

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Day of Pentecost)

May 19, 2024

10:30 a.m.

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues[a] as the Spirit enabled them."

[Acts 2:4]

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor 'Debo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: God promised through Prophet Joel that He would pour out His Holy Spirit on all flesh.

P: *Spirit of the Living God, fill us anew and empower us for good works.*

L: The Holy Spirit filled the gathered disciples on the Day of Pentecost and they spoke in new tongues.

P: *Grant us grace Spirit divine to carry on Christ's mandate to make new disciples through our witness.*

***ENTRANCE TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

***OPENING HYMN**

603

"Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire"

*** A MODERN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

- # 885

Leader:

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

Leader & People:

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit, as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are

kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love, as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Hymn # 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

HYMN

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

420

OUR TIME OF PRAYER

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (in unison)

Amazing God, we pray that through the Holy Spirit your preferred future for Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church will be made known to us. We ask that you use us to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our friends, family, and community. Give us the courage to follow the leading of your Holy Spirit wherever that may take us. Open our eyes so that we may see the new things you are already doing among us. AMEN.

~Joys and Concerns

~The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS (We encourage you to share beyond your regular offering. The loose offering received today will go to The Foundation Dinner Fund.)

OFFERTORY

***Doxology** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" # 95
"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept our tithes and offerings, O Lord, together with our lives, to be used by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, for the expansion of your kingdom, in our local Community, and around the face of the earth, that many shall come to know your Son, Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

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

MESSAGE Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo
Roadblocks to The Victorious Easter Life - Disobedience

***CLOSING HYMN** # 539
"O Spirit of the Living God"

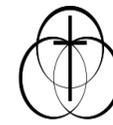
***SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

MINISTRY STAFF

Ministers: The People of This Congregation
Media Team: Phyllis Flowers & Paul Jassogne
Media Team (Live Streaming): Lee Ann Whitmer
Church Secretary: Lee Ann Whitmer
Custodian: Jeff Byerly
Pianist: Jackie Howard
Liturgist: Greg Howard
Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH
Allegheny West

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church
1004 West Sixth Avenue
Lancaster, OH 43130

May 19, 2024
(Day of Pentecost)



Worship Service starts at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.
Children's Church (ages 5-13) starts at 10:45 a.m.
Church Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday

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Sunday, May 19, 2024

10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
1:00 p.m. Charge Conference meeting

Monday, May 20, 2024

6:30 a.m. Missionary Night (see details in announcements)

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Chapel)

Saturday, May 25, 2024

7:00 a.m. Weekly Prayer Huddle (see details in announcements)

Sunday, May 26, 2024

10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
*Immediately after worship – Administrative Council meeting

FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2024

Birthdays

19 Emily Maiden
19 Ayden Thress
21 Ralph Bay
24 Shirley Mowery
25 Elizabeth Singer
25 Grace Singer
27 Ruth Bowland
29 Lura Goff

Anniversaries

19 Jerry & Donna Dickson
26 William & Doris Shauger
28 Ed & Sandy Gurile
28 John & Lou Ellen Reef
30 Pete & Kara Reed



Bennington Glen: Jane Patterson

Edgewood Manor (Lucasville): Alan Fick, C3

LanFair: Mary Chilcote, 313
Donna Ballmer, 219

Luxe: Elaine Hill, Sheridan Wing, 108
Jim Robertson (Billie's brother), Sheridan Wing, 305
Jim Funkhouser, Eckert Wing, 207A

Main Street Terrace: Marilyn Lawson, 36

Primrose: Bill & Doris Shauger, 121

The Ridge: Fred Beougher, 140
Barb Cook, 103

Continued prayers are requested for:

Amanda Baker, Dave Bash, Sharon Byerly, Barbara Cook, John Cook, Ken Cook, Tommy Eblin, Walt Fawcett, Sharon Funkhouser, Clara Herrick, Cindy, Lloyd & Diann Helber, Mykel Henderly, Dixie Hoskinson, Joan Irwin, Elizabeth Jones, Jill Jubach, Eleanor & Bob Kane, Marilyn Lawson, Carl & Sharon Mathias, Jingur Nichols, Vicki Oatney, Beth Patton, Mark & Donna Shouldis, Rod Shouldis, Kathy Starner, Don Taylor, Carl David Tripp, Kara Whitmer-Beatty, Ralph Bay, Greg & Sandie White.

If you have a prayer concern or praise to share, please fill out a green prayer card found in the pew and give it to an usher before the worship service begins. Thank you for allowing us to pray for and with you!

Pastor's Bible Study: This holds on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. As we continue in the Season of Eastertide and approaching Pentecost, we will continue to explore some of the short Letters of the New Testament. We will conclude Paul's 1st **Letter to Timothy** this week with **Chapters 5-6** and begin **2 Timothy Chapters 1-2**. Please read the chapters for this week in advance. The Bible Study is open to all members of the community. In addition to the joy of worship and fellowship on Sundays, our time together during Bible Study is always a blessing. We also spend some time to pray at the end of the Bible Study for personal and general prayer requests. Please invite a neighbor or friend and thanks for making time to attend.

Lancaster Charge to Host Clergy Guest from Africa: We are excited at the opportunity to host Rev. Wilton Odongo, the President Pro-Tempore of the Kenya/Ethiopia Provisional Annual who will be visiting our Conference with two other delegates, the Rev. Bonface Wanyama and Deaconess Jacklyne Atotso Kezia. The event will be held at Sixth Avenue GMC on Monday May 20, 2024 starting at 6:30pm. This is a joint event by the Lancaster Charge (Zanesville Circuit) of the Allegheny West Provisional Conference of the GMC comprising Sixth Avenue GMC and Mt. Zion GMC. The guests will be itinerating through the Zanesville Circuit and other parts of our Conference from Friday May 17 through Wednesday May 29. Please check out the information Desk for the flyer but note the summary of activities for our Circuit below:

- **Sunday May 19th** from 5-7pm: Rolling Plains GMC, 3350 Moxahala Park Rd, Zanesville, OH 43701. Picnic on the lawn, Praise & Worship and Puppet Ministry.
- **Monday May 20th** from 6:00pm: Sixth Avenue GMC, 1004 W. Sixth Avenue, Lancaster, OH 43130 – Mission Night with Rev. Wilton Odongo as Guest Speaker. There will; be refreshments.
- **Tuesday May 21st** from 6:00pm: Hocking Hills Church, 13580 Maysville Williams Rd, Logan, OH 43138 (Across from Logan-Hocking MS) – Praise & Worship and Dessert Bar.

Please keep the expected guests and their families, host churches and both Conferences in your prayers for a successful visit to the US to build new missional partnerships. Please contact Pastor 'Debo for additional information. Thanks!

Sixth Avenue GMC – Called Church Conference: This serves to remind all members and friends of Sixth Avenue GMC that our Special Called Church Conference will hold later today at 1:00pm in the Sanctuary. It will be preceded by a Congregational Meeting starting at 12:00pm. This Church Conference has been called for the express purpose of presenting a motion before members authorizing our Finance Team to utilize part of the proceeds from the sale of the Parsonage to meet urgent recurrent budget expenses to ensure that we can continue to stay on mission. All professing members are eligible to attend and vote at the meeting. Nonmembers and friends of Sixth Avenue GMC are encouraged to attend but they will not be able to vote. Please plan to attend these important meetings. Thanks!

Allegheny West Provisional Annual Conference (PAC) – 2024 Annual Conference: We are pleased to share that our Annual Conference with the theme, “**Building Together**” will be held this week from May 22-25 at Mt. Vernon Nazarene University. The event will feature highly regarded international speakers including Bishop Mark Webb, our President Pro-Temp, Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Greenway, Bill Arnold, PhD (the Paul S. Amos Professor of Old Testament Interpretation at Asbury Theological Seminary), international bestselling author, Rev. Dr. Carolyn Moore, Dr. Steve Seamands who currently serves as Professor Emeritus at Asbury Theological Seminary together with other notable speakers. At the gathering, a special Miracle Offering will be collected in support of the partnership between your Conference and the Kenya/Ethiopia Provisional Annual Conference. Please check out the conference website for more details: https://alleghenywestgmc.org/conference-registration-2024/Annual_Conference.

Weekly Online Prayer Gathering: Please join our weekly online prayer gathering on Saturday mornings from **7:00-7:30am**. During the prayer huddle, we pray together for our church, local community, our nation, worldwide and personal concerns. Simply dial the Free Conference Call # **425-436-6200** from your phone and when prompted, enter the access code **603577** followed by the # key and you will be able to participate in this special time of prayer. The gathering is open to members of Mt. Zion GMC and Sixth Avenue GMC and members of the public. Text prayer requests to Pastor 'Debo at **614-296-1081** ahead of the prayer time. Let us come and unite in prayer for a great move of God in our midst.

Strategic Planning Team – Request for Prayers: As part of measures to help our community of faith discern the preferred future that God has for us, a **Strategic Planning Team** has been set up and is headed by our Lay Leader, Dr. Gregg Witham. One of the plans we have is to hire a Church Coach to walk alongside our Church and Mt. Zion GMC to discern God's direction. Please keep this team and our church leadership in your prayers and be on the lookout for ways to support this important work. Contact Dr. Gregg Witham or Pastor 'Debo with any questions.

Pastor's Corner:

Promise Fulfilled! (Acts 2:1-4, NIV)

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”

Next to Easter, no other day is more important in Christendom than the Day of Pentecost. Pentecost is the celebration of the birth of the Church when the promised Holy Spirit descended on the devoted disciples gathered in obedience in Jerusalem.

Prophet Joel prophesied the event that occurred at Pentecost – the outpouring of the Spirit of God on the gathered disciples hundreds of years long before it occurred. Joel had called the people of Judah to repentance warning them to turn from their sins to God. Even as God promised to punish them for their sins, He also promised to show them mercy by looking favorably on them and to pour out His Spirit upon all people: *“In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on servants – men and women alike.” (Joel 2:29)*

Prior to the event that occurred at Pentecost, the Spirit of God was only given to selected people to empower them to carry out specific crucial tasks. Before His crucifixion, Jesus assured the disciples that He was not going to leave them without the crucial resource to carry out the task He had given to them. Jesus told them and He tells us: *“If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will; give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth.” (John 14:15-17)*

The Spirit of truth did not only empower the disciples, but the Spirit also enabled them to continue the ministry of Jesus by teaching and revealing to them how to please God as they made disciples of others. The disciples had learnt many things from Jesus and in obedience to His clear instruction in **Acts 1:4-5** did not leave Jerusalem but waited for the gift the Father promised. Jesus underscored for them and for us the importance of this gift in **Acts 1:8**: *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

Jesus was crucified at Passover time, and He ascended 40 days after His Resurrection. Pentecost happened 10 days after the ascension of Jesus. God did not want this singular event that birthed the Church to be missed. The Holy Spirit descended on the disciples like tongues of fire, which symbolize speech, and the proclamation of the Good News. The fire also symbolized God's purifying presence that burns away the undesirable elements of our lives and sets our hearts aflame to ignite the lives of others. **GOD DELIVERED ON HIS PROMISE.**

One of the gifts of our Baptism is the Holy Spirit which God gives to us as our identifier. When you meet serious or die-hard fans of any sport, it is easy to identify them because they usually have memorabilia that associates them with their favorite team or sports. Paul's letter to the Ephesians reminds us of the role of the Spirit in our lives: *“Having believed, you were marked with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a DEPOSIT guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession.” (Ephesians 1:13-14)*

When we baptize new believers in the name of the triune God – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit as Jesus Christ commanded, we believe without a doubt that the Holy Spirit descends on the person and in-dwells them. However, the gifts of the Spirit sometimes need to be fanned into flame, so they are readily evident in our lives. As we celebrate Pentecost today, it is a wonderful opportunity for us to ask God to fill us afresh with His Holy Spirit. **GOD FULFILLED HIS PROMISE** by sending down the Spirit on all believers almost two thousand years ago. Are you spiritually hungry? God is always more ready to answer than we can ask. May the Spirit divine fill us all to overflowing today and always so we can continually witness to Jesus the Risen Christ who is to come.

Pastor 'Debo

Evangelism Upcoming Events

June 15th – Father’s Day Breakfast @ 10 am with Mt. Zion

There will be a Sign-Up sheet in the Narthex.

July 1st – begins collecting school supplies for the community children.

Aug ? (TBD) – will be distributing the collected school supplies.

We are looking and hoping for a huge turnout for the Father’s Days breakfast.

We are also looking to a big collection of school supplies. There is a box in the Narthex already. We also will take donations.

Thank you very much!



The Evangelism Team has 3 boxes in the Narthex: one for the OCC (Operation Christmas Child) shoebox ministry, another for Back-to-School supplies, and another for Baby Supplies. These will be available all year round. Hopefully this will be easier for everyone. If at any time you would like to donate to either ministry, just add it to your offering envelopes and please write on the front of the envelope what the special donation is for and how much.

May God bless you always,
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Acts 2:1-21

New International Version

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,^[b] ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "'In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.^[c]

John 15:26-27

New International Version

The Work of the Holy Spirit

²⁶ “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

John 16:4-15

New International Version

⁴ I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, ⁵ but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I

am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

¹² "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS (May 19, 2024 – May 25, 2024):

(Scripture passages are from the New International Version (NIV) Bible unless otherwise indicated)

Sunday May 19

Scripture Reading Acts 2:1-21; Reflection Verses: Acts 2:1-4

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What is the significance of the Day of Pentecost to believers?

Monday May 20

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:22-36; Reflection Verse: Acts 2:33

“Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What promise did the coming of the Holy Spirit fulfill? Why does this matter?

Tuesday May 21

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:37-47; Reflection Verse: Acts 2:42

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What useful lessons can we learn from the first century followers of Jesus Christ?

Wednesday May 22

Scripture Reading: John 14:15-26; Reflection Verse: John 14:26

“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How are you being taught by the Holy Spirit and reminded of what Jesus said to His original disciples?

Thursday May 23

Scripture Reading: John 15:26-16:15; Reflection Verses: John 15:26-27

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How are you testifying to others about Jesus Christ and what He accomplished?

Friday May 24

Scripture Reading: Acts 19:1-12; Reflection Verse: Acts 19:6

“When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How can you be sure you have received the Holy Spirit?

Saturday May 25

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:1-17; Reflection Verse: Romans 8:14

“For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: As a child of God, I will always surrender to the leading of His Spirit.