



May 23, 2021



Kernstown
United Methodist Church
Rooted in faith.
Branching out through the Spirit

*At Kernstown, we make Disciples as we:
Know God
Grow in God
Sow God into the World*

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bold print = all respond

* = please stand if able

Day of Pentecost
10:20 a.m. Worship Service
May 23, 2021



Ringling of the Bell

Sam Henshaw

Greeting /Announcements

Pastor Aaron Fitch

Prelude

David Landrum

Lighting of Altar Candles

Sam Henshaw

Call to Worship

Pastor Aaron

Leader: Testify to the goodness of God.

People: Sing praise to God.

Testify to the love of Christ.

Sing praise to Christ.

Testify to the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Sing praise to Spirit.

*Hymn

O Spirit of the Living God

UMH 539

Prayer of Confession

Cathy Lichvar

Gracious God, we do not often listen for Your Holy Spirit. We turn from Your guidance and Your inspiration. The whispers and the shouts do not penetrate the noise of our daily lives. We silence the wisdom available to us through Your Spirit of Truth. Open our lives to Your holy whispers and shouts, that our very lives may testify to unseen hope. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Pastor Aaron

In the Name of Jesus Christ, Who sent us the Spirit of Truth, you are forgiven.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Special Music *Let the Flame Burn Brightly* Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination Cathy Lichvar
Come, Holy Spirit, come. Open our hearts and minds and lives to Your call through this Holy Word. Amen.

Scripture Reading *Romans 8:14-17 (New Testament)*

Sermon *"To Be a Child of God"* Pastor Aaron

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer **UMH 895**

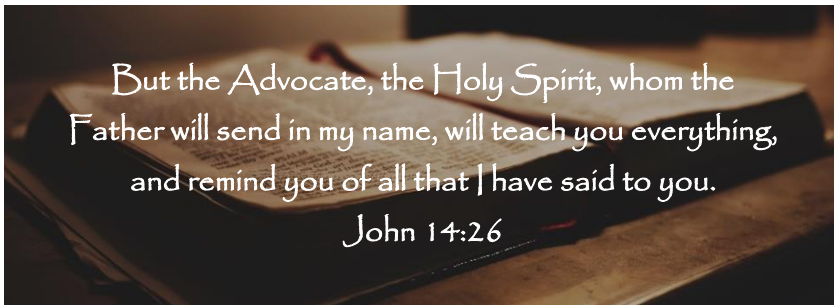
*Apostles' Creed **UMH 881**

*Hymn *Spirit of the Living God* **UMH 393**

*The Benediction Pastor Aaron
Go forth in peace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Postlude David Landrum

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Be faithful in prayer - Romans 12:12 NIV

WINCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER:

CARE FACILITIES:

Consulate Health Care: Connie Mitchell (PA)

Spring Arbor: Marietta Lipscomb (#239), Lloyd Henry (#210), Jean Snider (#144)

Mount Vernon Nursing Center: Virginia Ebbs

Search Group Home: Steven Dobbin

Sunrise at Bon Air: Irene Gates (#205)

Orchard Woods: Phyllis Baker

Lynn Care: Rosalie Wehn (Mimi's grandmother) & Marilyn Stelzl

UPCOMING SURGERIES:

SYMPATHY: Tisinger/Chapman families; Ruth Bennington & family; Perry/Martin family; Bill Tharpe & family; Barbara Baltimore & family

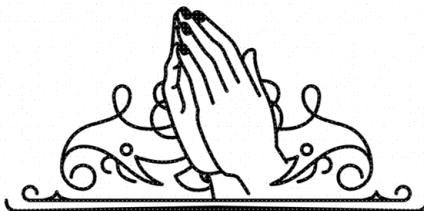
MILITARY: CPO Tiffany McMahan; MMN3 Seth Anton; LTC Tom Crowley; Jared Castro, ROTC

OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS: Pastor Aaron, Cooper, & Elise; Pastor Clay Knick – lymphoma; the Gordons; the Burchards; Marshall Carper; Judy Allen; Jeanne Newlin & Janie Slater; Peggy Gillich; Polly Look; Shirley Dick

Missionaries: Gregg & Jayne Yarian; Pastor Michael & Lupe Geiss

Local Missions: VAN (Valley Assistance Network), The Winchester Rescue Mission, Lord Fairfax Food Bank, C-CAP

At Home: Bryan Hartley, Pat Price, Mary Kathryn Clark, Tina Weagley, Florence Roman



Weekly Prayer Requests

May 16

Peggy Gillich; Lawton MacDonald (Peggy Gillich's great-grandson); Monte Keiter; Jean Snider; Betty Lou Langager; John Wyatt (Madonna Sponaugle and Gussie Lee's brother-in-law); Steve & Leslie Lobell; Katie Teets; Polly Look – second eye cataracts surgery; Laurel Look (Polly's daughter-in-law); Lawrence, who is homeless; Russell & Debbie Parrish, Marietta Lipscomb (Debbie's mom), and Mark & Pam Lipscomb; Marshall Carper; Bob Wilson; Lee Lichvar; Marilyn Stelzl

May 9

Family of Annalue Wyatt (Madonna Sponaugle and Gussie Lee's sister); Maria Castro; Margo Young; Lisa Dawson; Gussie Lee; Zack Harner; Doug Langager and family on the loss of his brother; Pastor Aaron - unspoken

May 2

Elaine & Billy Masters; Phyllis Baker; Frank Moore; Hayley Moore; Evelyn Jennings; Charles "Ike" McFarland

April 25

Simone Poulin (Danny Aube's aunt); family of Rev. Dr. Dan Garrett; Traci Wilson; Brady Hamilton (Greatorex's grandson)

***If you would like for us to lift up a prayer request, please call the office at 540-667-7298 or email csteele@kernstownumc.org. You can also place prayer request slips in the offering box in the sanctuary. These names will remain on this list for four weeks.*



Announcements

TITHES & OFFERINGS – Thank you for your faithful and generous giving! There is a wooden offering box at the back of the sanctuary where you may place your tithes and offerings, or you can always mail a check to the church, or you can give online on our website!

PEOPLE IN MINISTRY – Each Sunday for the in-person worship service, we need **greeters**, a **seating usher**, and a **lay person/reader**. We'd love to have you help out! If interested, you can **sign up on the white board in the narthex** or simply call/email the church office.

PASTOR AARON OFF – The Bishop has called for all clergy to have a "time apart for renewal" on Monday, May 24, which is Aldersgate Day. *"Aldersgate commemorates the day in 1738 when John Wesley experienced assurance of his salvation. Wesley reluctantly attended a group meeting that evening on Aldersgate Street in London. As he heard a reading from Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans, he felt his 'heart strangely warmed'" (from umc.org).*

DAVID OFF – Director of Music and pianist/organist, David Landrum, will be off May 17 – June 1. We will have pre-recorded music at the in-person worship services during this time.

WOMEN'S CORE GROUP – The last meeting of the Women's Disciple Study Group will be on Tuesday, May 25, at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

MEN'S CORE GROUP MEETING – The last meeting of the Men's Core Group will be on Tuesday, May 25, at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM. We are taking a break for the summer but stay tuned for more information about a possible retreat.

WORSHIP & WONDER & HEALTHY CHURCH TEAM MEETING – A combined meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 26, at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED – The church office will be closed next Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day.



DISTRICT UMW UMCOR PROJECT – May is the last month to do an UMCOR **School Kit** and/or **Hygiene Kit**. The list of items required for each type of kit was included in the May newsletter. Bring your items and/or completed kits to the church – there is a box in the mission room. Thanks to our UMW for sponsoring these kits!

WANTED: KUMC OCC PROJECT LEADER -

We are still looking for someone to be the OCC Project Leader for Kernstown UMC congregation. Check out our OCC page on our website to learn more – there is a short video at the bottom of that page about the Project Leader position. If you feel a calling to spearhead this project for our church, please contact **Bob Greatorex** (540-662-3137) or greatorexb@yahoo.com.



KUMC NEWTON SCHOLARSHIP – Letters of interest for the KUMC Newton Scholarship for graduating high school seniors who will be attending college/university/trade school this fall are now being accepted! **Eligibility requirements for applicants include: a minimum of two years' membership at KUMC with regular church attendance. Involvement with KUMC ministries and Youth is also beneficial.** The letter must detail applicant's high school/college subjects taken, grade point average, and extra-curricular activities, along with the school in which matriculated for Fall 2021, college/trade program to be pursued, expected degree/certification, and any other information deemed important by the applicant. Two letters of personal reference should also be included. All materials are due to the church (mail, email, or deliver) **no later than June 1.**



~ Class of 2021 ~

ABBA CARE LIFE WALK & 4K FUN RUN – AbbaCare Pregnancy Resource Center here in Winchester is hosting Shine for LIFE Walk & 4K Fun Run TODAY, Sunday, May 23, at 2:00 p.m. at Open Door Baptist Church in Clear Brook. Walk or run with a team or on your own. Can't make it or not comfortable attending a large gathering? Participate virtually instead to support AbbaCare in this vital fundraiser! Visit abbacare.org/walk for more information or to register for the event. You can also call them at 540-665-9660.



CALENDAR OF OPPORTUNITIES

May 23 through May 30

Sunday, May 23

10:20 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary / Live Stream)

6:00 p.m. Banner Youth (FH)

Tuesday, May 25

2:00 p.m. Women's Disciple Study Group (FH)

7:00 p.m. Men's Core Group meeting (ZOOM)

Wednesday, May 26

10:30 a.m. Healthy Church Team and W&W meeting (FH)

Sunday, May 30 – **Trinity Sunday**

10:20 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary / Live Stream)

6:00 p.m. Banner Youth (FH)

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK OF May 23rd:

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34 & 35b; Romans 8:22-27;
and John 15:26-27 & 16:4b-15

KERNSTOWN UMC
May 23, 2021
Text: Romans 8:14-17
Title: "To Be a Child of God"
PENTECOST

Introduction

[RAMP] Paul provides us with a number of lists throughout his writings. In Romans 8, Paul provides us with this list of what it means to be a child of God, and in verse 30, a list of the experiences Believers go through in being made like Christ, and in Galatians 5 we have a list of the fruit of the Spirit. Lists are generally helpful.

Today we are going to focus our attention on the list found in Romans 8:14-17 that provides us with a description of what it means to be a child of God. Today is Pentecost Sunday, 50 days after Easter, when we celebrate the time when God the Father and God the Son sent God the Holy Spirit into Believers fulfilling the promise of Jesus when He said in John 15:16-17, "16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you." Today we will see the work that the Holy Spirit does in a Believer's life. This is Good News. God with us.

[RELEVANCE] The Holy Spirit being within us is very important. Here is why: each of us will come to a point in our lives when we are in circumstances that we did not choose for ourselves. Everyone who loves us will have done all they can for us and there will be nothing more they can do. We will have done everything in our power to escape our circumstances, but we will fail to extricate ourselves and be stuck. What will we do in that time?

This morning we are going to look at some of what the Holy Spirit does in a follower of Jesus's life...a child of God's life...a Believer's life...a Christian's life.

Body

[P.O.D. #1] We are LED by the Holy Spirit. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

- Led by the Spirit of God.
 - **Present/Middle/Indicative-** continuing action/being done to the subject/mood of fact (GOD LEADS US)
 - **Impel- drive,** urge, of forces and influences affecting the mind; (GOD SPEAKS TO US)
 - **to lead with oneself,** attach to oneself as an attendant. (GOD IS WITH US)

[P.O.D. #2] **We are ADOPTED by God.** 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!”

- Spirit of Adoption.
 - The Greek literally says, “**Spirit of divine adoption,**” which is a reference to the Holy Spirit.
 - Colossians 1:13, “¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son...”
 - Matthew 7:9-11, “⁹“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!”

[P.O.D. #3] **We are SPOKEN to by God.** 16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

- What is the difference between the soul and the spirit?
 - SOUL: “The Hebrew word translated "soul" means a **breathing creature, one in which life is present, whether physical life or mental life**. The Greek word in the New Testament is similar. In its most basic sense, **the word "soul" means "life," either physical or eternal**. Jesus asks what it profits a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul, referring to his eternal life (Matthew 16:26).”ⁱ

- SPIRIT: “Unlike the soul, which is alive both physically and eternally, the spirit can be either alive, as in the case of believers, (1 Peter 3:18), or dead as unbelievers are (Colossians 2:13; Ephesians 2:4-5). The spiritual part of believers in Jesus Christ is that which responds to the things that come from the Spirit of God, understanding and discerning them spiritually. The spirit is that part of us that is enabled by God to know and worship Him, the part of humanity that "connects" with God, who Himself is Spirit (John 4:24).”ⁱⁱ
- Spirit bearing witness with our spirit.
 - the spirit, i.e. the vital principle by which the body is animated
 - **the rational spirit, the power by which a human being feels, thinks, wills, decides;**
 - according to which τό πνεῦμα is **the rational part of man, the power of perceiving and grasping divine and eternal things, and upon which the Spirit of God exerts its influence;** (πνεῦμα, says Luther, "is the highest and noblest part of man, which qualifies him to lay bold of incomprehensible, invisible, eternal things; in short, it is the house where Faith and God's word are at home" ⁱⁱⁱ
- Witness
 - Testify
 - Present/Active/Indicative
 - Present - continuing action in the here and now
 - Active - describes what the Holy Spirit is doing
 - Indicative - **mood** = a way to express the attitude of the speaker to what is being said; "stating a fact."^{iv}

[P.O.D. #4] **We are HEIRS of God.** 17 and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

- Heirs of God
 - Definition- “an inheritor.”^v

- “of Christians, as exalted by faith to the dignity of sons of Abraham and so of sons of God, and hence, to receive the blessings of God's kingdom promised to Abraham: absolutely, Romans 8:17”^{vi}
- Suffer with Him.
 - Present/Active/Indicative
 - **“to suffer evils (troubles, persecutions) in like manner with another”**^{vii}
- Glorified with Him.
 - “closely identified *with*” and 1392 /doksázō, "glorify") – properly, be *glorified together*, emphasizing *close identity* with the Lord, the factor which specifically correlates to the unique glorification believers experience at His return.”^{viii}

Conclusion

[GOOD NEWS] When circumstances in our lives are overwhelming and unbearable, we can be sure of the Holy Spirit’s help. How does the Holy Spirit help us and work in our lives?

1. We are LED by the Holy Spirit.
2. We are ADOPTED by the Holy Spirit.
3. We are SPOKEN to by the Holy Spirit.
4. We are HEIRS of God.

Amen.

ⁱ <http://www.compellingtruth.org/difference-soul-spirit.html>

ⁱⁱ <http://www.compellingtruth.org/difference-soul-spirit.html>

ⁱⁱⁱ <http://biblehub.com/greek/4151.htm>

^{iv} <http://www.really-learn-english.com/subjunctive-mood.html>

^v <http://biblehub.com/greek/2818.htm>

^{vi} <http://biblehub.com/greek/2818.htm>

^{vii} <http://biblehub.com/greek/4841.htm>

^{viii} <http://biblehub.com/greek/4888.htm>