



\*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:**  
In rushing wind and tongues of fire, the Church is born through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit** "Spirit of the Living God"  
by Daniel Iverson Bell Choir

**\*Call to Worship** Martha McMahan

In rushing wind and tongues of fire . . .

**the Church is born.**

In courage found and faith renewed . . .

**the Church gains strength.**

In visions seen and dreams made real . . .

**the Church blesses the world.**

In hopes rekindled and fears released . . .

**the Church leads the way.**

In rushing wind and tongues of fire . . .

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**\*Opening Prayer (in unison)**

God of wind and flame, ignite a fire in our hearts and fill us with your courage and power.

On this day of Pentecost, may our young people see visions and our elders dream dreams.

Blow open the doors of our shut up hearts and send us into the world to spread the good news of your saving love.

Amen.

**\*Hymn of Praise** "Gather Us In" TFWS#2236

**\*Passing of the Peace Of Christ** Pastor Ed

Abiding in God's love, let's share signs of love and peace with one another.

**Children's Message** Pastor Ed

WE HEAR THE WORD

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)** Martha McMahan

Creator God, the earth is full of your creatures.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created.

When you take away their breath, they return to the earth.

Open your hand and fill us with good things, Holy One, that we may sing and rejoice in your presence.

Save us from our weakness and intercede on our behalf, that we may proclaim the glory of your world and help others claim your many blessings.

**Words of Assurance** Pastor Ed

**Hymn of Response** "Surely the Lord is in This Place" UMH#328

**Prayer of Illumination** Martha McMahan

From fear and doubt, the Spirit blessed Christ's disciples with a faith so deep that it birthed the church and changed the world. As we listen for the word of God in today's scripture, may the Spirit bless us and continue to change the world.

**\*1st Reading** Acts 2:1-21 Martha McMahan

**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<sup>[a]</sup> 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 Joel:

**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 15:16-17

Martha McMahan

16 You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

**Reflecting on God's Message**

"Happy Birthday."

Pastor Ed

**Prayers of the People**

**Invitation of the Offering**

Pastor Ed

**Offertory Anthem**

"Spirit Song"

by John Wimber

Chancel Choir

**\*Doxology**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly Hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen

**Offering Prayer**

Pastor Ed

Merciful God, the blessings of Pentecost continue to birth hope for the future and offer blessings for those in need.

May today's offering bring love and light to those who have yet to touch the holy wind and sacred fire of your Spirit. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

**\*Sending Hymn**

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit "

UMH#404

**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.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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# Day of Pentecost

## 5.19.2024 | 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.**