



Viroqua UMC
221 S. Center Ave.
Viroqua, WI 54665

**Viroqua &
Liberty Pole
United Methodist
Churches**



Liberty Pole UMC
S6759 Hwy. 27
Viroqua, WI 54665

Pentecost Sunday—May 15th

May 15, 2016

Pentecost

Liberty Pole UMC Worship Service-Sunday, 9:00 A.M. Viroqua UMC Worship Service-Sunday, 10:30 A.M.

Please turn off all cell phones and electronics.

**Please stand if you are able.

PRELUDE **“JOYUS LIGHT OF GLORY”** BY: JOHN A. BEHNKE

(A TIME TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND MEDITATION.)

INTROIT **“HOLY GROUND”** VUMC CHOIR @ V

WELCOMING WORDS
(Please sign the attendance sheets.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****HYMN OF PRAISE** **“HOLY SPIRIT, TRUTH DIVINE”** UMH No. 465

****CALL TO WORSHIP** **PSALM 104:24-34** UMH No. 826

****OPENING PRAYER** (PRAY IN UNISON)

- Pastor: God of Easter, you freed your Son from the clutches of death.
- All: Send Your Holy Spirit, We Pray.**
- Pastor: God of Ascension, you raised your Son to join you in glory.
- All: Send your Holy Spirit, we pray.**
- Pastor: God of Pentecost, you poured your Spirit upon the apostles.
- All: Send your Holy Spirit, we pray.**
- Pastor: God of the church, your Spirit’s gifts empower the church for service.
- All: Send us in your Spirit to serve.**
- Pastor: God of compassion, you see the sufferings of the world.
- All: Send us in your Spirit to embody your compassion.**
- Pastor: God of love you loved us so much that you sent us your Son.
- All: Send us in your Spirit to love as we have been loved.**
- Pastor: This we pray in the name of Christ and in the power of the Spirit. *Amen*

SPECIAL MUSIC—VUMC CHOIR **“BLEST SHALL THEY BE”**

NEW TESTAMENT READING **ACTS 2:1-21** **PEW BIBLE NO. 1318**

NEW TESTAMENT READING **1 COR. 12:3-13** **PEW BIBLE NO. 1395**

****HYMN** **“SPIRIT OF GOD DESCEND UPON MY HEART”** UMH No. 500

****GOSPEL** **JOHN 20:19 –23** **PEW BIBLE NO. 1314**

L: THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD. P: THANKS BE TO GOD

SERMON **“THE MOVEMENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”**

****PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, whose wind still blows, whose breath still brings life, whose Spirit still stirs and enlivens, hear our confession. Blessed with your Spirit’s gifts, we have at times left them unused or unrecognized. Blessed by the gifts your Spirit brings to those around us, we have at times not nurtured or even encouraged their gifts. Forgive our neglect of our gifts or those of others, and renew us with a commitment to be open to the ways you would work through us. Help us, through your Spirit, to be the people you would have us be, loving you and our neighbors, and working together as the body of Christ; we pray in Christ’s holy name. *Amen.*

JOYS AND CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER UMH No. 895

*L: Lord, in your mercy,
P: HEAR OUR PRAYER.*

OFFERING **“COME, HOLY GHOST, IN LOVE”** BY: CASSLER/JOHN ROBERTS

****DOXOLOGY**

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.*

****OFFERTORY PRAYER**

****CLOSING HYMN** **“SPIRIT SONG”** UMH No. 347

****BENEDICTION**

Receive now the Holy Spirit. You are sent out by the Son, as the Son was sent by God. Do not travel alone, but go two by two and three by three. And do not go with empty hands, but carry the peace of God wherever the Spirit leads.

****BENEDICTION RESPONSE** **“HOW GREAT THOU ART”** UMH No. 77

POSTLUDE **“HOLY SPIRIT, FAITHFUL GUIDE”** ARR. BY: M. J. CROWDER

Thank you to the Viroqua UMW for the beautiful flowers on Mother’s Day.

Calendar of Events

Tues., May 17th	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee @ V
	7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting @ V
Wed., May 18th	10:00 a.m.	Hymn Selection @ V
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Fri., May 20th	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Pentecost Prayer Vigil	
	5:30-8:00 p.m. LEAP's @ V—Supper, Game, the Event	
Sun., May 22nd	10:30 a.m.	Choir sings @ V
	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Meeting with Parents
Wed., May 25th	3:00 p.m.	LeAP
	7:00 p.m.	Baccalaureate @ Cafetorium Elementary School
Sat., May 28th		Viroqua High School Graduation

Prayers List: Carol H., Ann H., Robert P., Lana D., Orvis P., Diane W., Tim R., Family of Vickie O., Pastor Ethan, LaVerne, Family and Friends of Rhonda, Dan L., Janet

Viroqua UMC offers 2 Adult Bible Study classes from 9:00—10:00 a.m. every Sunday @ V.

LIBERTY POLE UMC

VIROQUA UMC

USHERS	Alex and Chase Hornby	Betty Ross and Joanne Hornby
GREETERS	Alex and Chase Hornby	Dan Casper
LITURGIST	Barb Robson	Janet Welch
LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE	42	55
LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERING	\$913.00	\$1,246.00

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Participating in the Promises

1. Just as the Holy Spirit comforts and consoles us when we are in the midst of afflictions, so we are called by the Spirit "to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled" (2 Corinthians 1:4). Participate in the promise of comfort in these days after Pentecost by visiting those who are hospitalized or ill at home. Take time to chat on the phone or have a cup of coffee with a friend or family member who is going through a difficult time. Consider sending cards, letters or gifts to church members in need.
2. The Holy Spirit daily assures us all that we are never alone. But how often do we assure one another of that fact? These days after Pentecost may be the perfect time to invite a single, divorced or widowed person over to dinner on a regular basis. Ask those you know who will be alone for a summer holiday to join you in your festivities. Take a walk around the block with a neighbor. In all your interactions with people, may you show that living in the Spirit means living in unity with others.
3. The Spirit has given us words of the Gospel to share, so think about who needs to hear this message from you. Make a list of names of people who don't know Jesus at all or have fallen from the faith. Then make a commitment with yourself to call, write, email or meet with at least three of the people on your list in these weeks after Pentecost. The Holy Spirit will help you to know who to contact when.
4. In order for the Holy Spirit to intercede for us, we first need to engage ourselves in prayer. Set up a prayer schedule for yourself and stick to it. Whenever you choose to pray (in the morning, at dinner, at bedtime, etc.), make sure to allow yourself plenty of time to really converse with your God. Consider meditating on a verse from Scripture or simply sitting in silence to collect your thoughts before prayer. Write your petitions in a prayer journal, as the Spirit moves you.

God says, "I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophecy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams." -Acts 2:17

Promises Of Pentecost



In the rush of a mighty wind and with tongues of fire, the Holy Spirit of God entered into the world on the Day of Pentecost. The Spirit's presence had immediate effect. The disciples preached with confidence. People eagerly listened to the message of the Gospel. Thousands were baptized. Promises Jesus had made were coming true in the Holy Spirit. And we are still feeling the power of those promises coming to pass in this post-Pentecost world.

The Promise Of Comfort

Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the Comforter, who will "bring all things to your remembrance" (John 14:26). Whenever we are in discomfort, the Holy Spirit surrounds us with peace and reminds us of Jesus' words: "Do not worry about anything," "Do not be afraid," "I will heal," and "Come to me, and I will give you rest."

The Promise Of Presence

Jesus says that the Spirit of truth "abides with you and will be with you." The Holy Spirit who came at Pentecost is always present with us. We are not left alone to fend for ourselves in this world. The Holy Spirit is our constant companion through the ups and downs and twists and turns of life. Even in the most trying of times, the Spirit keeps us strong in our faith, and keeps pointing us to Jesus, as a forever friend would.

The Promise Of Words To Speak

When we are called to defend our faith, we don't need to be concerned about what to say. "The Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you ought to say," Jesus says. The Holy Spirit helps us to express from the heart what our relationship with Jesus means to us. The Spirit fills our mouths with words that touch hearts and minds with the Gospel.

The Promise Of Help In Prayer

The Bible says, "The Spirit intercedes from us with sighs too deep for words." So with the arrival of the Holy Spirit we are also given a partner in prayer. When our thoughts may get muddled or we have trouble finding exact words to explain to God how we are feeling, the Holy Spirit steps in to fill in the gaps for us. The Holy Spirit enriches our prayer life and draws us into a closer relationship with our God.

The promise is for you and your children. -Acts 2:39