LEWISTOWN-TRINITY UNITED METHODSIT CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE MAY 31, 2020 – PENTECOST SUNDAY – 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING MUSIC – 9:45 Jenny Claybaugh - Musician

WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS – OPENING PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Andy Wildermuth – Liturgist

We believe in God, as Creator, Son and ever-present Spirit. We believe God gave birth to the church, with the gift of the Holy Spirit, empowering the disciples and us to tell the Good News of Jesus. The Spirit empowers us to heal the sick, feed the hungry, take care of the poor, welcome the stranger, and be a community of forgiveness and joy.

We believe the Spirit is still moving, still acting, still turning the world upside down with love. We believe the Spirit gives us different gifts to use, all for building up the church and showing the world a community of compassion and wisdom.

We believe the Holy Spirit will not be contained in dull, lifeless forms, but surprises us and empowers us to do new things, to risk loving, to venture boldly into God's world. We believe in the church, powered by God's Holy Spirit.

OPENING HYMN – O Spirit of the Living God (#539) Becky Clem – Song Leader

- 1. O Spirit of the Living God, thou light and fire divine, descend upon thy church once more and make it truly thine. Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace; till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.
- 2. Blow wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free from mists of err-or, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee. Burn, wing-ed fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal, to preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.
- 3. Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear, the language all may un-der-stand when love speaks loud and clear; till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one, and earth shall form one fam-i-ly by whom thy will is done.

*UNISON PRAYER – God of grace, you sent the promised gift of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the women, upon Mary the mother of Jesus and upon his brothers. Fill your church with that same power, kindle flaming hearts with us, and help us to proclaim your mighty works in every tongue, so that every person will call your name and be saved; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT – Acts 2:1-21 - This is God's Holy Word! **Praise God!**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

*HYMN - Spirit of the Living God (#393)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (2nd time replace me with us.)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

Please prayerfully consider your gifts to the Lord. These may be mailed to Richie Shaner, 5106 Co Rd. 39, Huntsville, OH 43324 or the church at: P.O. 134, Lewistown, OH 43333.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER – Gracious God, Jesus promised his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, a gift that remains as powerful and transformative today as it was on the first Pentecost. With generous and thankful hearts, we offer our gifts to you — our time, treasure and talent, but most of all, our hearts. Use us and these offerings for your purposes and glory. Amen.

*HYMN – Breathe on Me, Breath of God (#420)

- 1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what though dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
- 2. Breath on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.
- 3. Breath on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

SCRIPTURE – Psalm 23 – Common English Bible Version (CEB)

MESSAGE - . . . Yes, goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the Lord's house as long as I live.

*CLOSING HYMN – *OPENING PRAISE - The Lily of the Valley (#2062)

- 1. I have found a friend in Jesus, he's everything to me, he's the fairest of the thousand to my soul; the - Lily of the Valley, in him alone I see all I need to cleanse and make me fully whole. In sorrow he's my comfort, in trouble he's my stay, he tells me ever care on him to roll. Refrain: He's the Lily of the Valley, the bright and Morning Star, he's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.
- 2. He all my grief has taken, and all my sorrows borne; in temptation he's my strong and mighty tower; I have all for him forsaken, and all my idols torn from my heart, and now he keep me by his power. Though all the world forsake me, and Satan tempts me sore, through Jesus I shall safely reach the goal. (Refrain.)
- 3. He will never, never leave me, nor yet forsake me here, while I live by faith and do his blesses will; a - wall of fire about me, I've nothing now to fear, with his manna he my hungry soul shall fill. Then sweeping up to glory, to see his blessed face, where river of delight shall ever roll. (Refrain.)

^{*}BENEDICTION - You are invited to remain on the Zoom to greet each other! See you next week!