Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house...
Pentecost 10 a.m. Unmasked

Prelude
Hymne
by Vangelis

Gathering Prayer
Jenaba Waggy

Song
Taking Over Now

“My Saint” Presentation
Ruby Drzick

Song
Deep calls To Deep

call To Worship

Pastoral Prayer...The Lord’s Prayer
Pat Catellier

“My Saint” Presentation
Phoenix Quayle

children’s Time
Andrea Trantham

Hymn
Breathe On Me, Breath Of God

Scripture
Acts 2:1-21
Adam & Mary Ellen Harris

Message
unmasked
Barry Petrucci

Special Music Offering

Prayer Stations

closing Liturgy

Song
can we walk upon The Water

Hymn
As A Fire Is Meant For Burning

Sending

Postlude
Festive Fanfare
by Edward Broughton

May 31, 2020
UP FROM PANDEMIC: CRISIS AND OPPORTUNITY

Two full months into our lives of sheltering in place, we have all been wondering about when something like normal might emerge again. When can we return to our jobs? Will our jobs return at all? Will it be safe to be back in school in the Fall and will there still be a dominant online component? When can we be sure it is ok to have those delayed grad parties or wedding celebrations? What about our church? What will worship and groups look like? So much wondering and so many questions. I have been right there with everybody else. The questions are legion. Fortunately, when I am wrestling with questions, I as pastor get to pull folks together to have some conversation. So, the Guidance Board and a few Core Team Leaders and I had a Zoom meeting on Wednesday. On Thursday it was folks who lead our worship life, from music, to hospitality, to ushers, to technology, and sacred space. I wanted to share with you all that, first, there are FAR more questions at this point than there are answers. And, second, we do well beginning to seek answers by affirming our mission, vision and core values as congregation…our identity.

We begin with the affirmation that there is no conflict between our faith and science. The world has been gifted with people who are guiding us with the best science available, and even when it does not have all the answers we want, we trust that answers for the good of all will emerge. Being a “faith community where everyone is loved and responds to God’s call” (from our Vision Statement) we take seriously that everything must be done to minimize the risk of COVID-19 for all. We shut down Chapel Hill’s physical presence in the community and moved ministry online, by phone, by snail-mail because it was the right thing to do. Our stewardship of all life would have us do nothing less.

And now we are getting antsy. We want to know when we can “go back”. Here is what I know following conversations with our leaders, and trusted leaders in the broader Body of Christ universal. We are being the church even as we are not in the building. Worship continues and will continue to be online. It will evolve in the next few weeks to include musicians recording together in the sanctuary, using all of the safety means we have become used to…six-foot separation and all that! For a time we will continue to compile worship into one element to be released at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings on Facebook, but other formats will evolve. After that, we will bring more worship leadership into the sanctuary and live-stream worship, so that you all can participate in worship in real time. We do not have clarity on how long that stage will continue, but at some point worship utilizing family units and social distancing will happen. It is likely that may not happen until September. Or later. That depends on answers that are outside of our control, like whether the flattening of the curve will go flat, or raise up again in a second wave of infection. In all of this, Chapel Hill leaders and I are committed first to the health and well-being of all connected to this faith community. That includes those who are coming to know us for the first time in our online manifestation!

To that point, we would do well to take advantage of this time by each of us making a commitment to be in touch with others we are missing…by phone, notes, prayers. This is a great time to arrange a small group by Zoom (an online meeting platform Chapel Hill is using). Lisa Drzick, our Office Manager, can help make that happen. Her email address is lisadrzick@pchum.org. It is also a great time to notice folks you don’t know during Facebook worship, and message them a greeting. Need help with that? Tonya Boot is the “go-to” for social media, so contact her at tonyaboot@pchum.org. This time out of the building is a great time to transform crisis into the opportunity to welcome, create new relationships, and strengthen those relationships we have treasured for years.

Rabbi Shem Tov says, “Remembrance is the secret to redemption.” What greater redemption is there than to take this chaos of pandemic and watch it become a milestone of new creation?

Be Safe, Be Well, Be Blessed~

Pastor Barry
**Red Cross Blood Drive**

- Saturday, June 20
- Fellowship Hall

Chapel Hill is pleased to announce that we will be holding a Blood Drive on Saturday, June 20. The Red Cross reports thousands of blood drives have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, so the need for donations is critical. With that said, because of the pandemic this blood drive will look a little different than the drives Chapel Hill has hosted in the past. Walk-in donors will not be accepted. In order to donate blood you must register at redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code “CHUM.” In addition, the homemade snacks and soups that Chapel Hill has provided at past drives will not be allowed. Volunteers will still be needed to make this drive a success. Please contact Blood Drive Coordinator Sue Dueweke at suzydue@sbcglobal.net if you would like to volunteer.

**Open Mic Night**

- Friday, June 12 at 8 p.m.
- On Chapel Hill’s Facebook Group PCHUM Home

Chapel Hill will be hosting an Open Mic Night on Friday, June 12 at 8 p.m. on the Facebook Group PCHUM Home. All ages are invited to share a song, poem, dramatic reading, dance, or anything else you can think of! To participate please contact Tonya Boot at tonyaboot@pchum.org. Because this event will be broadcast on the Facebook Group, you do need to have a Facebook account and be a member of Chapel Hill’s Facebook Group PCHUM Home, to be able to watch. Contact the office at office@pchum.org if you have any questions.

**All God’s Critters Have A Place In The Virtual Choir!**

As we begin to very slowly move our worship model forward, your talent(s) are needed. Many of you can sing, many of you can play piano, the saw, bagpipes, harmonica, etc. Making music honestly is one of our great gifts from God. Perfection is not necessary, joy is. The use of your talents in worship will add greater depth and connectivity to our virtual gatherings. If you would be willing to share your talent, no matter what your age, please drop a line to Chancel Choir Director Fred Sang at redsang@pchum.org. There are many ways to put these pieces together (not like the 10,000-piece puzzles we have been doing at home). Remember, “The woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those who sang the best.” Sing on, play on, dance on!

**Celebrating Graduates**

Chapel Hill wants to help celebrate not only the graduating High School Seniors of 2020, but also all the folks who have completed post-high school achievements! If you or someone in your family has completed a certificate, apprenticeship, or college degree, please drop a note to the office at office@pchum.org. Graduates will be featured in next week’s edition of The Voice.

**Prayer Requests**

If you would like to be lifted in prayer or added to the prayer chain, contact Shirley Freeman at shirleyupperfreeman@gmail.com or (269) 381-8208.

**Weekly Email**

Want to find out all the important events at Portage Chapel Hill? Get signed up for the weekly email by contacting office@pchum.org.

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Log in to your Realm account and go to the Giving section.

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Text “PCHUM” to 73256