



*The order of service is subject to change at the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Italicized Bold print invites congregational response in unison.

*Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Harlan Otter

Words to Ponder:

Created by one God, blessed and sustained by one Spirit, all are welcome here.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Choir

***Call to Worship**

Pat Tripp

Coming from different places,

we gather as one church, one community of faith.

Bringing different gifts,

we come to offer ourselves as we are.

Blessed by one Spirit,

we bring our unity of gratitude and praise.

***Opening Prayer**

Holy Spirit, blow through our gathering as you blew through that Pentecost gathering so many centuries ago.

Breathe in us your new creation, that we may be renewed and revived to be your people once more.

Speak through our differences and our diversity, and bind us together in unity and love.

***Hymn of Praise**

"O Spirit of the Living God"

UMH#539

***Passing of the Peace Of Christ**

Pastor Ed

Children's Message

Pastor Ed

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Pat Tripp

Refreshing wind of God, whisper the truth of your love to us.

Where we are breathless with sin and regret, breathe new life into us through your mercy and your grace.

Where we stand firm in our divisions, re-mold us with your mighty power, that we might rise in unity and love.

Renewing wind of the Spirit, help us recognize our gifts, that we may use them for your glory.

For we yearn to proclaim your presence in all that we say and in all that we do.

In your holy presence, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Pastor Ed

Hymn of Response

"Holy Ground" (x2)

TFWS#2272

***Scripture Reading**

Acts 2:1-16 & Acts 2:17 -21

Pat Tripp

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. **6** And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. **7** Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? **8** And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? **9** Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." **12** All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" **13** But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

Peter Addresses the Crowd

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews^[a] and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. **15** Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. **16** No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joe:

(in unison-native language:)

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

(Musical Interlude)

***Gospel Reading** John 7:37-39 Pat Tripp

Rivers of Living Water

37 On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, **38** and let the one who believes in me drink. As^[a] the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart^[b] shall flow rivers of living water.’ ” **39** Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit^[c] because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Reflecting on God’s Message “It’s a Miracle.” Pastor Ed

Prayers of the People

Invitation of the Offering Pastor Ed

Offertory anthem Choir

***Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
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

Offering Prayer Pastor Ed

Creative Spirit, create miracles through the gifts we return to you now.
Create miracles through us, as we give our lives back to you.
Create miracles through our gifts, as we share them with one another.
Truly, the whole of the gifts you have given us is greater than the sum of the parts, thanks to your powerful presence in our lives and in our church. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***Sending Hymn** “Battle Hymn of the Republic” (v1,2&5) UMH#717

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Do not let us fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Benediction

Postlude Harlan Otter

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*West, Benjamin, 1738-1820. Peter Preaching at Pentecost

Day of Pentecost

5.28.2023 | 9:30 am

You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.
Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!
Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status, sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.