



*Disciples of Jesus, Revealing His Kingdom  
Through Love, Spiritual Growth,  
and Service Together*

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### COVID-19 UPDATE

*As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the Ministry of Congregational Care formed a committee from leaders of the various ministries of the church to make a decision and a plan when to come back together for Sunday morning worship services. The committee has met and is planning for the church to open back up and resume in-person worship services on June 7. The details on how this will look are still being worked on and will be forwarded to the congregation in the next few days.*

*With the re-opening, there is no expectation of attending. We want people to feel comfortable at staying home and watching the live-streaming of the service.*

*If you have any questions or comments, please contact a member of the committee: Howard Miller, Dan Dutcher, Lois Bontrager and Charla Sommers.*

*Please continue to pray for our church, our community, our world.*



- ✝ *Pray for Lois Bontrager who is recovering from hip replacement surgery.*
  - ✝ *Pray for Carol Sommers who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.*
  - ✝ *Pray for the Pastor Search Committee: Paul Bontrager, Jen Geiser, Jill Liechty, Perry Miller and Scott Sommers.*
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## National Day of Mourning and Lament

This week America surpassed 100,000 deaths from COVID-19. Many of those who died had to do so without the presence of family and loved ones. The deaths have been disproportionate in age, race and economic status.

**As we mark this grim milestone of more than 100,000 deaths in America and more than 350,000 worldwide, faith leaders from across our country are asking churches to spend some time during our worship services this weekend to pray, lament, mourn and to invite God's healing on our land. We have also been invited to set aside Monday, June 1, as a National Day of Mourning and Lament.**

This week we also witnessed what appears to be the unnecessary death of another black man at the hands of white police officers. My hope is that each of us, as individuals and congregations, will spend time this weekend in prayer for those who have lost their lives, families and friends grieving the loss of loved ones, and for God's healing on our nation and the world.

Dick Barrett  
Conference Minister  
Ohio Mennonite Conference on behalf of Mennonite Church USA



### ***Prayer of Lament from Faith Leaders from across the United States***

*We ask God to help heal our land with a moment of mourning and honoring those many who have died, often without their loved ones around them. We come together both to weep and to rejoice for those lives which have been lost. We shall mourn the loss of so many Americans, many known only to families and friends, coworkers and neighbors. We will mourn family members and friends whom we loved; worked and worshiped with; ate, played, and prayed with; important members of our communities, some who were on the front lines of caring for and serving others; and those we passed on the street with a smile and nod. By God's grace, we will mourn with families who have not been able to memorialize, mourn, or properly bury their COVID dead.*

*Our lament will also honor hard truths we have learned during this pandemic: Our suffering has been unequal, elders have been vulnerable and alone, black and brown neighbors have borne disproportionately both the brunt of sickness and death and the front lines labor of fighting this disease. Native communities, our land's original caretakers, have been particularly hard hit — as they have been so many times in the past. Asian Americans have been targeted by hateful words and actions. Our prayers for the healing of the nation must acknowledge the brokenness of our democracy and rededicate ourselves to repair the injustices this pandemic has revealed, even as we work for the healing of those who are afflicted with the virus.*

*... This momentous and tragic 100,000 marker will not be an empty data point on death's grim graph; rather we will remember those whom we loved and pray for both healing and hope — for our nation and the world. As a people we have borne this pandemic's cost in the lives of our loved ones; as a nation we shall honor and mourn them together.*

**May 31, 2020**  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
***Unity when all are connected to the Spirit of God***  
**Acts 2:1-21; I Corinthians 12:3-13**

**Message:** Myron Weaver  
**Worship Leader:** Matthew Manchester  
**Song Leader:** Stephanie Kress

Opening Song – *Holy Spirit*  
Praise Songs – *Build My Life*  
– *Take My Life*  
Song of Response – *There is Peace in Christ*  
Sending Song – *All Who Are Thirsty*



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**Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)**

*When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

*Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?"*

*Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs--we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"*

*Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!*

*No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.*

*I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'*

**1 Corinthians 12:13 (NIV)**



*Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.*

## OPENING SONG: *Holy Spirit*

### Verse 1

There's nothing worth more, that will ever come close  
No thing can compare, You're our living hope  
Your Presence Lord

### Verse 2

I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone  
In Your Presence Lord

### Chorus

Holy Spirit You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory God is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord  
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(REPEAT)

### Bridge

Let us become more aware of Your Presence  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness  
Let us become more aware of Your Presence  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness Lord  
(3X)

### Chorus

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## PRAISE SONG: *Build My Life*

### Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You

### Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You, We live for You

### Chorus

Holy there is no one like You  
There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder and  
Show me who You are and fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me  
(REPEAT)

### Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will not be shaken  
(REPEAT)

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## PRAISE SONG: *Take My Life*

### Verse 1

Holiness, holiness, is what I long for  
Holiness is what I need  
Holiness, holiness, is what You want from me

### Verse 2

Faithfulness, faithfulness, is what I long for  
Faithfulness is what I need  
Faithfulness, faithfulness, is what You want from me

### Chorus

So take my heart and form it  
Take my mind transform it  
Take my will conform it  
To Yours, to Yours, oh Lord

### Verse 3

Righteousness, righteousness, is what I long for  
Righteousness is what I need  
Righteousness, righteousness,  
is what You want from me

### Chorus

So take my heart and form it  
Take my mind transform it  
Take my will conform it  
To Yours, to Yours, oh Lord

### Chorus

So take my heart and form it  
Take my mind transform it  
Take my will conform it  
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## RESPONDING SONG: *There is Peace in Christ*

### Verse 1

There is peace in Christ when we learn of Him  
Feel the love He felt for us when He bore our sins  
Listen to His words, let them come alive  
If we know Him as He is  
There is peace in Christ

### Chorus

He gives us hope when hope is gone  
He gives us strength when we can't go on  
He gives us shelter in the storms of life  
When there's no peace on earth  
There is peace in Christ

### Verse 2

There is peace in Christ when we walk with Him  
Through the streets of Galilee to Jerusalem  
Mend the broken hearts, dry the tear-filled eyes  
When we live the way He lived  
There is peace in Christ

### Chorus

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## SENDING SONG: *All Who Are Thirsty*

### Verse 1

All who are thirsty  
All who are weak  
Come to the fountain  
Dip your heart in the stream of life  
Let the pain and the sorrow  
Be washed away  
In the waves of His mercy  
As deep cries out to deep

### Chorus

We sing, Come Lord Jesus come  
Come Lord Jesus come  
Come Lord Jesus come  
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### BRIDGE

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### Red Cross Blood Drive in Hartville (Lake YMCA) - June 25<sup>th</sup>

Saving lives during this pandemic is vitally important. Do you know you can personally help save a life? It's true, the American Red Cross could use your help and it only takes about 30 minutes!!

**Here's how** – On Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, between 11am and 5pm the Lake Community YMCA will host a blood drive by the Red Cross. Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and read the **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**. Next, select **DONATE BLOOD**, review details on completing your **RAPIDPASS**, review all precautionary steps the Red Cross takes for COVID-19 issues, and select **Find A Blood Drive**. You can put in zip-code 44685 or 44632, or the Sponsor Code "**LakeYMCA**". Finally, make sure you go to the June 25<sup>th</sup> event at Lake Community YMCA and select a convenient appointment time 11am to 5pm. We cannot accommodate walk-ins during this time of COVID-19 environment.

“Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. There's no substitute for blood. When a patient receives blood, it was given in advance by a generous donor. (Red Cross)”

Finally, **THANK YOU** for consideration of this life-giving help to others! You make a tremendous difference!!

Ronald C. Bensinger, Director of Business Development  
Mercy Medical Center – (330)588-4592

**Thank you to Maple Grove from Lake Township FISH**

*Thank you for the generous donation of 320 lbs. of food to the FISH Food Pantry from your brown bag collection in February. We are overwhelmed with your kindness and generosity! Your donation permits us to provide food to our neighbors in need. Thank you for joining all of us at Lake Township FISH who are committed to doing God’s work helping others.*

**If you would like to include something in the newsletter,  
please contact Cindy by noon on Wednesday each week – thank you!**

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Acts 2:1-21

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