

TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Day of Pentecost
June 9, 2019

829 Salem Road - Union, New Jersey

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAY LEADER

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

LAY LEADER

The Spirit of Truth is moving . . .

pouring out prophetic possibilities for all to see.

The Spirit of Truth is speaking . . .

offering words of vision and hope.

The Spirit of Truth is with us . . .

weaving dreams of unity and love.

OPENING PRAYER

LAY LEADER

Spirit of Truth, pour out your presence on us.

Cause wonders to occur as we dream your dreams
and see your visions.

Create unity and love

as you weave us together as one body of Christ,
one family of God,
and one community of justice and peace. **Amen.**

***HYMN: #280 “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”**

CALL TO CONFESSION

LAY LEADER

Do not let your hearts be troubled,
but confess your sins and God will give you peace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

ALL

Abba, Father, Parent of us all,

bind us together as your children.

Free us from the chains of division and divisiveness.

Unstop our blocked ears,

**that we might listen and hear one another
with understanding and compassion.**

Pour out unity and love so abundant,

through the power of your Holy Spirit,

**that all resistance to a new
Pentecost community may be swept away. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

LAY LEADER

Everyone who calls on the name of God
has been saved,
is being saved,
and will be saved.

***GLORIA PATRI**

ALL

**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.**

***THE PEACE**

LAY LEADER

In the unity of God's Holy Spirit,
may we offer signs of unity
and love to one another
as we share the peace of Christ.
The Peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you.

ANTHEM: "Spirit of God" by Carol Strommen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PASTOR

SCRIPTURE:

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Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17, (25-27)

SERMON "*The Ultimate Surprise*"

PASTOR

***HYMN:** #291 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

A TIME OF SHARING – JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(Responsively)

PASTOR

With joy for the gift of the Holy Spirit,
let us pray for the well-being of the church,
the world, and all in need, saying,

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We thank you for the wonder that erupted on the day of Pentecost,
for the birth of the church,
for the gifts of amazement and challenge,
and for all the witnesses whose lives have been altered
by your power alive in our world.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the many peoples of this earth whose visions differ,
whose languages offer special insights,
whose ways of worship and compassion feed our own,
we thank you.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the earth itself,
through whose creatures we see your love
and in whose winds we remember the coming of the Spirit,
we thank you.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Make us grateful for the confounding experiences
the Holy Spirit's presence creates in our lives,
for the marvel of new visions,
for the wisdom in prophetic words,
and for the prayers of your great high priest.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Make us hungry to protect the health and nurturance of all people;
let your fire burn in the leaders of the nations,
in governors and mayors,
on city councils and school boards;
guard the lives of peacemakers, soldiers, philosophers, and artists.
Pool the skills and passion of all your people
for the sake of our delight and the nourishment of others.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give comfort to all people who are refugees from war and famine,
those who are lonely and frightened,
ill, imprisoned, homeless, or without work,
and those who face death today.

We pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud ...

[A time of silence is kept.]

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Knowing it is your Holy Spirit
who has flowed through your witnesses of ages past,
we give you thanks for all the saints who have gone before us,
especially those here at Townley.

With them, and with confidence that you hear our prayers...

As we pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying...**Our Father...**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

LAY LEADER

Bring your different gifts,
your many languages,
your unique ways of offering yourself to God and God's world.
All of your gifts are welcome here,
in whatever way you are ready to offer them.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE: HYMN #175 "Seek Ye First"**

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!*

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!!*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

LAY LEADER

Holy Spirit,
bless the gifts we bring with your powerful presence.
Through these gifts, bring new life, new hope,
new visions of life, new dreams of hope,
and new possibilities for unity and love in our world. **Amen.**

SELECTION: “My God is Real”
(Mahalia Jackson)

PJ Booker
Thiago
Wojtowicz

CHARGE and BLESSING

PASTOR

POSTLUDE

WORSHIPPERS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED:

Join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall following this worship service for snacks and fellowship.

Bible Study Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
6 Themes of the Bible Everyone Should Know
See Pastor Ron for a book if you plan to attend.

“A Time for Prayer” –
Mondays at 4:00 PM

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

Townley’s Program Task Force is spearheading a **Food Bank Sunday**, where on each 4th Sunday they will receive donations of non-perishable food items to contribute to the Connecticut Farms Food Pantry. We are asking our members to support this initiative by giving one non-perishable food item (or \$1) per week. Kindly drop off your items in the **Food Box** in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June Donohue	2
Nancy Segale	5
Lynn Bailey	10
Bruce Tangowski	16
Cynthia Manno	21

A Note from Our Treasurer: 6/2/2019

We received \$2587 in pledge & plate & \$105
Deacon’s Fund.
Janet Sangekar

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