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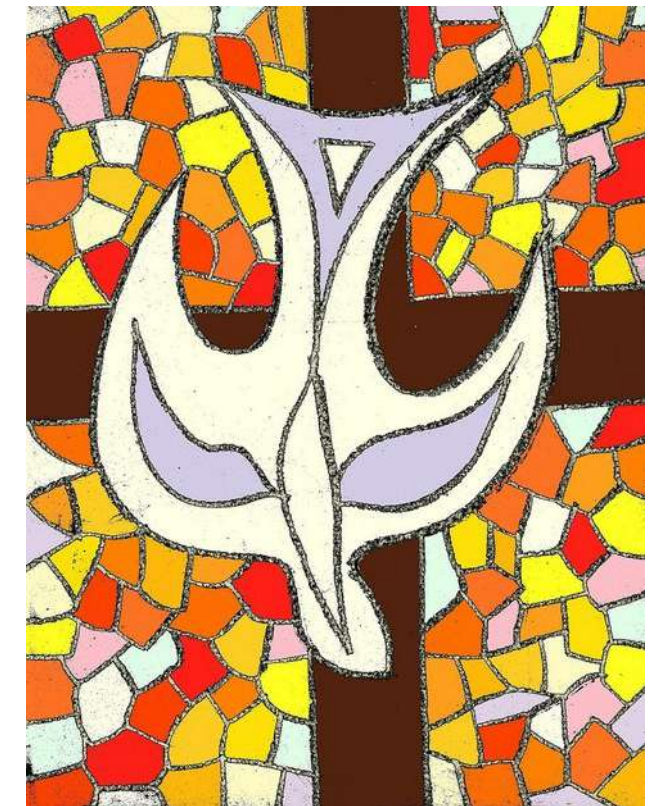
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**8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**



**May 20, 2018**





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Welcome to Worship!

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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ASCENSION/PENTECOST SUNDAY

### Gathering

- OPENING PRAISE
- HANDBELL INTROIT *The River* arr. Anna Laura Page
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- WELCOMING OUR VISITORS
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- PRAISE *All the Heavens*  
*How Great You Are*  
*Holy Spirit Rain Down*
- SHARING GOD'S PEACE
- PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

### Sharing and Responding to God's Word

- SONG OF ILLUMINATION *Speak to Me Lord*
- SCRIPTURE Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
- SERMON *HOPE RISING: Spirit Descending*
- OFFERING *Offering*
- CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION
- COMMUNION *Revelation Song*
- FINAL BLESSING *How I Love You Lord*
- \*CLOSING *My Sisters and Brothers*

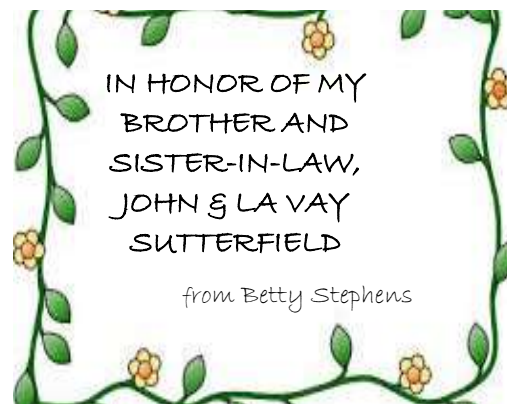
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Your generous gift encourages living a gospel of peace.

### OUR ATTIC STORAGE IS BEING CLEANED OUT !

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

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Still looking for teams.

Non golfers are invited to have fun at the Silent Auction and Tri Tip Lunch; cost \$25. Thank you, Maddy Quaglino,

### UMM ANNUAL ALL CHURCH BBQ Sunday, June 10, 11:30 AM-1 PM

Menu: Barbecued chicken or beef, beans, salad, bread and dessert

(beverages if eat at the church).

Cost: Adults \$12, Youth \$5, Kids under 10, FREE Tickets go on sale May 20-It is important to get tickets ahead so UMM can plan how much beef and chicken to purchase.



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**CENTERING WORDS**

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**PRELUDE**

**HANDBELL INTROIT**      *The River*      arr. Anna Laura Page

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather to connect with God.  
**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**  
We gather to connect with Christ.  
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We gather to connect with one another through the power of God's Holy Spirit.  
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**\*OPENING HYMN**      *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*      No. 312

**WELCOMING OUR VISITORS**

**STEWARDSHIP MINUTE**      Roger Sperling

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Holy Spirit, blow through our community and our worship this day. Reveal to us visions and dreams of your presence flowing through all creation. Connect us together in the bonds of unity and love, that we may be inspired and empowered to connect with a world in need of your love.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**      Leonard Lutz  
*Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.*

**A TIME OF PRAYER**

Choral Call to Prayer      *Spirit of the Living God*      No. 393  
Congregational Prayer  
Choral Response      *Spirit of the Living God*      No. 393



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HYMN (remain seated) *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* No. 500

SERMON *HOPE RISING: Spirit Descending*

OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering  
Offertory  
\*Doxology/Blessing of the Offering

*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.*

\*CLOSING HYMN *O Spirit of the Living God* No. 539

\*BENEDICTION

People of God,  
Go as prophets to proclaim God's love.  
**We go as dreamers and visionaries  
to imagine a world ruled by God's love.**  
Go as the sons and daughters of God  
to create God's realm on this earth.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* No. 334

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
there are sweet expressions on each face,  
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.  
*Refrain*

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place.

POSTLUDE



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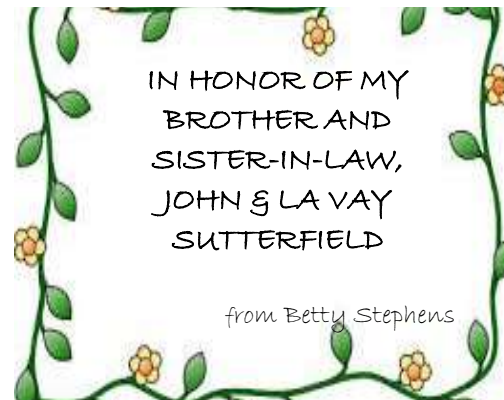


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