

THE LORD'S DAY ~ May 20, 2018

Pentecost Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church

Preparation for Worship *Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.*

A Pentecost Sonnet

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings. Today the hidden fountain flows and plays.
Today the church draws breath at last and sings as every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.
This is the feast of fire, air, and water poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.
The earth herself awakens to her maker and is translated out of death to birth.
The right words come today in their right order and every word spells freedom and release.
Today the gospel crosses every border. All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace.
Today the lost are found in His translation whose mother-tongue is Love, in every nation.
~ Malcolm Guite, *Sounding the Seasons*

Pastor's Welcome and Announcements

A cry room for small children with televised worship is available in the Fellowship Hall during the service.

Invocation

*Call to Worship II Corinthians 3:17-18

*Hymn of Praise *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* (T53)

*Hymn of Adoration *"O Great God"* (1)

O great God of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.
I own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me; make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me,
Through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your name through me.

*Confession of Faith The New City Catechism Question #19 (2)

Leader: *Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God's favor?*
People: Yes, to satisfy his justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, reconciles us to himself and delivers us from sin and from the punishment for sin, by a Redeemer.

Scripture Reading Acts 2 (PB909)

Hymn of Confession *"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"* (3)

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for Your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

*For those who are able, please stand at these times.

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Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude,
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth; cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

Call to Confession

I Corinthians 13:4-7

Confession of Sin

Generous God, Heavenly Father,
You send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid.
You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions.
You send us the Spirit of forgiveness, but we cannot let go of our hurts.
Holy Spirit of revival, come to us again:
awaken our hearts,
set our souls on fire with your love.
Send us out into the world rejoicing and trusting in your power.
We hold out to you all of our guilt and sin,
and we ask for your forgiveness and help
to live the way of your justice and love.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 3:3-7

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

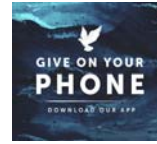
Deuteronomy 8:18

"You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day."

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Offertory Hymn

"Psalm 31:1-8, 23-24" (Tune: "O Sacred Head")

In You, LORD, I take refuge; ashamed let me not be.
Your righteousness eternal express by saving me;
Incline Your ear to hear me; with speed deliver me.
To me, O be a strong rock, a fort to rescue me.

You are my rock and fortress; for Your sake lead and guide.
Free me from nets they've hidden; my stronghold You abide.
I now commit my spirit into Your outstretched hand.
I know You have redeemed me, LORD God of truths that stand.

I hate those serving idols; my trust is in the LORD.
I'll triumph in Your mercy; for anguish You regard.
You've known my soul's afflictions, kept me from hostile hand.
My feet You have established where they have room to stand.

O love the LORD, you godly! The LORD the faithful keeps.
But He repays the haughty that what he sows he reaps.
Be strong! He'll keep refreshing your heart with courage great;
O do with hope and patience upon Jehovah wait.

Prayer of Illumination

Psalms 119:143

*"Trouble and anguish have found me out,
but your commandments are my delight."*

Sermon

Psalms 85

"Revive Us Again, O LORD!"

The Pentecost Series
Rev. Cory D. Colravy



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*Hymn of Response *"Psalm 85"* (Tune: "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken")

In times past, LORD, you showed favor to your own beloved land;
The prosperity of Jacob You restored by your strong hand.
You forgave your people's trespass; You were pleased their sins to hide.
You withdrew all your displeasure; from your wrath you turned aside.

God our Savior, now restore us; from us turn away your rage.
Will your anger burn against us? Will it last from age to age?
Will you not again revive us, that we may rejoice in you?
Show us, LORD, your cov'nant mercy; your salvation grant anew.

I will hear what God the LORD says: to his saints he offers peace;
But his people must not wander and return to foolishness.
Surely for all those who fear him His salvation is at hand,
So that once again his glory may be seen within our land.

Love and truth have met together; righteousness and peace embrace.
Righteousness looks down from heaven; from the earth springs faithfulness.
What is good the LORD will give us, and our land its fruit will bear.
Righteousness will go before him and his royal way prepare.

*Charge and Benediction

II Corinthians 13:14

*Hymn of Benediction *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* (v.4)

Hallelujah! I have found it, the full cleansing I had craved.
And to all the world I'll sound it: They too may be wholly saved.
I am sealed by Thy sweet Spirit, prone no longer now to roam;
And Thy voice, I'll humbly hear it, for Thy presence is my home.

*Postlude

THIS WEEK, May 20 - 26, 2018

Today •Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
•Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 - 10:25 a.m.
•Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday •Praise Team Rehearsal, 5:15 p.m.
•Youth Group, 5:30 p.m.
Friday •CCS Last Day of School

Announcements

- ◆ **Nursery Today** Morning Worship ~ Christina Sabo, Izabella Sabo
- ◆ **Nursery Next Week** Sunday School ~ Dawn Colravy
Morning Worship ~ Kristie Delmar, Kristina Gilmore
- ◆ **Ushers Today:** James Thompson, Isaiah Thompson, Zeke Zechman
- ◆ **Ushers Next Week:** Jonah Cleveland, John Armstrong, John Moody

◆ Budget Summary:

Weekly Operational Budget Requirement	\$	5,550.00
Tithes/Offerings, May 13, 2018	\$	6,646.05
FYTD Tithes/Offerings Received	\$	221,079.49
FYTD Special Gifts	\$	47,500.00
FYTD Operational Budget Expenses	\$	238,864.52
Mortgage Balance	\$	174,132.75

COVENANT FAMILY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

Chris Goehring, May 20th
Khloe Griffin, May 20th
Dylan Gouletas, May 25th

CPC On-Line Prayer Room

View the on-going prayer requests on the church website:
www.covenantpca.net/community/prayer-room





Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Joachim Neander
1680

*“Where were you when I laid the
foundations of the earth?
Tell Me, if you have understanding.”*
Job 38:4

This hymn was written by Joachim Neander, born in 1650, whose father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather, all Joachim Neanders, had been preachers of the gospel. But as a student, Joachim was wild and rebellious. At 20, he joined a group of students who descended on St. Martin’s Church in Bremen to ridicule and scoff at the worshippers. But the sermon that day by Rev. Theodore Under-Eyck arrested him and led to his conversion. A few years later, he was the assistant preacher at that very church.

Joachim often took long walks near his home in Hochdal, Germany. They were worship walks, and he frequently composed hymns as he strolled singing them to the Lord. He was the first hymnwriter from the Calvinist branch of Protestantism. When he was 30, the year he died, he wrote this while battling tuberculosis:

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation.
O my soul praise Him, for He is Thy health and Salvation.*

One of Joachim’s favorite walking spots was a beautiful gorge a few miles from Dusseldorf. The Dussel River flowed through the valley, and Joachim Neander so loved this spot that it eventually was named for him—Neander Valley. The Old German word for “valley” was “tal” or “thal” with a silent “h.”

Two hundred years later Herr von Beckersdorf owned the valley, which was a source for limestone, used to manufacture cement. In 1856, miners discovered caves which contained human bones. Beckersdorf took the bones to a local science teacher who speculated they belonged to one who died in the Flood.

But when William King, an Irish professor of anatomy, saw the bones, he claimed they were proof of evolution’s famous “missing link.” Other Neanderthal fossils were found, and for many years they were used to “prove” Darwin’s theory of evolution. Today we know the Neanderthal was fully human, an extinct people group of great strength.

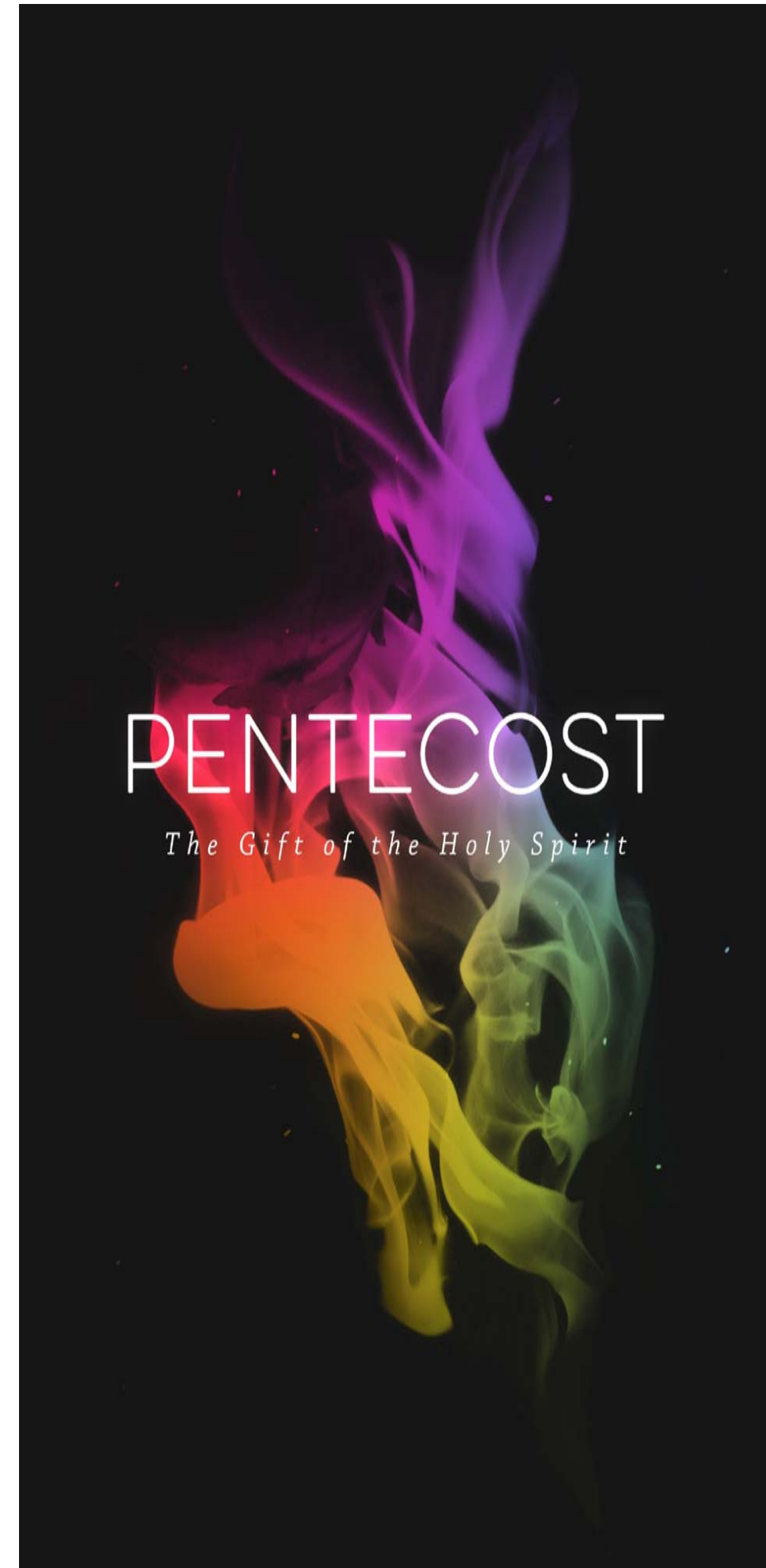
But, as one expert put it, “when Joachim Neander walked in his beautiful valley so many years ago, he could not know that hundreds of years later his name would become world famous, not for his hymns celebrating creation, but for a concept that he would have totally rejected: human evolution.”

*by Robert J. Morgan from *“Then Sings My Soul”*



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