

PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 8, 2025 10:00 am

*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT

Handchimes Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP*

They gathered in quiet...

And then the wind picked up,

And their hair got ruffled, And the Spirit, like little flames, danced above their heads,

And they all started talking in all sorts of languages. It was loud and strange,

It was not quiet or peaceful, but -

In the midst of confusion, they knew that God was behind it all.

God is here, too; let us worship God!

HYMN* "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

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PRAYER OF PRAISE*

Confession of Sin (unison)

Holy God, Holy Breath, Wind, Flame, Spirit: Set our hearts on fire. Burn off all that is dry and lifeless, and grow us anew. Let your Spirit dance within our spirits, uprooting us when we have been unmoved, and refreshing all that is stale in our lives. Breathe on us your peace, that we will share that peace with all we meet. And hear the silent prayers of our hearts.

(silence)

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON

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Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

PSALM 104:24-28, 31-34 (read responsively)

Lord, you have done so many things! You made them all so wisely!

The earth is full of your creations!
And then there's the sea, wide and deep,
with its countless creatures—
living things both small and large.

There go the ships on it, and Leviathan, which you made, plays in it!

All your creations wait for you to give them their food on time.

When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled completely full!

Let the Lord's glory last forever! Let the Lord rejoice in all he has made!

God has only to look at the earth, and it shakes. God just touches the mountains, and they erupt in smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I'm still alive.

Let my praise be pleasing to him; I'm rejoicing in the Lord! GOSPEL* – John 14:8-17, 25-27

SERMON "Holy Who?"

Dr. Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE*

How do we receive the Holy Spirit?

By receiving the Word of God. As the midwife of the new creation, the Spirit arrives with the Word, brings us to rebirth, and assures us of eternal life. The Spirit nurtures, corrects, and strengthens us with the pure spiritual milk of the Word.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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.

HYMN*

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*
CHORAL RESPONSE*

Go in peace, and the peace of God on this day be blest.
Go in peace, with the grace of God, giving trav'ler's rest.
I will hold you in my heart; Jesus loves you best.
Go in peace, and the grace of God,
grant you trav'ler's rest.