



Pentecost Sunday
May 24, 2026 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 “Come Down, Holy Spirit” (tune: NOEL NOUVELET)

**Come down, Holy Spirit, come in wind and flame.
Shining in our darkness, blow away our shame.
Lend us your strength and light us on our way,
Till our night of weeping turns into joyful day.**

**Come down, Holy Spirit with a gentle word.
In this world of conflict let your voice be heard.
Hope for the weak and warnings for the strong,
till the noise of battle fades into prayer and song.**

**Come down, Holy Spirit, hover like a dove.
Seek the lost and lonely, fill them with your love.
Fly to our souls where doubts and questions dwell,
Till by faith and hope we know that all shall be well.**

*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 “Spirit of the Living God” #283

(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-21

Pew Bible p.885

A Word of God that is still speaking, **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

David Moss

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) new hymn for Pentecost from Jennifer Wakely (Jubilate Hymns).
- (2) Adapted from www.reformedworship.org

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—Adopted by Hope UCC Congregation August 29, 2010

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