

Order of Worship

Day of Pentecost

June 8, 2025



Gathering and Welcome *Spirit of the Living God*

Prelude *Rondo Alla Turk/ The Promised Land* – arr. Cindy Berry
Jessye Whitis, pianist

***Call to worship** (based on Acts 2:1-4)

All together in one place;

they heard the rush of a violent wind;

it filled the entire house.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared and rested on each of them;

they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

***Hymn # 289** *On Pentecost They Gathered*

Call to confession

God's Spirit has gathered us for worship. Let us confess our sins and get right with God.

***Prayer of confession**

**Our God we come in humility,
confessing who and what we are.**

We are often unresponsive, for we are afraid.

**When your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears,
for we fear what you might call us to do.**

**When your Spirit touches our lips,
we close our mouths,
embarrassed to speak your Word.**

**When the wind of your Spirit blows,
we close the windows of our hearts,
afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives.**

**When the fire of your Spirit touches us,
we quench the flame, afraid of the new life it might bring.
Forgive us, O Lord. Amen**

***Assurance of pardon** (Acts 2:21)

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. **Amen.**

Choral Anthem *Fall On Me* – by J. Paul Williams and Douglas Nolan
Jessye Whitis, director

Prayer for illumination

Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

Scripture readings Acts 2: 1 – 21; John 14: 8 – 17 (25-27)

Sermon *Don't Cross the Streams*

Rev. Kathy Vineyard, H.R.

***Affirmation of faith** (Nicene Creed)

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and
became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and
his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We
look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***Hymn # 280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us**

Call for the offering

God's Spirit is among us making all things new. Let us participate in this new creation by offering our gifts to God.

Offertory Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart – arr. Mark Hayes

Jessye Whitis, pianist

***Doxology # 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Prayer of dedication

Most Generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kingdom and build your beloved community. Amen.

Prayer of Pentecost and the Lord's Prayer

When the day of Pentecost came, the twelve disciples, now with Matthias, were together in one place. Suddenly, a sound like a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house. And they saw what looked like tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

On this day of Pentecost, we remember Christ's great promise to us. Before he ascended from the earth, he said to the disciples:

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and to the ends of the earth.

Thank you, Father, for this place to gather and your Spirit who gathers us. May we accept your gift with grace and wisdom, hope and fearlessness. Give us strength and wisdom to act on your will.

And on this day, we marvel at the possibilities of God's Holy Spirit here with us.

For in the last days, says the prophet Joel, the Lord will show wonders in the heavens and signs on the earth below: blood, fire, smoke, a darkened sun, and a moon turned to blood.

God Almighty, we are humbled in your awesome presence. We are reminded of our weakness, our insignificance. Ashamed, we pray for mercy.

But on this day, we remember the sacrifice that made this gift possible: the perfect Lamb who was slain, the blood that was spilled, the curtain that was torn in two. And we remember the stone that was rolled away.

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Praise be to the Father, worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and holy is your precious Spirit. For we were lost in the depths, but you have found us and invited us to your table. Now we are bearers of your holy Name.

And on this day, through the prompting of the Holy Spirit within us, we put aside our grievances. We reach out to those around us. We lift up our talents and gifts. We ask to be filled and then poured out. We are no longer satisfied with a life not lived abundantly.

I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters, they will prophesy. The young will see visions; the old, they will have dreams. I will pour out my Spirit upon you, and you will prophesy.

Lord, we receive your gift with patient anticipation. Make us the hands and feet of your invisible Spirit, and like your Spirit, make us invisible, so that the light of Christ Jesus may shine through us.

And all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Lord, give us the ability to speak not in languages of hate or greed, complacency or discontent, but in love and peace, mercy and kindness; in generosity and benevolence, in humility and patience, and in truthful words of encouragement.

On this day of Pentecost, may the moving of your Spirit not be to us a chasing after the wind, but a warm breeze of hope. May the Church act as one body to bring love, joy, and your holy truth to every generation and people. And may we also have the wisdom to receive these things graciously.

Therefore, my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body will live in hope, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.

Praise and glory, honor and thanks be to the Father, and to Christ Jesus, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In your mercy, Beloved God, hear the prayers of your people. Now, as the Body of Christ, we pray as Christ taught us, “**Our Father ...**”

***Hymn # 282 Come Down, O Love Divine**

Charge and benediction

May the spark of God ignite you; May the love of Christ renew you; May the Holy Spirit fill you on this Pentecost Sunday and the days to come. Amen.

Postlude *Every time I Feel the Spirit*

Jessye Whitis, pianist

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