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Worship – Sunday, May 31, 9:30 A.M.



Zoom will be open at 9:15 A.M. for check in and fellowship
Contact Rev. Lynne for log-in information

Since this is a Christ United Methodist service, it will be streamed
on their Facebook page- <https://www.facebook.com/christumcgf/>

Remember you can always view the recording
on our YouTube channel:

First Congregational UCC Great Falls.

Please subscribe to our channel while you're there.

The more subscriptions we get, the more we can do with YouTube.

May 31, 2020 Worship at Home – It's Pentecost Sunday!



Wear red! Light candles! Welcome the activity of the Holy Spirit giving life to the church!

Prayer:

Gracious and Holy God, we come to you because you have first come to us. We know you because you have revealed yourself. Give us in this time of worship a new sense of your Spirit breathing through us. *(pause and breathe deeply)* Lift our hearts with the wings of song, heal our souls with the balm of prayer, enliven our minds with the words of scripture, and newly enable us to dedicate our strength, our substance and our service to your work in the world. *(pause and breathe deeply)* We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

Reflection

The focus text for Pentecost is usually Acts 2:1-21. It begins with the words: When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. But, we're not all in one place this Pentecost. We are in many different places, figuratively as well as literally. Perhaps this is the year to focus on our individual gifts. Look back over the reading from 1 Corinthians and consider the unique gift God has given you through the Spirit. It might be something listed in the text or it might be something else. How do you know it's a gift? Most likely, it's something that helps build the church, the body of Christ. Most likely it's something that moves you to look outside yourself and is meant to be used for the sake of others. Consider the gift(s) you have been given and how you can use them as God may have intended. What one thing will you do this week to bring to life the gift(s) you have been given?

Thanksgiving Prayer

Spirit of Joy – come like the wind, swirling among us; fill us with enthusiasm, and energize us to do your work and your will. **Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Joy.**

Spirit of Truth – come as the flame of Christ’s light among us, shining in our hearts, our minds, our lives. **Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Truth.**

Spirit of Life – come as the breath of life, pouring energy and power into our dry bones, rekindling those who are weary, that we may have life and know God. **Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Life.**

Spirit of Hope – come from the four winds, breathing upon all your people, that all creation may be renewed with hope. **Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Hope.**

Spirit of Love – come as our Comforter and Consoler, so that all who are broken and wounded are healed, so that all who grieve may be consoled by the power of your love and grace. **Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Love.**

Spirit of Wisdom – come as the light of understanding, that diversity in all its forms may be respected and may be understood as something to cherish. **Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Wisdom.**

Spirit of Peace come as the winds of truth, that our hearts may be kindled by the passion for justice and peace. **Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Peace.**



Sunday School News

Sunday school on-line may be over and we may not be in the building but we want to stay connected to the children of our church! Families with Sunday school kids should watch their mailboxes next week for the first of a series of summer-time postcards. We also plan to bring care packages once each month (June, July and August) with craft supplies, small toys, etc. –items that will give kids stuff to do. Finally, we would like to have a drive-by parade for all the children in our church family! Watch for more details coming soon! Stay healthy and safe!

We’re Still Feeding the Hungry

Thank you for all the great food donations to help supply the food pantry at West Elementary. Their last distribution will be on June 2nd and we’ve been told they are pretty well stocked so we will not be making any more contributions to West. But, there are still hungry people in our midst so we will shift our food collection efforts to FISH.



You can contribute a number of ways:

1. Send a donation to the church in the mail or use the “Give Online” feature on our website (<https://www.greatfallsucc.org>) be sure to indicate that you want your donation to go to “FISH.”
2. Bring food to the church and put it inside the black box outside the front door of the church. Let Carol Davidson know you’ve made a food donation for FISH. She’ll be monitoring the box and take food to FISH as it arrives. Carol’s number can be found in the church directory. If you can’t find it, contact Rev. Lynne @ pastor@greatfallsucc.org or text her (phone # also listed in the directory).
3. Take food donations directly to FISH from 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. The food pantry is located at 1620 12th Ave. North. Call FISH directly if you have any questions (406) 452-3474.

If you are in need of assistance that CANNOT be handled through agencies available to the community (such as FISH, Opportunities, Inc., Salvation Army, etc.) please let Rev. Lynne know. We may be able to help.

Zoom Updates

Dialing in (phone) to Zoom is not toll free!

We’ve discovered that if you are dialing in on the phone to participate in Zoom, you may get a long-distance charge on your phone bill. This seems to be the case mostly for those using a land line. We’re looking into some options to either avoid these charges or assist those who are using their phones to call in for worship. If you are calling in on a cell phone, be sure to check your plan to make sure these calls are covered.



Update to Zoom 5.0 is required by May 30th – if you have not already updated your Zoom app, it will automatically be done for you (by Zoom) when you try to log in after May 30th.



Be the Church During the Time of COVID

Want to be part of the church infrastructure during the time of COVID19? We're figuring out some things that need to be in place to help us continue to be a vibrant and vital congregation while we're away from our building. Since things have been changing so much, it's been hard to know what we need. Now we've got an idea. Contact Rev. Lynne if you're interested (pastor@greatfallsucc.org)

Here's the help we need:

Techies... We could use 2 or 3 people who are comfortable with technology. We'd like to have some extra co-hosts for our zoom worship experiences to take the load off Rev. Lynne. Even if you don't know a lot about Zoom in particular, we could use people who are not intimidated by computers and can help monitor the Sunday morning Zooms.

Parade Planners... We did our first Drive-By Parade this past Sunday and learned a lot. We'd love to have a small team of 2-3 people who can pick up this organizational task and potential important ministry. It will involve contacting potential recipients of the Drive-By, mapping out each route and providing information to the congregation. Our goal would be to do a drive-by every 2 – 3 weeks.



Congratulations to **Logan Plant**, son of **Jeff and Jolaine Plant**, grandson of **Elaine Balzer**, who graduated from Washington State University, Edward R Murrow College of Communication with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Media Production. Logan graduated Magna Cum Laude.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

† Our sympathy to **Linda Berg**, in the death of her husband **Harry**, who passed away May 8th at Peace Hospice, age 76.

FREE SUMMER MEALS

FOR ANYONE 18 AND UNDER

NO APPLICATION • NO REGISTRATION

Paris Gibson Education Center

2400 Central Avenue

Breakfast 8:00 AM—10:45 AM

Lunch 11:00 AM—1:00 PM



Monday through Friday

June 9 to August 12, 2020

No service JULY 3rd

Visit gfps.k12.mt.us for updates or
call 406-268-6047 for questions

Food Trailer Stops

Giant Springs Elementary 11:00—11:25
520 32nd St N

Morningside Elementary 11:40—12:00
4119 7th Avenue N

Sunnyside Elementary 12:20—12:40
1800 19th Street S

Riverview Elementary 11:00—11:20
100 Smelter Avenue

Valley View Elementary 11:30—11:50
900 Avenue A NW

Rhodes Park 12:05 – 12:30
812 Central Avenue

Gibson Park 12:40 – 1:00
400 Park Drive North

Whittier Elementary 1:10 – 1:30
305 8th St North

See Get Fit Great Falls website for meals at:

Carter Park 611 3rd Street S

West Kiwanis Park 723 1st Avenue NW



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This week's Zoom Log-ins:

(Remember to share with family and friends but do not broadcast on social media)

Let's Talk About It:

Where do you find joy?

Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.

Meeting ID: 886 2537 3966

Password: 651363

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88625373966>

Dial in (Phone – audio only)

These are NOT toll-free!

1-301-715-8592 (or) 1-312-626-6799

Bible Study and Prayer

Thursday, 7:00 P.M.

Meeting ID: 860 4548 7603

Password: 216660

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86045487603>

Dial in (Phone – audio only)

These are NOT toll-free!

1-301-715-8592 (or) 1-312-626-6799

*(This log-in information
will be used each week)*



STAYING CONNECTED