

Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

May 24, 2026

Pentecost

PRELUDE "Spirit of God" by Lani Smith *Dr. Janice James, piano Nancy Berry, organ*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come before God, all his people, and sing his praises.

People: For he has sent his Holy Spirit to live among us.

Pastor: He moves the winds of our lives and illumines our path by the breath of his Spirit.

People: O give ears to listen and tongues a-flame with praise.

Pastor: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth!

People: He is as true and active today as he has been in the past and will be forever.

HYMN #289 On Pentecost They Gathered

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Guide: Our Lord and God, as you called your people on that first Pentecost, call us today to worship you in spirit and truth. By your Holy Spirit, lead us to worship you for you are the Lord God Almighty, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: Father, as in days when your disciples gathered for the first Pentecost, speak to our hearts in a personal way. Remind us of your inexhaustible power and love, and show forth your glory, for we are weak and deserving of your wrath. But you, Lord, have redeemed us by your son Jesus, the Christ.

Guide: We confess, Lord, that we are:

People: Selfish, see imperfection in others but not our own faults, and slow to give you the glory for the joy in our lives. And we, unlike you, are often unforgiving and slow to show your love to others we now remember.

- Silent Confessions -

Guide: We pray for your forgiveness and ask you to teach us to forgive others. We pray now as Christ taught us, saying: "***The Lord's Prayer***" (*debts/debtors*)

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PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Guide: For all who are seeking the grace of God, draw near and know that we are redeemed by the blood of the sacrificial lamb, Jesus Christ, our Savior. By him our sins are forgiven. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE (*in unison*)

#582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

ANTHEM "Like a Mighty Wind" by Karen Marrolli Robyn James, violin and Ethan Sharp, cello

FAMILY SERMON Joy Bornhoeft

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: God's Holy Spirit is the guiding light Who illuminates our path. Without the Spirit, we stumble. May we bind God's word to our hearts and minds. It is in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2:1-21, 42-47

1-2 When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting.

3-4 They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

5-8 There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. They were surprised and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language?"

9-11 Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!"

12-13 They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, "What does this mean?" Others jeered at them, saying, "They're full of new wine!"

14-15 Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, "Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! These people aren't drunk, as you suspect; after all, it's only nine o'clock in the morning!"

16-17 Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young will see visions. Your elders will dream dreams.

18-19 Even upon my servants, men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.

20-21 The sun will be changed into darkness, and the moon will be changed into blood, before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

42-43 The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles.

44-46 All the believers were united and shared everything. They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity.

47 They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

SERMON "Given Ability" Pastor Joseph

HYMN #697 Take My Life

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Father God, as your people all around the earth celebrate the day of Pentecost, remind us that it is your love that enables us to have compassion and act through love, not only toward those we know and hold dear, but those that you love and we may never know. As on that first Pentecost, you bind people of many lands and tongues to your kingdom by your love, so give us power and love to act on your behalf to do the same.

People: Lord, empower us, by the leading and power of your Holy Spirit, to be salt and light to those who are suffering. Give us courage to sacrifice our time, talents, and wealth to bring glory to you. Lead us in the ministry of loving you and our neighbors, as we remember them now.

- *Silent prayers for others and ourselves. A candle is lit. -*

Pastor: God is greater than all. Nothing can separate us from God's love and compassion. He hears us and is eager to bring us the desires of our hearts as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY "Hymn Prelude on 'Down Ampney'" Peter P. Stearns

***OFFERING (in unison) "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"**
***God, Whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, Costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.***

DEDICATION (unison)

These tithes and offerings are a small token of our thankfulness. Please bless them and employ them toward your providential care and great mercy. It is in the name of Jesus Christ, our King, we pray and give. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #66 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

BENEDICTION Pastor Joseph

DOXOLOGY (in unison) #606

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;***

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

POSTLUDE "Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God" Marcel Dupre

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Our Stewardship Season continues with the week leading up to "Trinity Sunday."

The doctrine of the Trinity shows us that God is beyond even the tools we use to understand the universe (like math and logic), and that God is in community with Godself. How does the Church live into those truths? What is the Church meant to show the world as we do life and faith together?

MONDAY Joel 2:18-29

TUESDAY Psalm 104:24-34

WEDNESDAY Job 38:1-11

THURSDAY II Timothy 1:8-14

FRIDAY I Samuel 2:1-10

SATURDAY Romans 8:12-17

SUNDAY Matthew 28:16-20