Pentecost May 15, 2016

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

"Veni Creator Spiritus Sancto" L. Cornwall, Piano

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Holy, Holy"

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Joel 2)

Praise the name of the Lord, who has dealt wondrously with you!

"You shall know that I am in the midst of you,

That I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your children shall prophesy,

Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

In those days, I will pour out my Spirit!"

*HYMN OF PRAISE #236

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

*SALUTATION

PENTECOST PRAYER

(unison)

Eternal Spirit, who brooded over the chaos of earth at its beginning, brood also over our troubled spirits. Where our lives are disordered without meaning or direction, give new purpose. Give true hope to call us, deep faith to sustain us, profound resources to strengthen us.

Awaken us, we ask, to your presence, that your Spirit within will make us receptive to your leading. Be real to us today, that in your transforming presence, peace may come from anxiety; steadfastness from turmoil; forgiveness from guilt; strength from weakness; faith from fear; love from disapproval.

So brood, eternal Spirit, over your waiting people. Call order from chaos and make us whole. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG OF PRAISE

"Spirit of the Living God"

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UNISON READING #51 (John (selections) (Page 524 Hymnal)

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"I've Got A Feeling"

*MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP

The Word of God

*HYMN #239

"Come, Holy Spirit"

SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:35 - 5:43 (Page 30 New Testament)

SERMON

"Storms of Life"

Our Response to God

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

(Page 12 Hymnal)

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN #374

"Be Still, My Soul"

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

"With Thy Spirit Fill Me"

*POSTLUDE

*The congregation may stand.

FUTURE DATES

May 27 – Two representatives from Classis will be here to help us with the denominational forms connected with Pastor Chuck's leaving. They also want to start helping us to plan our next steps into the future. They are planning on meeting with the entire congregation that evening at 7:30. To help the Classis reps prepare for the meeting, please write down any questions you might like answered and give them to one of the Consistory members, so that we can pass them on in the next week or so to them.

<u>June 6</u> – Empty Nesters will be meeting and eating at Red Lobster in Cary at 1 PM.

<u>June 18 -19</u> – Details need to be firmed up, but we are looking at this weekend to be the Celebration of Pastor Chuck's ministry. Plans are being made for a Pig Pickin' and program on Saturday night and a Communion Service on Sunday. We would encourage everyone to write down a favorite memory or two of Pastor Chuck's ministry, and if you have an appropriate picture, contribute that as well. Please turn these memories in by June 12 so they can be put into a scrapbook for Pastor Chuck.