

May 24, 2026 – Day of Pentecost
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Welcome / Announcements

Preparation for Worship / Breath Prayer

GATHERING

Prelude

Presentation of Gifts

Responsive Call to Worship

Let us rejoice and call upon God's name.

God, pour out your Spirit.

Holy God, your people have gathered in this space.

God, pour out your Spirit.

Upon all people, young and old, near and far,
friend and stranger—all neighbors.

God, pour out your Spirit.

Empower us to speak for justice.

God, pour out your Spirit.

Grant us visions of peace.

God, pour out your Spirit.

Inspire us with dreams for the future.

God, pour out your Spirit.

Renew the face of the earth.

God, pour out your Spirit.

Opening Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, open our hearts
to the beauty and brokenness of this world.
Reveal God's grace to us in unexpected places,
in unexpected people, and
even in unexpected moments of chaos.
We offer ourselves to your presence,
God of grace, through the love of Christ
and the calling of the Spirit. Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 280 – *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

1 Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
come with Pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision;
help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation,
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission
that God's love shall be made known.

2 We would raise our alleluias
for the grace of yesteryears;
for tomorrow's unknown pathway,
hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey
you have led us all the way;
still in presence move before us,
fire by night and cloud by day.

**3 Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you,
glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas
now and through eternity.**

Children's Song – *Where Children Belong*

**This, this is where children belong,
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:
this is where children belong.**

Children's Lesson and Prayer

Guiding Spirit,

Guiding Spirit,

May we feel your wisdom

May we feel your wisdom

like roaring flames.

like roaring flames.

May we feel your peace

May we feel your peace

like a gentle breeze.

like a gentle breeze.

Amen.

Amen.

CONFESSING

Call to and Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,

**we confess to you the ways
in which we have grieved your Spirit:**

by ignoring the needs of others

to avoid our own discomfort,

by being afraid of differences

and slow to seek understanding,

by letting our boundaries become barriers

and our identities become idols.

We have fanned the flames

of anger and division.

We have neglected our stewardship

of your good creation.

**Forgive us, renew us, and remove from our hearts
all fear, anger, and greed.**

Lead us by your Spirit

into the way of compassion and mercy,

for the sake of Christ Jesus. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Response No. 447 – *We Are Forgiven*

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace of Christ

LEARNING

Anthem – *Spirit, Come Down* – Mark Hayes

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson – *John 20:19-23* (NRSVue)

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God the Creator:
hovering as the creative Spirit
before the worlds were made,
speaking the cosmos into being,
flinging stars across the sky,
singing the seas to their limits,
drawing up the dry land,
greening the earth,
animating creatures great and small,
and breathing into us the very spirit of life.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the living Word:
the teacher, healer, the boundary-crosser,
the model of forgiveness and mercy,
the caller of disciples,
the embodiment of humility and service,
the bringer of peace,
and the bestower of the Spirit
of comfort, advocacy, and truth.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit:
who disrupts the tired patterns of the world,
who crashes through barriers,
who seeks out disciples
from every corner of the earth,
who inspires hearts to do justice
and to love kindness,
who gathers the Church,
and who unites us across
all time and space into one body,
with the communion of saints,
across all time and space,
for the eternal glory of God. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lessons from Scriptures

Presentation of Baptism Candidate

Questions to Parents and Congregation

Vows of Commitment to Parents

Prayers Over the Water

Baptism

Welcome

RESPONDING

Hymn of Response No. 475 – *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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 our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
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

*Doxology No. 606 – *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

God of the Pentecost Spirit,
we pray that the gifts and offerings we collect today
will honor the movement of your Spirit in our community.
May we use these gifts to partner with you
in blessing, healing, and restoring your creation.
Make the most of our small sacrifices, we pray,
and do something good. Amen.

SENDING

Sending Hymn No. 66 – *Every Time I Feel the Spirit

**Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.**

**1 Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.**

**2 Jordan River, chilly and cold,
it chills the body but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track.
It runs to heaven and then right back.
Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

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