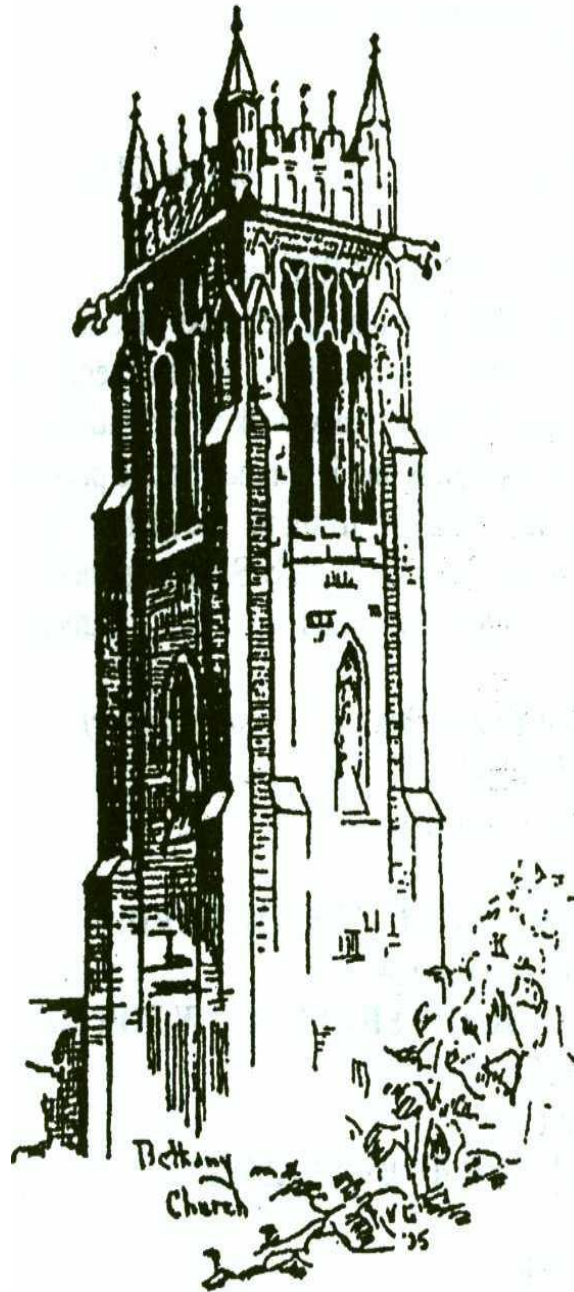


# BETHANY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Quincy, Massachusetts

Founded

1832



**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**May 31, 2020**

**THE LORD'S DAY – A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
**May 31, 2020**

**Prelude:** Sweet Hour of Prayer

Hegarty

**Announcements:**

**Hymn:** "What A Friend I Have In Jesus"

Converse

*(Paul Frazer)*

**Call to Worship**

Come, Holy Spirit,

**The wind of God, the breath of Life.**

Come, Holy Spirit,

**Our Advocate, our Counselor.**

Come, Holy Spirit,

**Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.**

Come, Holy Spirit,

**Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.**

Come, Holy Spirit.

**Presence of God breathing, living, and moving through us.**

**Prayer of Invocation (unison)**

**Breathe your peace upon us, and a fearful world, so that we might be the balm for all the anger around us. Breathe your hope upon us, and a desperate world, so that we might drop it off on the porches of all huddling in their homes. Breathe your love upon us, and an uncaring world, so that we might transform grudges into generosity, foolishness into common sense, and rejection into being as welcoming as Jesus, who taught us to pray...**

**The Lord's Prayer (debts)**

**THE GLORIA PATRI**

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**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Romans 8:18-39  
(See Insert)

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

**588**

**SERMON**

“Hope Amidst Groaning”  
Rev. Patrick S. McCorkle

**HYMN: “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”**

(See Insert)

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE: “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”**

arr. Hayes

\*\*\*The Worship is over. The service begins.\*\*\*

## **Romans 8:18-39**

**Paul clarifies some of the distinctive work of the Spirit in us. By entering into our deepest longings, the Spirit serves as intercessor for us and the whole creation. Note the emphasis on the Spirit as “helper,” Paul's understanding of the work of the Spirit arose out of his own personal experience, not theoretical analysis.**

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Doris Akers, 1962; alt.

*Slowly*

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I  
 2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are  
 know that Spir - it's full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I  
 one to prof - it when you say, "I am

*to Refrain*

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.  
 going to stay with Je - sus all the way."

This is one of the most popular gospel songs from the corpus of African-American songwriters who emerged during the golden age of gospel (1930-1969). Although this era was dominated by the Baptists, Doris Akers had Methodist roots.

Tune: SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT  
 9.11.9.11. with refrain  
 Doris Akers, 1962



*Refrain*

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill-ing us with your love; And for these bless-ings we

lift our hearts in praise. With-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

Please join us in Virtual Sunday Fellowship at 10:30 AM.

**Please call or email Church Office to be put on the mailing list for Zoom meeting IDs and Church News.**

zoom



If you don't have a computer or just not computer savvy, don't worry! Just call in with your cell phone or home phone and just enter the meeting ID.

Join us in fellowship online using the zoom app. On your computer or favorite device.

Follow the links in the email or text message you received.

Enter the meeting ID and Wa-Lah! You're in!

Don't worry if you don't want to be seen, just turn off your camera or cover it with tape.



**Please send prayer requests and any church news to the Church Office**

Tel: (617) 479-7300  
Email: [bethanyconchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:bethanyconchurch@yahoo.com)  
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### **BETHANY CHURCH STAFF**

#### **Ministers to the World**

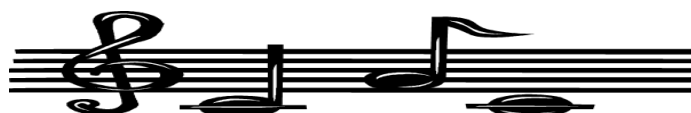
Rev. Patrick McCorkle  
Rev. William C. Harding  
Matthew Hughes  
Sandy Johnson  
Judi McAuliffe  
Thomas Boyer  
Mark Simmons  
Jean Wilson  
Carol LaBollita  
Josh Bowes

#### **All the Members**

Senior Minister  
Pastor Emeritus  
Moderator  
Diaconate Co-Chairperson  
Diaconate Co-Chairperson  
Organist/Music Director  
Treasurer  
Sunday School Supt.  
Secretary  
Sexton



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|-----------------------|--------|--|----------|
| May 31 <sup>st</sup>  | Sunday | Sunday Service (Bethany Web Page)  | 9:30 AM  |
| May 31 <sup>st</sup>  | Monday | Sunday Zoom Fellowship<br>(Zoom meeting ID and password will be sent to Church Members by email) | 10:30 AM |
| June 14 <sup>th</sup> | Sunday | Sunday Service (Bethany Web Page)<br>Children's Sunday & Scholarship Sunday                      | 9:30 AM  |
| June 14 <sup>th</sup> | Sunday | Zoom Deaconate Meeting (Invite by mail)  | 7:00 pm  |



Thank you to Tom Boyer and Paul Frazer  
for providing this morning's Worship Music



The Indoor/Outdoor Yard Sale will still be held, but at a later date. We will update you with the new date.

Thank you!



**Please Keep the following people in your prayers.**

**Don't forget to reach out with a card or a call.**

Kimberly Beers-Power

Pam and John Eagan

Dana and Luarie Bettinson

Estelle Weinberger

Frieda Matthews

Dorothy Mersereau

Harry Massey

Peter and Grace Wang

Edie Goodnow

Bill and Carol Harding

Bill Ericson

Ava Piazza

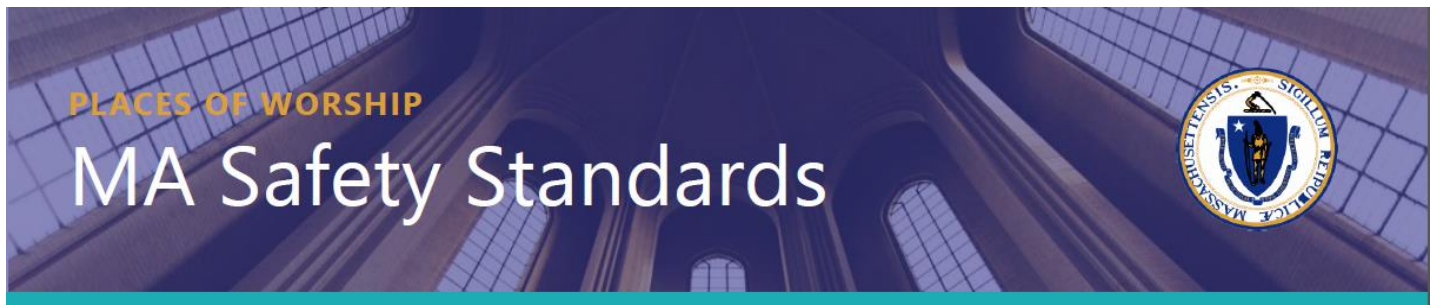
Bob Goodnow

Jack Douglas

And all of our at risk members during the COVID19 crisis







## MA COVID-19 update

Massachusetts has allowed Churches to open immediately in phase one of the state's re-opening plan.

As a result mandatory orders have been put in place until further notice.

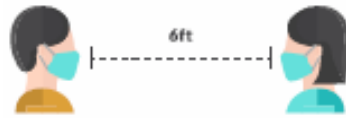
Below are the mandatory orders that apply to Churches.

When Bethany Congregational Church re-opens we will work to be in compliance with the state orders and to provide members with guidance and supplies for their safety. A firm re-opening date has not been determined yet.

# MANDATORY SAFETY STANDARDS

COVID 19 up-date

## SOCIAL DISTANCING



All places of worship shall limit occupancy to 40 percent of the building's maximum permitted occupancy level as documented in its occupancy permit on record with the municipal building department or other municipal record holder. The occupant count shall include all persons inside the place of worship, including attendees and staff. Staff or attendants shall monitor the number of attendees entering the place of worship to ensure compliance with the maximum occupancy level.

Attendees who are not part of the same immediate household must be seated at least 6 feet apart. Members of the same immediate household are permitted to sit together and less than 6 feet apart.

If there is fixed seating, rows should be blocked off and kept empty to allow for sufficient distancing between rows.

All attendees and staff must wear face coverings or masks in accordance with COVID-19 Order No. 31 and the Department of Public Health's Guidance while inside and while entering and exiting places of worship or otherwise participating in in-person services, except where a person is unable to wear a face covering or mask because of a medical or disabling condition.

For children between age 2 and 5, the wearing of a face covering or mask is at the discretion of the child's parent or guardian. Children under the age of 2 should not wear a face covering or mask.

A person who declines to wear a face covering or mask because of a medical or disabling condition shall not be required to produce documentation verifying the condition.

Places of worship may refuse entry to a person who refuses to wear a face covering or mask for non-medical reasons

## HYGIENE PROTOCOLS



COVID 19 up-date

Places of worship shall ensure that attendees and employees have access to hand washing facilities, including soap and running water, and allow employees sufficient break time to wash hands, as necessary.

## STAFFING & OPERATIONS



Fellowship will be on ZOOM each week.



Places of worship shall not have communal gathering pre or post service (e.g., coffee hours or other food services).

Places of worship running food pantries or other prepackage food distribution may continue to do so.

Any childcare services shall remain closed until such time that there is additional guidance.

If a place of worship learns that an attendee or employee or other worker has tested positive for COVID-19, it shall notify the local Board of Health (LBOH) in the city or town where the place of worship is located and assist the LBOH as reasonably requested to trace likely contacts and advise contacts to isolate and self-quarantine.

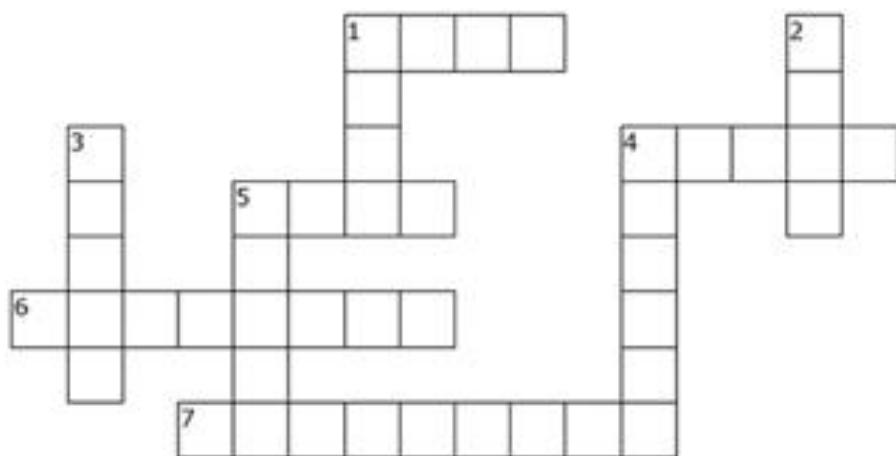
## CLEANING & DISINFECTING



Places of worship shall be cleaned and disinfected between each service, including disinfection of heavy transit areas and high-touch surfaces (e.g., doorknobs, bathrooms, microphones, shared instruments).

If a place of worship learns that an individual with COVID-19 attended a service or otherwise entered the place of worship, it shall conduct a deep cleaning and disinfecting consistent with the Centers for Disease Control guidance.

# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

1. A destructive burning
4. Something that can be heard
5. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
6. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country
7. The day the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles

## DOWN

1. Make something to be full
2. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
3. To say words, to use the voice
4. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
5. A building which people live in

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| FILL  | HOUSE  | SPEAK     | WIND | LANGUAGE |
| SOUND | SPIRIT | PENTECOST | HOLY | FIRE     |



# Children's Worship Bulletin

## *The Day of Pentecost*

Acts 2:1-21

### *Word Search Puzzle*

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PENTECOST  
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OTHER  
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Bethany Congregational Church  
Quincy, MA



# Coloring Page



The Day of Pentecost  
Acts 2

# Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

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6. 24-5-22-8 \_\_\_\_\_
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| SPIRIT | SPEAK    | FIRE  | FILL | HEAVEN |
| WIND   | LANGUAGE | SOUND | HOLY | HOUSE  |





# Watch Bethany Congregational Church Sunday Services

on

**QATV television**

**Services are broadcast on  
Quincy Access (Channel 8)  
6 PM Thursdays**

and

**10 AM Sundays**

Think of helping someone during these tough times.



You can help others by:

- Helping at a food bank
- Delivering groceries
- Shopping for seniors
- Sending a card
- Reaching out with a call

