

Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 2023

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude

Greeting/Life of the Church

Introit Chancel Choir

**Call to Worship

Liturgist: Coming from different places,

People: we gather as one church, one community of faith.

Liturgist: Bringing different gifts,

People: we come to offer ourselves as we are.

Liturgist: Blessed by one Spirit,

People: we bring our unity of gratitude and praise.

**Opening Hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH #57

Opening Prayer (unison)

Holy Spirit, blow through our gathering as you blew through that Pentecost gathering so many centuries ago. Breathe in us your new creation, that we may be renewed and revived to be your people once more. Speak through our differences and our diversity, and bind us together in unity and love. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" UMH #404

Prayers of the Faithful & the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering/Offertory

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Creative Spirit, create miracles through the gifts we return to you now. Create miracles through us, as we give our lives back to you. Create miracles through our gifts, as we share them with one another. Truly, the whole of the gifts you have given us is greater than the sum of the parts, thanks to your powerful presence in our lives and in our church. Amen.

Scripture Reading Acts 2:1-21

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir
"The King Of Love My Shepherd Is" Harry Rowe Shelley

John Carter

Sermon "A Spirit-Filled Church" Pastor Jeff Bandy

Ritual of Healing for Isolation
"Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us" UMH #331
"Spirit Song" UMH #347

Almighty God, We pray that each of us may be comforted in our suffering and made whole. When we are afraid, give us courage to reach toward one another; when we feel weak, grant us the strength to name our vulnerability; when we are afflicted, help us persevere together; when we are lost, show us how to offer one another hope; when we are alone, move us to come alongside one another. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

**Closing Hymn "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" UMH #334

Sending Forth

Choral Benediction

Postlude



*The Altar Flowers are given by Rick & Joyce Smith
in honor of Grace Smith's High School Graduation.*

Gospel Reading – Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

² When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. ⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs — we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'



A Spirit Filled Church



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Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 2023 - Worship Team

Ushers	Eric Fleming, Mike Tittle, Butch Smith, Don Wolf
Greeters	Doug Wickline, Julie Wickline
Liturgist	Elaine Hughes
Guest Organist	Jim McPeek
Choir Director	Glen Shaw
Bells Director	Jim McPeek



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Gospel Lesson

Suzanne Bandy
Matthew 28: 16-20

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