



Pentecost Sunday
June 8, 2025 10:30 a.m.



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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" Arr. Don Hustad

() Indicates that all are invited to stand*

***CALL TO WORSHIP: A PENTECOST LITANY ⁽¹⁾**

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

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

Today, God, we meet in your presence to celebrate the gift of your Spirit who now lives among us.

Let us worship our Spirit-giving God!

*GATHERING HYMN "Here in This Place" #401 *Glory to God Hymnal vv.1-3 only*



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (2)**

God of rushing wind and dancing flames, we confess that we have too often resisted the urgings of the Spirit and turned away from those who are different.

You seek to enlarge our understanding and bridge our divides, but we cling to that which is comfortable and known.

Forgive our lack of trust in You. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, personally and as the church, as on that first Pentecost.

Embolden us to live renewed and transformed lives as disciples of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. *(silent confession)*

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

The good news and blessed truth is this: God's Spirit is already here and at work in each of us.

Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Here in This Place" verse 4**

**Now in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.**

**Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all people together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" James K. Manley
 Robbie Van Nest, Handbell Tree

CONGREGATIONAL REFRAIN *(sing with choir when instructed after final verse)*

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ezekiel 37:1-14 Pew Bible pp.704-705

Acts 2:1-21 Pew Bible p.885

A Word of God that is still speaking,

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION "On Pentecost They Gathered" #272 *New Century Hymnal*
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
A band of Christ's disciples to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
And tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.**

**The people all around them were startled and amazed
To understand their language, as God in Christ they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.**

**God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
On women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.**

**O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
Rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us hearts to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
So folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.**

RESPONDING

We respond to God's Word through our prayers and our gifts.

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 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.

OFFERTORY "Spirit of the Living God" Daniel Iverson
(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

* DOXOLOGY #781 *New Century Hymnal*

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God, Triune, whom we adore.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***COMMISSIONING HYMN:** “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” #282 *New Century Hymnal*
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

Refrain: 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.

**Upon the mountain my God spoke, out of God’s mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine. Refrain**

**Oh Jordan river, chilly and cold, it chills the body, not the soul.
There’s only one train on this track; it runs to heaven, then right back. Refrain**

***COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” Arr. Adolphus Hailstork

SENDING

With God’s blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.

Worship Endnotes

(1) Adapted <https://www.reformedworship.org/>

(2) Adapted from Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1; Kimberly Bracken Long, editor.

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