



## **Pentecost Sunday**

**May 24, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.**

### **Meditation before Worship**

“Will God ever ask you to do something you are not able to do? The answer is yes — all the time! It must be that way, for God's glory and kingdom. If we function according to our ability alone, we get the glory; if we function according to the power of the Spirit within us, God gets the glory. God wants to be revealed to a watching world.”

—Henry T. Blackaby

*Experiencing the Spirit: The Power of Pentecost Every Day*

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# Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik  
Organist

WELCOME

James Lemus

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

James Lemus

Leader: The Spirit is here among us,

**People: within us, around us, between us.**

Leader: The Spirit is here to strengthen us,

**People: giving us courage and conviction.**

Leader: The Spirit is here to move us,

**People: making us sing and praise our God.**

Leader: We gather in the Spirit's presence to be nurtured as we worship.

**People: May we be filled with the Spirit, as we go forth from here.**

\*HYMN # 138 (PH)

*"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"*

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

James Lemus

**We know, Lord, that our lives fall far short of Your glory.**

**You have given Your life for us, and poured out Your Spirit.**

**Yet we fail to return Your love with all our heart.**

**Too often we are selfish and self-sufficient,**

**ignoring You, Lord, and neglecting others.**

**Trusting in Christ, we are given hope and peace.**

**Yet we follow the false hope and noise of this world.**

**Loving Father, through the mercy of Your Son,**

**and by the power of Your Spirit, renew us to follow You with joy. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Rev. Dr. Roxie Ann Davis

\*SHARING THE PEACE

James Lemus

Leader: The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

# THE WORD

FIRST GOSPEL READING

Ephesians 5: 15-20

James Lemus

God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God**

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Judith Sheldon

ANTHEM

"Let There be Peace on Earth"

Hawley Ades

Worship Choir

SECOND GOSPEL READING

Acts 2: 1-13

The Rev. Dr. Davis

God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"Open and Empty" The Rev. Dr. Roxie Ann Davis

## RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Apostles' Creed*

James Lemus

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 315 (PH)

*"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERING OF THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Ray Staroscik

\*DOXOLOGY # 592 (PH) *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

James Lemus

\*HYMN # 354 (GTG) *“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”*

CLOSING SENTENCES AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Davis

POSTLUDE *(You may be seated to listen to the Postlude as the concluding act of worship)*

Ray Staroscik  
Organist

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*\*Please stand, if able*

### **OUR GUEST MINISTER**

**The Rev. Dr. Roxie Ann Davis** and her husband, the Rev. Dr. Bill Davis, were honorably retired by the Presbytery of Detroit from their 11-year joint pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church of Mount Clemens, Michigan, on September 8, 2013. They now live in Port Huron and plan to spend more time playing tennis, pickle ball, golfing, bicycle riding, and kayaking, as well as serving God in a church in the Port Huron area. The couple has been married for 43 years and has three grown children and two grandchildren. They have lived previously in Boston, Saginaw, Iowa, Nebraska, Indiana, and California, as well as Mount Clemens.

### **A NOTE ABOUT OUR HYMNALS**

To clarify which hymnal we are using for a particular hymn, please note that when *(PH)* follows the hymn number, we are singing from *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (blue). When *(GTG)* follows the hymn number, we are singing from *Glory to God* (new, purple hymnal). At this time, we have a limited number of new hymnals, so please share with someone sitting near you. You will receive *Glory to God* when you enter the sanctuary. Please return this hymnbook to the Narthex as you leave the sanctuary.

### **ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE**

The Rev. Dr. Jim Conley is assigned for pastoral care and may be reached by phone at 734-692-4901 or by email at jimconley@ili.net. For assistance in other matters, call Judith Sheldon at 313-962-2924.

**Ushers are Available to Provide Assistance with Particular Needs:**

- Large Print Hymnals
- Hearing Assist System
- Wheelchair Access Ramp
- Wheelchair Seating — Locations Available in the Sanctuary
- Handicap Restroom — Using the Elevator to the Second Floor

**We are delighted that you are here!**

- Join others for refreshments in the Great Hall after the worship service.
- Visit the information and display tables in the narthex.
- Large print bulletins and hymnals are available.
- Capable and loving nursery attendants are ready to care for little ones through age 4 during the service. Ask an usher to direct you.
- CDs of today’s service and/or previous services may be ordered thru the church secretary @ \$3.00 each.
- You may add to the beauty of our weekly worship by contributing a floral donation. Flowers are usually given in memory of or in honor of persons or events. Contact Pam Sharrow at [Sharrow13@gmail.com](mailto:Sharrow13@gmail.com). The church office will contact you for your floral dedication.

Liturgist	James Lemus
Music Director	Edward Kingins
Acolyte	Emeka Uduma
	Ava Petrie
Officers on Duty	Derek Sale
Sound Technician	Valerie Edwards
Videographer	Randy Commissaris
Worship Coordinator	Kalu Uduma

**FORT STREET STAFF**

Judith Sheldon, Director of Christian Education; Ben Ogden, Director of Open Door; Edward Kingins, Music Director; Ray Staroscik, Organist; LaMonica Harris, Finance Office Temp.; Lola JF Davidson, Secretary; Kenneth McCoy, Building Engineer; Donna Bryant, Parking Security; Marilyn Moore, Karen Wright, Donlin Center Staff; Stacey Kershaw, Johnnie Hester, Cheryl Glidden, Open Door Staff.

**Pastor Emeritus:** The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Crilley

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## PRAYER LIST FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2015

Laura Anderson, Don/Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Derek/Maxine Bloodworth, Bettie Burton, Lorraine/Harrison Coleman family, Jason Drakeford, the Euchre's family, FSPC, Fuller family, Carol Gadye, Shannon Howard, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valerie Kimbrough, Irene/Mark Larson and family, Lemus family, Karen Marcil, Kyla Moran, Leigh Mosley, Cheryl Myers, Jerry Nara-gon, John Neuman, Claudia Novitzsky, Derrick Parker/family, Margaret Parker, Kathy Payne/family, Richard Petrie, Easter Ponder, Jennie/David Poole, Robinson family, Richard/Suellen Sale family.

## PRAYERS FOR MILITARY LOVED ONES

CPL Christopher Whittaker-Bonner USMC, Lt. Harrison L Coleman USN, Jonathan Heyler USN, SSGT Shanell Howard USAF, Sgt. Christopher King, Maj. Michael Kurtti, USAF, Lt. Theo Moran USAF, Alta Morrison, Lt. Jon Palmer USA, Lt. Marty Palmer USA, Charles Andrew Parsons II USN, Major Michelle Ruehl AF, USMC Major Katy Spicer, USMC, Alexander Szelestey, USMC, Lt. Mark Webster.

The Church Starts its  
Summertime Schedule with  
Sunday Worship  
beginning at  
**10:00 a.m. on**  
**May 24, 2015**

