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**This week’s Sermon Theme**

We cannot rest on our laurels. A laurel is a wreath made from leaves of the bay laurel, and was worn on the head whenever a Greek runner won a race. The first Pentecost has come and gone and how are we any different today? The fact is, we often relish past Bible glories, but we view them with little relevance today. How shall we be light in a dark world? By the power of the Holy Spirit. How shall we be salt in a world full of messages which have lost their flavor? By the life of the Holy Spirit in us. How shall we find power to overcome every evil? With the infusion of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. We need our own Pentecost experience today and it is available to us, and needed for our success. How can we witness for Christ? Let the Holy Spirit come upon you and you will never be the same? How do we invite the Holy Spirit? Wait, trust, and pray. Today begins an eight-week sermon series on finding our gifts for service in the church, through the Holy Spirit.

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 **Horseheads First United Methodist Church**

 **Pentecost** **May 28, 2023**

**Greeting and Announcements**

{as this service begins, please use the white prayer cards, on the pew back in front of you, if you want

something read aloud from the pulpit. During our first hymn, the Ushers will collect cards to be read aloud.}

**Prelude** Bagatelle No. 3                                  Ludwig van Beethoven

**\*Call to Worship**

L. Like the disciples, we gather in this space, united by our relationship with the Risen Christ.
**P. We come ready to receive what God has to give.**

L. Just as tongues of fire descended on the disciples,
**P. We receive the gift of the Spirit’s power and inspiration.**

L. Just as the resurrected Christ breathed the Spirit onto the disciples,
**P. We receive the gift of the Spirit’s peace and wisdom.**

L. As the lifegiving and peacemaking Holy Spirit blazes through us today,
**P. We receive the gift of the Spirit’s fire that unites us as the Body of Christ. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** O Spirit of the Living God #539 UMH

**\*Unison Prayer**

**Open Your Hand to Us, O God. O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all. Open your hand to us, O God, giver of good things. Do not hide your face from us. Should you remove your Spirit from us, we shall surely return to the dust. Send forth your Spirit in this worship service today and let us be re-created. Renew us, O God, with your spirit. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

 Written by Marilyn E. Thornton, The Africana Worship Book

**Joys and Concerns**

**Silent prayer**

**Pastoral prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer** [on screen] #895 UMH

**\*Hymn**: Spirit of God #2117 FWS

**Young Disciple’s Time** Jan Przybylski

**Gift of Music** Fill-a-Me Up                                    Pepper Choplin

**Scripture:** **John 7:37-39** p. #100

 **Leader: The word of God for the People of God**

 ***People: Thanks be to God!***

**Scripture:** **Acts 2: 1-4, 12-21**  p. #119

 **Leader: The word of God for the People of God**

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**Sermon:** “Our Own Pentecost”

**Offering**

**Doxology**

**Offertory Music** Make My Spirit Bright                    Gottfried Homilius

**Offering Prayer**

**\*Hymn:** Come Down, O Love Divine#475UMH

**\*Benediction**

 [Please feel free to be seated and enjoy the Postlude}

**Postlude** Marche aux Flambeaux            Scotson Clark

 \*indicates please stand, if able

               UMH = red hymnal

               FWS =   black songbook

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**May 28, 2023**

***Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of GOD to give honor and thanks to all Military - past and present.***

Meeting Schedule

May 29: Office Closed for Memorial Day

May 30: Lay Servant Class, 6pm, ACR

June 1: Outreach, 6:30pm, SCR

Stephen Ministry trains congregation members in distinctively Christian caregiving to other people, one-on-one, for at least one hour per week. Are you interested in being trained this coming Fall season? If so, contact pastor McDowell for more information. And join me in prayer for this new ministry among us.

Let us pray: God of mercy, you have blessed us each with unique gifts and called us all to ministry. As we look to train a new class of Stephen Ministers, there are those among us whom you have blessed with gifts of compassion, patience, faith, mercy, and encouragement. Work in the hearts of these individuals so that they may hear and answer your call. We ask this through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen. ***Pastor Jeff McDowell,*** pastorjeffmcd@yahoo.com

***“Helping people discover their gifts and operate in them.”***

**Outreach** began collecting clothing items for the Bath VA ten years ago. Once again, the committee would like to collect sweatpants (L-XL-2XL-3XL-4XL) and sweatshirts (XL-2XL-3XL-4XL) as they are always requested. Plain colored or white T-shirts or even three button shirts (same sizes and no writing) are accepted. Additionally, men’s underwear has been requested with no size or type specified. We will begin to collect items on May 15 and continue through June 18. Thank you for supporting the Outreach Committee as we Reach Out to the Veteran’s in Christian Love.