



Nicolls Memorial Presbyterian Church

Sunday Morning Worship

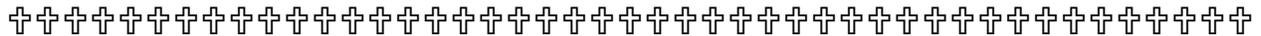
June 4, 2017

Pentecost Sunday

10:00 am

Our Mission

*To live out Christ's love by nurturing spiritual growth and fellowship,
and by reaching out in faith and love.*



***We invite those who are able, to stand.**

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

God of the fire and wind,
you have invoked our presence here this morning
with your great gift of the Holy Spirit.

WELCOME & PRELUDE

INTROIT – *Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome in this Place*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Patrick Venetz

One: All elders and youth,
All: Come and worship!

One: All you saints, all you sinners,
All: Come and worship!

One: All you who think deep thoughts,
all of you who have simple faith,
you who heal the sick and do miraculous acts,
all preachers of the Gospel
All: Come and worship!

One: All you whose voices and languages unite
All: Come and worship!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
**We praise God with one voice, one body,
one church, one mind, one spirit.**

***HYMN** – *On Pentecost They Gathered* #289

POEM – *Fire* by K. K. Cherry **

***CALL TO CONFESSION** – *Create in Me a Clean Heart* #423

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: God of every language,
Our gifts are yours to use,
yet we often take them to ourselves
And hide them from one another and from you.
We confess that we know we cannot hide from you,
That our gifts are for giving away in your world
for your work.

Forgive us for running our spirits to frivolous things.
Forgive us for forgetting what integrity means.

***MOMENT FOR PERSONAL PRAYER & CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Forgiveness is your balm for us when we fail you.
Thank you, God of the wind and flame,
for sharing yourself with us in
the fire of the ascension
and the smoke of the Holy Spirit.

***THE PEACE** Greet those around you with
“The peace of Christ be with you.”

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me #582

TIME WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH

*We invite all children & youth to come forward.
(Following Time with Children, all youngsters kindergarten through 8th grades are encouraged to attend Sunday School. Please exit with the teachers.)*

***RESPONSE** – *Lord the Light of Your Love Is Shining* (vs. 1) #192

ENGAGING THE WORD

One: In the beginning was the Word

All: And the word was with God.

One: A reading from Acts 2:1-21

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One: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON – *A Gentle Storm*

Rev. Pamela J. Peterson

***HYMN** – *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

One: Our worldly lives, we give to you today
Through the tithe of our increase.
We give away to God because we love God,
as God loved us.
Here is our gratitude in treasure.
Here is our treasure in gratitude.
Bless our gifts with spirit and with power.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

***DOXOLOGY** – *Take My Life and Let It Be* (vs. 1)

#697

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**All: With these our earthly treasures,
We bless and sing praises to your name, O Spirit.
You who touch the mountains and they smoke,
We honor you all the days of our lives.
As you have given yourself away to make us holy,
We are blessed by giving ourselves away to you.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation

One: As we celebrate the diversity of our community with the dawn of a new day

All: God's people worship God's name with a variety of languages, voices, and traditions.

All: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

One: Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

All: Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

One: Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

All: Praise to you for leading your people though the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

One: Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

All: Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ and for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

The Words of Institution

Prayers of the People

One: And so we lift the prayers upon our hearts in the voices of the community...

Let us join with one, strong voice in the prayer of our Savior taught us saying...

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

One: Through this broken bread, as God's people, we participate in the body of Christ
Through this cup of blessing, we participate in the new life offered to us by Christ.
The gifts of God for the people of God Come for all things have been made ready.

Communion of the People

(Please come forward by the middle aisles, beginning with the back pews as invited by the ushers. Take a piece of bread and then dip it in the cup. You may return to your seats by the outside aisles. A communion server will serve you in your pew if you do not wish to come forward.)

WELCOME BACK SNOWBIRDS LUNCHEON – Join us **today** following worship for a pot luck luncheon to welcome our “fair weather” friends back into our fellowship.

MISSION BOUTIQUE ADDS HOURS – The thrift shop of Niccolls Church known as the Mission Boutique has begun its summer hours, adding Wednesday evenings to its open hours: Wednesdays 7-8:30pm, Fridays 10am-12pm & 7-8:30pm, Saturdays 10am-12pm. Volunteers to sort and/or tend the shop are always welcome. Please contact the office for more information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE PRESBYTERY OF UTICA – The Committee on Ministry meets in stated session on Tuesday, June 6 at Stone Presbyterian Church in Clinton. Rev. Mark Ioset and Rev. Jeff Courter will be welcomed to serve in the Class of 2020.

CNY Presbyteries Missional and Strategic Conversations, June 8-9, Auburn, NY. Representatives from the Presbytery of Utica will meet for the first of a series of missional and strategic discussions with leadership from the Presbyteries of Susquehanna Valley, Cayuga-Syracuse and Northern New York. Questions or comments about the plan can be directed to Larry Beasley at uticastatedclerk@gmail.com or call 315-794-9124.

The Presbytery of Utica covets your prayers!

PASTOR SELECTION SURVEY – Look in the June issue of the *BellRinger* for the congregational survey developed by the Pastor Nominating Committee to assist them in their search for a new Pastor. Please complete and return the survey by June 15th. There is a drop box in the Narthex, as well as extra copies of the survey.

Calendar of Events Week of June 4 – 11

Sunday	11:30 am	<i>Welcome Back Snowbirds</i> Luncheon
Monday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
Wednesday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
	10am-2pm	Senior Activity Program
	8:00 pm	Choir
Thursday	1:00 pm	Caregiver Support Group
	2:00 pm	<i>Food Sense</i> Orders Due
	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
Friday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open
	7-8:30 pm	Mission Boutique Open
Saturday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open
Sunday	7:30 am	Early Worship Service
	10:00 am	Worship Service

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Interim Pastor – Rev. Pamela J. Peterson

Pastor Emeritus – Rev. James L. Ulrich

Organists – Judith Barker, Susann Rundell

Ushers – Cindy & Nick Rose, Letty Haynes, George Lapinsky