serve God and without the Holy Spirit, we are lost. When you light a candle, it serves its true purpose of spreading light and illuminating darkness.

When we receive confirmation, the Holy Spirit fills us so that we may serve our ultimate purpose of spreading God's word and illuminating the truth for others.

We believe in the church and our mission. The church is a family, a home away from home.

The Church is a group of people who share and practice similar beliefs, a community of like-minded individuals who come together to worship, a safe place dedicated to God.

The church is the body of our faith whose mission is to love Jesus as a whole and keep Christ alive and well. As members we are called to go out and spread God's word and the teachings of Christianity. It is our responsibility to show God's love to others, and let him work through us.

The church allows us to be thankful for God's love, and spread this to others, as well as to strengthen our faith and teach us more about it.
A follower of Christ serves the Lord every day, and that they find God in simple things, are all around us, spreading God's word, serving others by serving the Lord, and following the word of Jesus Christ by loving their neighbor as their self. Amen

***HYMN TO CELEBRATE THE CHURCH NO. 461 "God Is Here"**

"THE SPIRIT AT THE TABLE"

THE HOLY SPIRIT INVITES US TO THE TABLE

There is a table here and people, washed in the waters of Baptism, are gathered.

Younger and older, seasoned and new, we are called and filled by the Spirit.

There is bread and cup shared by the Spirit with those who hunger and thirst.

Wind and fire, dove and love clear our way and open our hearts.

Come Spirit come and bless this meal.

THE SPIRIT PRAYS IN AND THROUGH US

May the Spirit of Pentecost touch you this day.

And touch you, as well.

May the fresh breeze of love fill your hearts.

We open them to the Spirit who would overflow from our hearts.

May the words of Pentecost offer you new songs.

We will sing praise and thanksgiving to our God.

Holy Spirit! What you do, God of imagination and wonder! You breathe your Spirit into chaos, shattering the emptiness and shaping all that is beautiful; you speak your Word into silence, and rivers flow down mountainsides, creepy crawlies inhabit the grasslands, monarch butterflies dance with flowers, blue whales leap out of the oceans.

Like them, you would feed those created in your image with goodness and grace, but we run off with temptation, locking ourselves in death's upper room. Because your glory is eternal, you continued to send women and men to tell your words of forgiveness and welcome, yet we continued to huddle in fear with sin and its disciples. So you sent Jesus to us, to breathe your peace upon us and to bring us back to you.

In faith we sing that there is joy in the faith:

"There's a spirit in the air, Telling Christians everywhere:

"Praise the love that Christ revealed, Living, working in our world."

**Lose your shyness, find your tongue, Tell the world what God has done:
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!**

**When believers break the bread, When a hungry child is fed,
Praise the love that Christ revealed, Living, working in our world!"**

From the Font we are invited to gather at the Table for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We will come forward and receive communion today by coming down the center aisle and moving right or left to the Elders, receiving a piece of bread and then dipping it in the cup.

As you come by the font you are invited to touch and remember the waters of your baptism.

We will also be invited to place your Offering for the day and your JEMM offering in the red basket in front of the font

"The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving" is shared from the table and acts as a 'blessing' or 'grace' as we gather.

The 'table' is not an altar for sacrifice, but a table upon which are symbols of Christ's body and blood given freely for us. We believe that Christ is the 'lamb of God' sacrificed for us once and for all on the cross.

Like your glory, may your holiness be eternal, God of wind and flames, and may your Child, Jesus, bless us with words of wonder and joy. Though we would close our hearts, he comes to open them with love; though we would shutter our souls, he comes to throw them wide open with laughter and love; though we would remain hidden away in death's cold upper room, he enters to take its power over us away, so the bright flames of the resurrection might dance over our lives bringing us hope.

As we would open our hearts to the Spirit, as we would welcome the peace and power, we sing of that faith grounded in Pentecost's mystery:

**Still the Spirit gives us light, Seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!**

**When a stranger's not alone, Where the homeless find a home;
Praise the love that Christ revealed, Living, working in our world.**

Here in this place, with people gathered in this space, may you pour the Spirit of Pentecost upon the simple gifts of the bread and the cup. With the brokenness of the bread, we pray hope might dance upon our souls so we will rush out like a mighty wind to bring healing to our shattered world. Drinking from the cup of grace, we pray it flow through us to become a fountain of unending generosity to parched people thirsting for life.

And when that day comes when we no longer need to huddle under the covers of fear, you will gather us around the Table with our sisters and brothers of every time, of every place, breathing the Spirit upon us, telling us the Word of grace and hope, as we sing our thanks forever and ever, God in Community, Holy in One.

**May the Spirit fill our praise, Guide our thoughts and change our ways.
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!**

**There's a Spirit in the air, Calling people everywhere;
Praise the love that Christ revealed, Living, working in our world.**

WE SHARE THE SUPPER, REMEMBER OUR BAPTISM AND SHARE OUR GIFTS

(We will come forward and receive communion today by coming down the center aisle and moving right or left to the Elders, receiving a piece of bread and then dipping it in the cup. As you come by the font you are invited to touch and remember the waters of baptism. We will also invite you to place your offering for the day in the basket in front of the font.)

OFFERTORY

"Come, Gracious Spirit"

**"Come, gracious Spirit, heav'nly dove, with light and comfort from above.
Come, be our guardian, be our guide; o'er ev'ry thought and step preside.**

**The light of truth to us display, and make us know and choose your way;
plant holy fear in ev'ry heart, that we from God may ne'er depart.**

**Lead us to Christ, the living way, nor let us from his pastures stray.
Lead us to holiness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.**

**Lead us to heav'n, that we may share fullness of joy forever there;
lead us to our eternal rest, to be with God forever blest."**



We share our "Prayer of Dedication" as we acknowledge the presence of Christ in the meal and the spiritual nourishment offered us in the sacrament.

As we 'go into the world' we are charged and blessed with words of encouragement to take with us into our week ahead.

Our Pentecost Song As We Go is 'There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place.' Dorothy Akers wrote this song as a response to a feeling that the Holy Spirit can literally 'fill a place.' Matthew 3:16-17 inspired the specific line "Sweet heavenly Dove." This text focuses on the baptism of Jesus when "he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Our service continues in the Dining Hall where we'll celebrate Highlands, our Grads, our Confirmands, and all of our great volunteers who, guided by the Spirit, help us to be the church.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

"You fill us Lord with an abundance of love and grace we know to be your Holy Spirit. As we go may we be a Spirit led church in the world, nurtured at the font and fed at the table. Expand our hearts with your holy breath so that Christ will reside in the space you create. Come, Holy Spirit, Come. Amen."

"THE HOLY SPIRIT SENDS GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD"

SENDING

The shutters of our hearts have been flung open by the fresh breath of God!

We will go to offer God's love to everyone around us.

Our souls have been set on fire by the justice of the Brother of the poor.

We will go to share visions of hope, to listen to the dreams of the oppressed.

Our loneliness and fears have been set aside by the Spirit of inclusion creating community.

We will speak words of peace to all we meet, we will open ourselves to the gifts of others.

May we go now as we continue to celebrate the Church!

SONG AS WE GO "There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit In This Place"

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**



Refrain:

**Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, Filling us with Your love;
And for these blessings We lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.**



**There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."**

(Refrain)

**PLEASE JOIN OUR PENTECOST CELEBRATION
IN THE DINING HALL**

HIGHLANDS' HIGHLIGHTS

This Week at Highlands
Week of June 4 – June 10, 2017



This Week's Calendar of Events:

Today:	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday:	9:00 a.m.	Crafty Ladies
	7:00 p.m.	Committee Meetings
Friday:	9:00 a.m.	Quilting and Sewing Group
Saturday:	8:00 a.m.	Sr. High PYC and their leaders head to Montreat

“WELCOME ONE ANOTHER, AS CHRIST WELCOMES US!”

HIGHLANDS UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU! We are so glad that you are here and worshipping with us this morning. We are privileged to have you with us and would invite you to a time of Fellowship in our Dining Hall after worship. Please do us a favor by signing the Friendship Register and mark appropriate boxes. There are also visitor cards in the pew racks. **FIRST TIME VISITORS – WE HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU!** Thanks!

MEMBERSHIP AT HIGHLANDS is open to all who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives and who wish to join in the worship and ministry of this church. The pastor or any member of the Session would be more than happy to discuss this with you.

A NURSERY IS PROVIDED IN THE FAMILY LIFE building for those who wish to have their children cared for during worship. Parents receive a 'silent pager' for peace of mind and will be paged in case of any need. Highlands takes great care in caring for your children.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH FOR AGES 3 THROUGH 1ST grade is in the Family Life building after "A Time with the Young Church," except on Communion Sundays. A nursery is provided for infants through two years of age in the Family Life Center. Worship folders for young Highlands' worshipers can be found at the usher's stand. **PARENTS** please help your children with their worship experience. **WE LOVE OUR CHILDREN AT HIGHLANDS** and want to keep them safe! Please help us with this goal by ensuring that **all children are supervised by an adult while on the playground at all times.**

DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEARING ASSISTANCE AT THE USHER'S STAND.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

IT'S PENTECOST SUNDAY! We welcome **YOU** to this Spirit filled service of worship. Today we will Commission Summer Retreaters, Honor our Graduates, receive our Confirmands and a new member, come to the Font and to the Table and go to the Dining Hall to have a party on the Birthday of the church, complete with a cake, all sorts of delightful offerings from Fellowship and a few words of recognition to the 'groups' that do what we do as the Church of Jesus Christ in our community and the world.
WELCOME TO PENTECOST AT HUPC!

MONTREAT IS JUNE 10 – 17! Our Montreat youth and leaders will be leaving on Saturday for a week at Montreat. The conference theme is "A Missing Piece." We have 18 youth and 4 adults making the trip! These 7 'graduates' will be making the trip for the last time as youth: Brad Beirne, Josh Briones, Rhiannon Parker, Thurman Picarelli, Hunter Sholar and Sydney Trombley. Our rising senior is Gibson Grimm, and the mid class participants are Michael Bauerlein, Nara-Lee Todd, Logann Williams, and Makenzie Abbott. Rising 9th graders and 1st time Montreaters are Evan Abbott, Rylan Trombley, Dylan Williams, Nichole Kleppen, Savannah Sholar, Carson Grimm, and Marielle Todd. Leaders are Dr. Dave and Laura, Rebecca Briones and Ricky Regnier. We need your prayers and if you want to bake a cake or some cookies or something that would be great too! We'll be back to share our experience in worship the 18th.

NEXT SUNDAY IS TRINITY SUNDAY AND WE WILL WELCOME The Rev. Dr. Ron Smith to our pulpit. After a distinguished career in the military, including a Purple Heart and multiple Bronze Stars Ron was called to the ministry. He received degrees and studies at/from University of South Carolina, Columbia International University, receive a Th.M. in Christian Education from Dallas Theological Seminary, a D. Min. (Homiletics), Columbia Theological Seminary, a Th.M. in Practical Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary, heard Theological Lectures, St. Mary's College, St. Andrews University, Scotland, and Theological Lectures, American University, Leysin, Switzerland, and received a Certificate in Spirituality, Columbia Theological Seminary. Served as Pastor at Bethune Presbyterian Church, South Carolina, Aveleigh and Queen's Memorial Presbyterian Churches, Newberry, South Carolina, Senior Pastor, St. Johns Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, Florida, and Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Maitland, Maitland, Florida 2009-2013. Ron is married to Cheryl and their children are David and Marion Elizabeth Lane.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE NEEDS SUMMER VOLUNTEERS. VBS is June 25 – 29 and we need your help to be a VBS worker. We also need summer Sunday School leaders. Please see Laura for more details

LOGOS, WELLNESS AND ADULT LOGOS ARE TAKING A BREAK UNTIL SEPTEMBER! Watch the bulletin for information this fall. We'll be looking for volunteers to help in our 25th year of Logos at Highlands! Think about joining the fun!

OUR FAMILY PROMISE GUESTS HAVE COME AND GONE. Thank you to everyone that helped make their week here a huge success. It takes many volunteers to support Family Promise and we appreciate your help. They will be back on September 10th.

OUR SESSION HAS SENT A CHALLENGE OUT TO HELP 'RAISE THE ROOF!' "Raise the Roof" is a short-term capital campaign to help us re-roof the Sanctuary. Please mark your gifts 'raise the roof.' We hope to get the work started as soon as possible and have it paid for by October. We've also experienced a slow month financially in May with greater expenses. PLEASE as you go on vacation remember the work of the church!

OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

HIGHLANDS PRECIOUS GIFTS PRESCHOOL IS ENROLLING for the Fall 2017 school year ages 15 months to 4 years old. We are excited to be an outreach of all the great Mission work at Highlands. Providing for a community of children on the campus of Highlands, you truly know God's blessings. Stop by for a tour and meet the staff anytime Monday through Friday, 7:00am to 6:00pm. Tell your family, friends and neighbors about our great pre-school.

MEDICAL ETHICS is the topic for the Thoughtful Christian Class at 9:00 a.m., Sunday June 11th. They meet in the fellowship Hall each week and welcome everyone.

THE MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE is looking for additional persons to serve as Shepherds so that this program of our church can be maintained. The responsibility of a shepherd is to keep in touch with and support 5 – 7 families and/or individuals. This is a rewarding way to know your fellow members better and does not require a great deal of time. For information or to volunteer call Nancy Marsh at 645-3108 or 635-7582.

MICAH'S BACKPACK UPDATE: Micah's wonderful volunteers are on a well-deserved break until school starts back in August. Watch the bulletin for more information. **Thanks to the very faithful and dedicated volunteers for a super-great year!**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW MORE ITEMS FOR "The Highlands Baby Shower Mission Project". Recently we were able to send 20 bags to the hospital, so 20 babies and their families had a little gift to take home with them. We are already working on our next twenty gift bags, can you help? Baby clothes and blankets are much appreciated-any color is fine. Thanks Again!!!

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES: ACS needs the following items: toothpaste, powdered milk, canned milk, canned pasta, pasta sauce, canned meat, canned tomatoes, canned potatoes, peanut butter, jelly- HUPC's specialty, and toilet tissue. Eight jars of jelly were collected this week. Every grocery order going out of ACS has a jar of HUPC jelly!

YOUR MISSION COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP. We are looking for a few items for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance kits. We are in need of 16 X 26-inch hand towels and single pack toothbrushes. (The one your dentist gives you would be great). Thanks for your continued love and support of this very basic and much needed program.

THANKS FOR YOUR EXCELLENT SUPPORT OF HAITI!! 30 sponsored children mean sustaining care for the children and staff of the Grace of Mercy orphanage in Haiti. Please remember your monthly pledge and **BE SURE YOUR CHECKS ARE MARKED "SPONSOR FOR HAITI CHILDREN"** to ensure the money goes into the right account.

FAMILY PROMISE BENEFIT AT THE ALHAMBRA SUNDAY JUNE 25 – featuring "Steel Magnolias" starring Dawn Wells, Mary Ann of Gilligan's Island. Sunday, June 25 benefits Family Promise of Jacksonville. The show starts at 2:00 pm, doors open at 12:00 pm with the meal being served from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm. Purchase your ticket from Family Promise or a board member and help support homeless families with children. The ticket price of \$55 includes the meal, nonalcoholic beverages, tax, gratuities and a donation to Family Promise. **Ticket sales end June 12.** For tickets, please call Family Promise at 354-1818 or you can email them at bethmixson@familypromisejax.org

PRAYER CONCERNS AND TODAY'S SERVICE

SPECIAL PRAYERS: PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: Nancy Moewe, JoAn Ewing, Don Hall, Jo and Hoagy Carmichael, Bill Byers, Nancy Hoot, Marilyn Reed, Al Hummel, Bill Duval, Pat Strader, Cathy Pate's son, Hank Greene, Rufus Taylor's brother, Fay Sweeney (9960 Atrium Way, Unit 18, Jax, FL 32225), Linda Youmans (c/o Teri Grimm, 4206 Harbour Island Dr. 32225), Kit Fink, Kenneth Moon, and Bruce and Annette Marley, Justin Marley (grandson), Louise Keen is residing at Brookdale Southside 9601 Southbrook Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32256 along with Al and Pat Hummel. Al and Pat's address is 9601 Southbrook Dr., Apt E315, Jacksonville, FL 32256. You can reach Jacob Loerop through his email at Jacob.Loerop@CVN68.navy.mil, Jacob's address is IT3 Jacob Loerop CVN 68 USS Nimitz Unit 100103 Box 1771 FPO AP 96620. Amelia Powell's address is: AT2 Powell, Amelia N., VAQ-140, Unit 200107 Box 142, FPO AP 96601. You can also reach Amelia through her email. Her email address is: amelia.powell@cvw7.navy.mil.

PRAYER BEARS: Prayer Bears and Caring Critters are available in the Fellowship Hall after each service.

MEMBER CARE: We are **VERY PLEASED** to announce that **Bev Connell** has agreed to be our **Prayer Ministry Coordinator**. There is sure to be an adjustment period, so please bear with us as we get "our prayers in a row" and get the correct names and emails added to or deleted from the prayer chain. **Bev's number is (904) 868-9659. Her email address is bevconn2016@gmail.com.** Please contact Bev with your prayer request. As always, prayer requests can be made as well by calling the church office, completing the gray slips in the church pews, using the church website (hupcjax.org under "Contact Us") or by notifying your Shepherd.

FAMILIES WE ARE PRAYING FOR THIS WEEK: Bob and Belinda Abbott, Nina Abbott and Lee Adolph.

OUR VOLUNTEERS THIS MORNING ARE: Greeter: Diane Beirne.