

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Bread of the World (Todd Kendall)

**WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Paula Hanna

INTROIT Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song
(Carl P. Daw Jr. & Peter Cutts)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ be with you.

And also with you.

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,

inviting us to worship.

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,

drawing us in by love.

God's Spirit calls to our spirits,

calling us by name,

calling us to grow in faith,

calling us to be made new.

Come, let us worship our God in spirit and in truth!

***HYMN** On Pentecost They Gathered **p. 7**

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Come Holy Spirit, come.

Come into our place of worship this day.

Come into each heart, each prayer, each song.

Come into each life here today;

so that we may live and love with purpose,

so that we may work with courage and enthusiasm,

so that we may serve our world in love. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

Hear the Good News! God has not abandoned us.

**In Jesus Christ, God has forgiven us and has shown
us the paths of life. God's Spirit is among us; we shall
live! Thanks be to God!**

SUNG RESPONSE Dance with the Spirit (MV 156)

**Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.**

**Work and hope for the new life abornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

TIME FOR ALL AGES

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

GOSPEL READING John 7: 32-39 Mary Smith
(The Spirit will flow out of the believer's heart.)

ANTHEM On That Day of Pentecost (Douglas Nolan)

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-15a
(Believers receive the Holy Spirit and begin to speak.)

SERMON Now You Are Speaking My Language
The Reverend Tim Dayfoot

***HYMN** Bread of Life, Feed My Soul **MV 194**

Bread of life, feed my soul, as the presence of the Spirit
makes me whole. Bread of life, fill my heart with the
grace and mercy you impart.

I have heard your voice calling, "Come, my friend, and
share in the feast that is laid out for you to show how
much I care."

Bread of life, help me live a life as pure and true as Jesus
did. Bread of life, help me see the boundless love of
Christ for you and me.

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share in the feast that is laid out for you to show how
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grace and mercy you impart.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

***A NEW CREED** VU p. 918

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Joy Beyond Measure

(Betty Radford) *Bellissimo Handbell Ensemble*

***DEDICATION** We Are An Offering (*D. Liles*)

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives
up to you; we are an offering. Lord, use our voices,
Lord use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are
yours; we are an offering. We are an offering.**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER & Prayer Shawl Blessing**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts in prayer.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God of wind and fire,

your Spirit renews the face of the earth
and warms the hearts of your people.

We give you thanks for your gifts of Pentecostal power: tongues that utter prophetic words of truth and justice; flames that kindle new visions of compassion and peace; fresh breezes that blow down the walls which separate us from you and one another. And so it is that we join with every voice and tongue on earth and in the heavens to give you praise:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 Heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory,
 Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**(VU 942)

Loving God, Holy One,
 Now, therefore, we gratefully remember:
 Jesus' birth into our humanity,
 baptism for our sin,
 compassion for our suffering,
 intimacy with our frailty,
 rebuke of our pride,
 bearing of the cross with its death,
 and rising from the tomb by the power of God.
 On the night before he died,
 it was Jesus who took a loaf of bread,
 gave you thanks, broke it, and said,
 "Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me."
 Likewise, after supper, he took the cup, saying,
 "This is the new covenant; remember me."
 We remember Jesus' death and celebrate his resurrection;
 we await with hope his coming again
 to bring peace and justice to the earth;
 and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
 (VU 943)

Loving God, creative Power,
 blessing your name, we seek your Spirit.

Come to us and bless these gifts of bread and wine,
 that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ;
 the sign and seal of our forgiveness in him,
 and our adoption as the children of God.
 As we eat and drink together,
 make us one with Christ and one in Christ,
 a sign of his eternal reign in all the world.

**This sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
 we offer you, loving God, through Jesus Christ,
 our Saviour, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
 forever and ever. Our Father, who art in heaven.....Amen.**

The Distribution

Prayer Following Communion

**Gracious God, may your gifts of love transform and
 enliven us that we may live lives of thanksgiving.
 May your presence among us provoke such longing for
 your realm, that we will never be satisfied until the whole
 earth knows your justice, your peace, and your love.
 In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

**HYMN* As Comes the Breath of Spring p.8

**COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING*

**SUNG BLESSING* May the Love of the Lord (MV 218)
**May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
 May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.
 May God's countenance shine upon you and be
 gracious to you. May God's Spirit be upon you as
 you leave this place.**

POSTLUDE Fanfare on "Ein feste Burg"
 (Roberta Rowland-Raybold)



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Pentecost Sunday

**May 24, 2026
 11:00 AM**

On Pentecost They Gathered VU 195

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 aglowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed to understand their language, as
Jesus 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 ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise, so folk of every
nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

As Comes the Breath of Spring VU 373

As comes the breath of spring with light and mirth and song, so does your Spirit bring
new days brave, free, and strong. You come with thrill of life to chase hence winter's
breath, to hush to peace the strife of sin that ends in death.

You come like dawning day with flaming truth and love, to chase all glooms away, to
brace our wills to prove how wise, how good to choose the truth and its brave fight, to
prize it, win or lose, and live on your delight.

You come like songs at morn that fill the earth with joy, till we, in Christ newborn,
new strength in praise employ. You come to rouse the heart from drifting to despair,
through high hopes to impart life with an ampler air.

You breathe and there is health; you move and there is power; you whisper, there is
wealth of love, your richest dower. Your presence is to us like summer in the soul;
your joy shines forth and then life blossoms to its goal.