



The United Methodist Church of Libertyville

August 18, 2013
8:15 & 9:30 am

The Season of Pentecost

Today's Scripture Passage

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

— Colossians 1:15-28, NRSV



A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

PASTORS

Jamie Hanna Williams • Stephen C. Williams

First Light Service ~ 8:15 AM



Gathering Music "Larghetto" from *Concerto* Cimarosa
Erin Neil, Oboe

Welcome & Greeting (Please pass the attendance pads at this time.)
We welcome you to our service today and invite you to greet each other with words of grace and peace. May God's blessing be upon us all as we worship together in spirit and truth.

* **Opening Hymn** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" No. 185

* Call to Worship

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Leader We are here because we want to be God's people.

People **We want to learn more about what it means to be the people of God.**

Leader We come, seeking to be moved, changed, and made whole by the Spirit of the living God.

All **Let us open our hearts to the moving of the Spirit, and prepare to leave this place as true disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

* **Musical Response** "Spirit of the Living God" No. 393
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Solo "If My People Will Pray" J. Owens
Mark Schweitzer

Scripture Reading Colossians 1:15-28

Sermon "The Marvels of Jesus" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Offering / Offertory "Bouree" Telemann

* Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94

* Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion UM Hymnal, page 13
Gluten free wafers are available in the center tray.

* **Closing Hymn** "Jesus Shall Reign" No. 157

* Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "Trumpet Tune" Telemann



* Those who are able are invited to stand.

Traditional Service ~ 9:30 AM



Welcome & Announcements (Please pass the attendance pads at this time.)
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Prelude "Larghetto" from *Concerto* Cimarosa
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Unison Prayer

Bounteous God, you have offered us fullness of life in Christ and you have invited us through baptism to be joined to one another in holy community. We thank you that you seek us out on the roadways of life, before we even ask. Clothe us in righteousness so that we may be worthy guests at your table. Help us to reflect your glory as we draw closer to Jesus, who is the image of the invisible God. Amen.

First Scripture Reading Psalm 24 Lizzie Foley

Children's Message and Blessing of the Backpacks

Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Sacrament of Holy Baptism UM Hymnal, page 39

Scott and Lindsay Diaz present their daughter, Finley Amelia;
and Ryan and Kristina Westlund present their daughter, Anika Jean-Kaci
for holy baptism this morning.

Congregational Response

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Finley Amelia and Anika Jean-Kaci, surrounded by our community of love and forgiveness, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

** Those who are able are invited to stand.*

*** Please consider completing a "Joys and Concerns" card and placing it in the box at the back of the sanctuary. The Pastors and Prayer Team will use the cards to guide weekly prayer. Thank you!*

Solo "If My People Will Pray" J. Owens
Mark Schweitzer

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn "Victory in Jesus" No. 370

Second Scripture Reading Colossians 1:15-28

Sermon "The Marvels of Jesus" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Offering / Offertory "Bouree" Telemann

* Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94

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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

We are delighted to have you sharing with us in worship today. If you are visiting for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Table in the foyer to pick up a Visitor Packet and meet our Welcoming Ministries Coordinator, Joyce Bedell (joycebedell@sbcglobal.net), for more information about our church family. All are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, refreshments, and community sharing from 9:00—11:00 AM. We look forward to seeing you there!



The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given in honor of the baptism of Finley Amelia Diaz by her grandparents Karen and Gary Plewe and Carol and David Diaz.

Many thanks to the following people for helping with our services this morning:

Sound Tech: Jon Elsea

Greeters: (8:15) Ruth Laschinski and Emily (9:30) The Foley Family

Acolytes: (9:30) Ushers

August Ushers: (8:15) Judy Awe, Larry Corrigan,
Larry Neal, Chris Skinner, Clem Vath

(9:30) James Hill, Dan Joyce, Rob Kilmer, Wes Swearingin,
Karl Taylor, Jean Turner

(9:00—11:00) Please join us for coffee and refreshments served in Fellowship Hall and hosted by the Facilities Task Force.

News & Notes

OFFER FEST COMING SOON! Don't miss the Offer Fest on **Sunday, September 8 at NOON!** You will be invited to share food and fellowship at an all-church Pot Luck Dinner in the Fellowship Hall and then get a chance to learn about many of the OFFERINGS the church provides for people to build relationships with one another, get involved in ministry and service, and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. All the Worship Services and Sunday School that day will focus on this theme. Please let us know if you would like to help in the preparation and behind the scenes effort for this event. We need help with:

Display Tables set-up and tear down

Pot-Luck planning, execution and clean-up

Decorations

Contact Karla or Valerie at the church office (libertyvilleumc@sbcglobal.net, 847-362-2112) if you would be willing to help. Thank you!

CALLING THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2014! If you are going into the 8th grade and are considering being a part of the Confirmation Class of 2014, please contact Youth Pastor Ben Hallett as soon as possible! (bshallet@gmail.com; 765-481-8758). The Confirmation program invites young people to explore the basics of the Christian faith from a Methodist perspective and involves weekly meetings, service projects, worship experiences and a Confirmation Retreat to be held August 23-24 at Wesley Woods near Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. An important Informational Meeting about the Confirmation Program is taking place tonight at 5:00 PM for Confirmation Youth and their Parents. Please join us! If you have any questions, contact Ben. Thank You!

KIDS' OWN WORSHIP—The 11:00 am Contemporary Service would like to invite all kids to **Kids' Own Worship!** Starting on **September 8th**, during the third service we will offer a fun, faith-filled Children's Church for ages 3 years to 3rd grade, following the Children's Message. To register your children or volunteer please contact Amanda Seibert at AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS—Please submit the Children & Youth Sunday School Registration form (from MEMOS) to the folder on Amanda Seibert's office door or register your kid(s) online at www.umcl.org.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS—We are in need of Sunday School teachers and Special Event volunteers for the fall. We will have a volunteer training on **Thursday, August 29, at 7:30 PM**. If you are interested in attending or volunteering please contact Amanda Seibert at AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK! Our next volunteer opportunity for the Northern Illinois Food Bank is **Wednesday, Aug. 21, 6:00—8:00 PM**. Please contact Diana Natsch at (847)362-1385 or at dnatsch1@gmail.com to sign up.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY: Registration for Disciple Bible Study is underway now through **August 30!** Classes begin in September. The ongoing Tuesday afternoon class will be Disciple IV, Under the Tree of Life. Registration forms are in the office and in MEMOS. Additional information is available from Kathie Slocum (kslocum@ameritech.net), Pastor Jamie, or Pastor Steve.

MUSIC NOTES: *Heritage Bells* rehearsals begin **Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 7:00 PM**. *Adult Choir* rehearsals begin **Thursday, September 5, at 7:30 PM**. New ringers and singers are always welcome! Contact Jeff Brown or Jim Grace for details.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Reserve **Saturday, September 7, 5:00-7:00 PM** for our "Getting to Know You" event. This is a time of food, fellowship and fun; getting to know each other and the work of UMW. RSVP to gky13@gmail.com with your name, phone number and email address, or sign up in the church office.

ATTENTION GOLFERS—Mark your calendars for the annual fall golf classic, which will be on **Saturday September 21st**. This year's event will be held at Countryside Golf Club in Mundelein. Golf will start at 11:00 AM with a catered dinner to follow at the home of Jack and Linda Kraemer. More details to follow...

THE RUMMAGE SALE is coming **October 4 & 5!** Start cleaning your closets, garages, attics, etc., to be ready to donate to this sale, sponsored by UMW.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND WORSHIP GREETERS: Sign up on our website (www.umcl.org) or call the church office to serve as a Sunday worship greeter or to donate altar flowers (all September/October dates are available). Questions? Contact Joannie Foley at foleyszoo@aol.com.

2014 PANAMA MISSION TRIP— While you are out shopping for school supplies for your children and the UMW school bags, please pick up some extra supplies for the Panama children. We are in need of crayons (8, 16, or 24), pencils, erasers, stickers, and THIN coloring books. We can also use toothpaste and toothbrushes (adults and children sizes). The Panama Bin will be in Fellowship Hall. Again thank you for your continued support. Questions? Call Becky Traut (847-367-0295) or Linda Kraemer (847-816-8896).

SECOND MILE GIVING FOR AUGUST will support **1) Aprendiedo Jugando** (Learning While Playing). This program began in 1990 by Ruth Brockman. It's an after school program at Hawthorn School in Vernon Hills for grades 1-5. The program provides opportunities for children to get help with homework and reading, and is aimed at the Hispanic group where, because of a language barrier, the parents might not be able to assist their child with school work. **2) A missionary now in Liberia, Helen Roberts-Evans**, grew up in Evanston, Il. She is Director of the Department of General Education for the Methodist church in Liberia.

RECYCLING RESOURCES—Want to know where to recycle Styrofoam? CDs? There is a new list of recycling resources available in Fellowship Hall on the Green Team's bulletin board. Please take one and keep it on your refrigerator! Also, if you know of additional resources, please notify the green team. Thank you, The Earth

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Church CALENDAR



Sunday, August 18, 2013

8:15 AM—First Light Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-5 years)
9:00 AM—Coffee Time
9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)
9:30 AM—Sunday School for all ages
(Children 3 yrs through 5th grade begin
in sanctuary and leave for Sunday
School after Children's Message)
10:30 AM—Coffee Time
11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)
5:00 PM—Confirmation Class Info Meeting

Monday, August 19, 2013

*No scheduled events

Tuesday, August 20, 2013

12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
1:00 PM—Women's Spiritual Growth
6:30 PM—TNT
7:00 PM—Resource Committee
7:00 PM—Troop #72 Committee

Wednesday, August 21, 2013

9:00 AM—Staff Meeting
9:00 AM—MEMOS
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study
6:00 PM—Northern Illinois Food Bank
6:30 PM—Ruth Circle (Off site)
7:00 PM—SYNERGY
7:00 PM—Children's Ministry Committee

Thursday, August 22, 2013

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
7:00 PM—20-Somethings @ Ben's

Friday, August 23, 2013

5:30 PM—Confirmation Retreat departs
6:00 PM—Cub Scouts #72

Saturday, August 24, 2013

8:30 AM—Praise Band
4:00 PM—Confirmation Retreat returns

Sunday, August 25, 2013

8:15 AM—First Light Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-5 years)
9:00 AM—Coffee Time
9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)
9:30 AM—Sunday School for all ages
(Children 3 yrs through 5th grade begin
in sanctuary and leave for Sunday
School after Children's Message)
10:30 AM—Coffee Time
11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)
12:15 PM—Confirmation Class Meeting

Monday, August 26, 2013

7:00 PM—Troop #72

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

11:00 AM—Toddler Play Group
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
6:30 PM—TNT
7:00 PM—Faithful Threads
7:00 PM—Worship Committee

Wednesday, August 28, 2013

9:00 AM—Staff Meeting
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
7:00 PM—SYNERGY

Thursday, August 29, 2013

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
7:00 PM—Children's Ministries Volunteer Training
7:00 PM—20-Somethings @ Ben's

Friday, August 30, 2013

*No scheduled events

Saturday, August 31, 2013

8:30 AM—Praise Band





Blessing of Our Children and Their Backpacks

Leader: We thank you, Lord Jesus, for the children and young people in our church.

All: **Thank you, Lord Jesus!**

Leader: As this new school year begins, please bless them with your wisdom and strength.

Children: **Bless us, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: Help them show your love to their teachers and classmates.

Children: **Help us, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: Keep them safe and healthy.

Children: **Protect us, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: Guide them as they learn and grow.

Children: **Guide us, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: May their lives always honor you.

Children: **Thank you, Lord Jesus.**

Prayer and Blessing of the Backpacks

Pastor Gracious God, as this new school year begins, we pray that you would bless these backpacks and the children who carry them. Thank you for the opportunity you have given our children to learn and grow; for the good teachers and schools of our community; for the support of their parents and families; and for each unique child who is a great gift to our congregation.

Parents *Help our children to study hard, be kind to their classmates, and ask for help when they need it. Let them know that you are always with them each day, wherever they go, wherever they are.*

Congregation: **Help our church to show them your love and teach them about Jesus so that they might grow in wisdom and grace and be wonderful disciples of Jesus Christ. Bless our Sunday School teachers and leaders who guide them. Give them your patience and understanding.**

All: **Bless, O Lord, these backpacks and the beautiful children and youth who carry them, in Jesus name we pray. Amen.**