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recommitment
to the mission of
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*Sung Response “God, We Honor You” No. 709
(see screen)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Song “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” No. 69

*Sending
Brothers and sisters, as the Church of Jesus Christ, go from
this place...
**Knowing Christ, growing in God’s love, and serving
as the Holy Spirit leads.**

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CHARLES TOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023
10:30 AM



Please use this time to quietly prepare for worship.

Songs listed with “No. ” are found in the purple hymnal. Songs listed with “LUYH” are found in the light blue songbook

When this symbol (*) precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

Confessing our sins brings us to a place of humility, allowing us to hear God more clearly as we worship.

Please be sure to silence your cell phones

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Make This Church a Welcome Place” Joel Raney
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Call to Worship Psalm 84:1-4
How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
**My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**
Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars,
O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

*Song “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” (see screen)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)
Infinite God, you come to us in many colors, shapes, and languages. You speak to each of us in the way we can understand. You reach out to us and meet us where we are. But we are quick to limit you to what we can understand and control. Forgive us, Holy Spirit, and continue to work among us. Challenge us, surprise us, and open us to your power, that we might know you more deeply, follow you more faithfully.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Sung Response to Confession
“Spirit of the Living God” No. 288

Children’s Moment Garth Stevens-Jennings

Special Music “Come Down, O Love Divine”
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Glory Singers

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

*Song “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us” No. 280

Scripture Acts 2:1-21 p. 1081

Message “Woosh!” Pastor John

Sharing of our Gifts and Offerings

Musical Offering "Holy Spirit, Come (Medley)"
(© 1993 Lillenas Publishing Co) arr. Marilyn Ham
Rose Ann Glover

The congregation responds in song because God hears our prayer.

Prayer in worship connects us to God and to one another.

Please pass the offering plate to your neighbors in your pew.

Offering is our response to all that God has given us!

The musical offering allows us time to reflect on all that God has given us.

“*Make this Church a Welcome Place*” (today’s prelude)
Lord of mercy, Lord of grace, make this church a welcome place.
To the hungry and the poor, may there be an open door.
To the weary and distressed, may this be a place of rest.
Lord of mercy, Lord of grace, make this church a welcome place.
Reaching out to others, serving both great and small,
Sharing our abundance with one and all.
Lord of mercy, Lord of grace, make this church a holy place,
Where we come to seek the truth; fill our hearts and worship you
In our words and through our deeds, knowing you will meet our needs.
Lord of mercy, Lord of grace, make this church a welcome place. Amen.

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“*Come Down, O Love Divine*” (today’s special music)
Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heart consuming;
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
And so the yearning strong with which the soul will long,
Shall far out pass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till he become the place
Where in the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling. Amen.

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The week ahead at Charles Town Presbyterian Church

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| Sunday, May 28 | | Wednesday, May 31 | |
| 9:00am | Education Hour (all ages) | 12:00pm | Zoom Bible Study |
| 10:30am | Worship Celebration | 7:00pm | CAV Meeting |
| 3-5:00pm | Kid’s Group | 7:15pm | Choir |
| | | 8:00pm | A.A. Meeting |
| Monday, May 29 | | Thursday, June 1 | |
| OFFICE CLOED | | | |
| 5:30-1:00pm | Meals on Wheels (Mon-Fri) | 2:30pm | FCHC |
| 7:30 pm | A.A. Meeting | 5:30pm | Friendship Ministry Meal |
| Tuesday, May 30 | | Saturday, June 3 | |
| 10:30am | Prayer Group | 4:30-7:00pm | Yokefellows BBQ Dinner |
| | | 5:30pm | Friendship Ministry Meal |
| | | 8:00pm | A.A. Meeting |
| Sunday, June 4 | | | |
| 9:00am | Education Hour (all ages) | | |
| 10:30am | Worship Celebration | | |
| 3-5:00pm | Kid’s Group | | |

Today’s Scripture Reading
Acts 2:1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Warmly Welcome Visitors in the name of our Lord. We invite you to tell us more about yourself by filling out a visitor's card, and placing it in the offering plate located in the narthex.

Pentecost Offering. Giving to the Pentecost Offering today is investing in our greatest resource, our youth and our children. The Pentecost Offering makes it possible for the church to encourage, develop, and support its young people and address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of this offering stays in our local community and will be designated for Jefferson County Community Ministries. The other 60% will help support: young adult volunteer programs, ministries for youth, and child advocacy.

The Six-cents-a-meal offering, will be collected today and goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Program. To contribute to this offering please note on memo line: hunger offering. Thank you.

Graduates: We will be recognizing our graduates during the worship service on Sunday, June 4th. Questions, see Garth Stevens-Jennings or Marsha Dibbern.

Yokefellows BBQ Pork dinner. Get your tickets now from any Yokefellow and plan to join us next Saturday, June 3rd, 4:30-7:00 pm, for fresh pork BBQ, slaw, mac & cheese, baked bean, desserts, and drinks provided. Tickets: \$15.00 adults; \$7.00 children under 12 years; Free children under 3 years. Proceeds from the dinner go to church ministries.

OFFICE CLOSED, Monday, May 29th, in observance of Memorial Day.

Worship Committee Workday. All are invited to join us on Saturday, June 10th, at 9am to do some general cleaning and tidying up of the sanctuary. We will polish silver, organize supplies and give the sanctuary a thorough "once over."

Worship Help Needed. We need help running the technology used in worship each week. We are seeking two or three people to help run the PowerPoint slides and the camera for our live broadcast. These are fairly simple tasks, and we provide training. Please speak with Pastor John or Roger Snook if you can help.

News flash!! Coming this summer to CTPC VBS—Stellar— It's an out-of-this-world adventure that is light years of fun! July 17-20, 9:00am-12:00pm, kids: rising K through rising 6th grade. Register online. Check out our CTPC FB page. For more information email Garth at garthstevensjennings@ctpres.org.

Library help needed! Judy Holt has answered the call to work on updating and reorganizing our church library. However, it's become obvious that this is a job for more than one person -- could be even a small group. If you have some time in your schedule to help with this effort, please contact Marsha Dibbern. marshadib@juno.com

Please join us at the Hospitality Station on the third Sunday of each month immediately after worship for a Bagel Bar Brunch! If you or your Sunday School class would like to sponsor a 3rd Sunday brunch, a sign-up sheet is located on the piano in the sanctuary! May this time of fellowship give you an opportunity to discuss the sermon, upcoming activities, visit the library and take joy in the Lord! For more information see Penny Liston.

Mission and Outreach. Our Mission and Outreach Committee is involved in several projects, but we need assistance. Will you help with one of the following? Assisting with at least one Friendship Meal, which is served the first Saturday of each month; Writing letters or sending cards to our missionaries, shut-ins, and others in our church family; Leading or Assisting with our "Sock-It-To-Me" campaign to collect socks for the Jefferson County Community Ministries during November; Helping as our church serves food and drink to those attending the Charles Town Christmas Parade. Please contact Doyle Criswell at 502.718.6411 or doyle.criswell@att.net

The flower chart for 2023 is available for sign up. It is located on the bulletin board by the church office or call at 304-725-5316. If you would like to donate your flowers for the deacons to deliver to a shut-in or someone in the hospital, please call the church office.

Online giving helps you to bring your offering before God. Money donated via any of the services listed here gets deposited to our church bank account. You can donate fee-free via Facebook or for a nominal fee, use the Presbyterian Foundation or PayPal. The Presbyterian Foundation fee does help the organization's mission, and you can easily use a mobile app (Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement on Google Play/Apple AppStore) to set up for repeating or one time giving. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Donation options and tax information at www.ctpres.org. Thank you.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Birthdays this week: James Ahalt, Seth Van Zomeren

Anniversaries this week: Michael & Heather Duncan, Chris & Penny Liston.

Prayer Concerns: U.S. troops serving worldwide. Please continue to pray for those who are sick. Missionaries supported by CTPC: Drake Williams, Mark Hare in Haiti, Michael & Cathy Sander in Eswatini. Please keep these faithful servants in prayer. **Those persons admitted to the hospital or nursing home seeking a visit from Pastor John must have a family member make contact with the church office. HIPAA law prohibits hospitals from divulging their patient roster.**

Last Sunday Worship: In-person –60; Nursery-1; Virtual Views-49.

Weekly Congregational Giving Needed to Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934. General Offering: \$2,768; Designated Offerings: Sunday School—\$18; Loose—\$85; Pentecost—\$100.

Ushers for May: Hoyle Fulbright (head), Tommy Morgan (counter)

Ushers for June: Anne Portrey (head), Kaz Feldstein (counter)

CTPC Upcoming Events:

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| May 29th: | OFFICE CLOSED |
| June 3rd: | Yokefellows BBQ Dinner 4:30-7:00pm |
| June 10th: | Worship Committee Workday 9:00am |
| July 4th: | OFFICE CLOSED |
| July 17th—20th: | Vacation Bible School 9-Noon |
| July 31st: | Life Line Screening |

