

**FUN CHURCH HISTORY FACT:** The Methodist Church began as an organized religious faith and practice in 1729 by John and Charles Wesley. In Oxford, England John Wesley developed a "Method of Christian Perfection." The "method" sought to bring a greater and greater purity and faithfulness in life so that the soul of the Christian may achieve perfection. People who followed the "method" of Wesley became known as Methodists. Methodists began as a part of the Anglican Church but broke away and formed their association early in their development.

## *FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*

*July 9, 2017*

*10:00 a.m.*

This service is being broadcast over radio station WATN 1240

*\* Indicates that those who are able may stand.*

### **GATHERING**

#### **GREETING**

Peace be with you.  
**And also with you**

#### **PRELUDE**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*  
Annie Hollenbeck, piano

Converse, arr. Berry

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ adapted from Psalm 45

Leader: Hear O Church, consider and give ear:  
Lay aside what has come before,  
Put aside the trappings that entangle.  
Your freedom is your beauty.  
Your mercy is your great gift.  
The world needs your compassion.

**People: We are like lambs amongst wolves;  
We are like birds without a nest.  
Our splendor is our faith;  
Our strength is our weakness.**  
Raise up O Church and worship.  
Speak with hearts overflowing;  
**Let justice and mercy be on your lips.  
Worship the Lord your God.**

#### **\*HYMN #271**

*While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*

CHRISTMAS

#### **INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS**



**MY TAKE AWAY  
THOUGHTS AND NOTES**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Heavenly Father offer grace and mercy and truth yet again. We have worn out the last offering. Rude words and ugly thoughts chase grace away; anger and vengeance left mercy by the side of the road; and truth, truth has become our loudest opinion. Forgive us and make us ready to live better, to be more honest, to be more like your Son. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS**

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In Jesus Christ, you also are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI - Hymnal #813**

*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.*

**LITURGIST WELCOME**

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST LESSON**

Luke 1:1-4 (New Testament, page 56 in pew Bibles)

**ANTHEM**

*God Bless America*

Firestorm:

Dorene Dickerson, Bunny Gorman, Jeannie Greenwood, Marty Martinez

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

(Sunday School will not meet during July and August, but will resume on September 10th.)

**SECOND LESSON**

Luke 24:50-53 (New Testament, page 91 in pew Bibles)

**SERMON**

“Can I Get a Purple Pill?”

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

**\*HYMN #479**

*Softly and Tenderly*

THOMPSON

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

**OFFERTORY**

*Irish Blessing*

Firestorm

**\*DOXOLOGY ~ HYMNAL #814**

*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. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN #11**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

**\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**THE POSTLUDE**

*Soon and Very Soon with On Jordan's Stormy Banks*  
Annie Hollenbeck, piano

Crouch, arr. Berry