

St. Timothy's in-the-Valley Episcopal Church

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May 23, 2021—The Day of Pentecost

9:00am | 10:45am



Please wear your face coverings for the entire service, with the brief exception of Communion. Please maintain social distancing throughout worship, including during the Passing of the Peace. We will have music, but singing is not currently permitted under our COVID-19 guidelines.

Please be aware that our 10:45am worship service is livestreamed and broadcast to our Facebook and YouTube pages.

This Week's Schedule: May 23, 2021—May 30, 2021

AC—Activity Center; **CR**—Basement Choir Room; **GFH**—Garrett Fellowship Hall;
MR—Basement Meeting Room; **S**—Sanctuary; **RO**—Rector's Office;
GP—Gabriel Project Room; **FB**—Facebook; **Z**—Zoom

SUNDAY, MAY 23

9:00am—Early Morning Worship Service (S)
10:45am—Morning Worship Service/Livestream (S&FB)
5:30pm—Evening Prayer (S)

MONDAY, MAY 24

12:00pm-2:00pm—Gabriel Project (curbside only)
5:30pm—Neighbors Feeding Neighbors (pick-up only)
7:00pm—Monday Evening Compline (Z)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

10:45am—WWW Book Club (Z)
7:00pm—Wednesday Evening Compline (Z)

SUNDAY, MAY 30

9:00am—Early Morning Worship Service (S)
10:45am—Morning Worship Service/Livestream (S&FB)
5:30pm—Evening Prayer (S)

MONDAY, MAY 31

Office Closed—Memorial Day
Gabriel Project Closed—Memorial Day
No Monday Night Dinner—Memorial Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Chapel:

We will have Children's Chapel on May 23, and May 30. The Zoom meeting will begin at 11:25am. The meeting ID is: 789 727 0314. There is no passcode.

Worship Service Changes:

Starting on June 6th, we will no longer be offering the 9:00am worship service. We will be going back to our regularly scheduled 10:30am and 5:30pm worship services!

Sunday Readers and Leaders:

We are in need of volunteers for readers, prayer leaders, ushers, and a livestream operator for our in-person services. If you feel comfortable enough to return to in-person worship and would like to read one of the lessons, lead the prayers, or serve as an usher or livestream operator, please let the office know!

Neighbors Feeding Neighbors Menu:

Mexican Night

Welcome to The Rev. Jim Wicker,
our Preacher and Celebrant today as we
celebrate Pentecost

The Word of God

Processional Hymn – Instrumental

(congregation stands)

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

(congregation remains standing)

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

(congregation is seated)

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel (37:1-14)

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I

looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:25-35,37 (read responsively by whole verse)

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

**26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.**

27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

**28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.**

29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

**30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.**

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

**32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

**34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.

**37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!**

A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-21)

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

 `In the last days it will be, God declares,
 that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
 and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
 and your young men shall see visions,
 and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
 in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
 and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
 and signs on the earth below,
 blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
 and the moon to blood,
 before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn – Instrumental

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 15:26-27;16:4b-15

(congregation stands)

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon – Pastor Jim Wicker

(congregation sits)

The Nicene Creed

(congregation stands)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

(congregation sits)

Intoxicate us with visions and dreams that will align us with you. Jolt us from our inertia into action. Come into our lives with power

Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

Transform our melancholy into joy, our worry into peace, our despair into hope. We pray for healing for those who suffer from any distress or illness. Come into our lives with healing.

Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

Shape our weary and wounded souls into souls on fire for God's mission.

Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us.

Presider or deacon

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who gives us eternal peace through Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers which we offer in the hope of glory, and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

(congregation stands)

Priest: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(Please maintain social distancing.)

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Presentation Hymn—Instrumental

The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer C

(congregation stands)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, **we celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil
For thine is the Kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

Communion of the People

Please remain in your seats until the usher dismisses you. At that time come to the Altar table where the consecrated bread is placed. Each person should take the small cup with a lid on it containing the host and return to their seat with the cup unopened. Once everyone has come forward, we will open our cups together and receive at the same time. Once you have received your communion please, replace your face covering.

Communion Hymn – Instrumental

Postcommunion Prayer

(congregation kneels)

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Response: **Amen.**

Dismissal

Response: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Recessional Hymn – Instrumental

(congregation stands)

Please remain seated until you are dismissed by the usher. Be certain to gather all the things you have brought with you. As you exit the worship area, place your cup, lid, and bulletin (unless you want to take home) in the trash receptacle provided near the exit. Remember to keep social distancing and mask wearing until you have reached your vehicle. Stay safe!

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For Strength & Guidance:

Nathan, Mae Montoya, Peggy Murphy, Gary & Nan DeRouse, Mary & John Winter, Elizabeth Ogle, Lilly Roberts, Paula Lang, Judy Rause and Family, Kathy Given, Lita Greenwalt, The Deem Family, The Parsons Family, Kelly, Megan, Jackie, Gordon Allen, Carolyn Garrett, Pan Howell, The Stacy Family, Winter Family, The Holliday Family, The Frisbee Family, The Chusse Family
All men and women in the Armed Forces, especially Pat Chard, Eugene Crist, Mike Smith, & Jack Stonesifer

For Healing:

Pat Dawson, Andrea, Joyce Voorhees, Gary Roberts, Linda Painter, Betty Ellen Ogle, Mary Lou Childress, Robert Montoya, Stephen Alley, Autumn Cole, Teke Nickerson, Gary Painter, John, Julia Morgan, Charlotte Adams, Nan DeRouse, Monica Anderson, Nick Hun, Glenn Childress, Katrina Artis, Lil Barton, Mike Barton, Russell Harshbarger, Mike Holliday, Jaidyn Shobe, Russell, Evan Raynes, Sue Fuller, Mike Lang, Stan Legge, Kieto, Marjorie Lewis, Bobby Norman, Jannie Tipton, Emilie O'Conner, Tracy Adams, Pamela Ward, Peggy Clarke, Kim Smith, Sharon Bird, Annette Montoya, Evan Ashworth, Becky Westergaard, Mary Louise Malone, Jacob "Bacon" Herndon, Paul Hardy Jr., Larry Hill, Sally Holliday, Bobbie Jordan, Anna, David Saunders, Nancy Smith, Marty Alvis, Minine Diaz, Ed Garrett, Jonah Dickens, Carrie Mercado, Carl Newman, Vernon James, Joyce Thompson, Kelsey, Jennifer Kirkland, Regina Stubbs Sr., Christine Daugherty, Ralph Parsons, Jane Robinson, Dave & Vicki Wood, Robert McGregor, Missy & Matt Raines, Dennett Slemp, Bryce Cole, Roger Guest, Gina Broce

For Long Term Needs:

Debbie Layman, Chriss Midkiff, Nancy Jewell, Lib Davis, Larry Hill, Kay Vickers, Shawn Dolan, Bryan Conley

For the Birthday of:

Dehlia Ellis, Samuel Jenkins, Shepherd Jenkins, Jessica Stonesifer, Bill Crouch, Chase Dolan, Gabriel Dawson, Linda Painter, Warren click, Jayden Simmons

In Thanksgiving:

St. James, Lewisburg: The Rev. Josh Saxe
Our Companion Diocese in Colombia:
The Rev. José William Correa Galez, Misión San Juan Bautista

St. Timothy's Vestry:

Billy Wayne Bailey, Sr. Warden, Terrance Lively, Jr. Warden;
CK Dolan, Brian Noel, Carolyn James, Karen White, Kathryn Ellis, Michelle Terry
CK Dolan, Treasurer;
Karen White, Vestry Clerk



Thank you for joining us
today for worship!

