



**May 19, 2024, 10:30 a.m.
Pentecost Sunday**



Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE		Christie Spriggs
GREETING		Kathleen Meredith
*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)		Evelyn Cornwell
	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.	
*HYMN	“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”	UMH 420
*OPENING PRAYER (unison)		Evelyn Cornwell
	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.	
ANTHEM	“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” Melinda McCoy-Miller, flute	Chancel Choir
COMMUNITY PRAYER		Kathleen Meredith
CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER		Chancel Choir
SCRIPTURE READING		Evelyn Cornwell

Acts 2:1-21

2 On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. ² Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. ³ Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴ And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

⁵ At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. ⁶ When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.

⁷ They were completely amazed. “How can this be?” they exclaimed. “These people are all from Galilee, ⁸ and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! ⁹ Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!” ¹² They stood there amazed and perplexed. “What can this mean?” they asked each other.

¹³ But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, “They’re just drunk, that’s all!”

¹⁴ Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o’clock in the morning is much too early for that. ¹⁶ No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days,’ God says,
‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy.

Your young men will see visions,
and your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ In those days I will pour out my Spirit
even on my servants—men and women alike—
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will cause wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below—
blood and fire and clouds of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will become dark,
and the moon will turn blood red
before that great and glorious day of the LORD arrives.

²¹ But everyone who calls on the name of the LORD
will be saved.’

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God for this Word.

SERMON “Find Strength in Your Weakness” Kathleen Meredith

OFFERTORY Christie Spriggs

You may place your offering in the plate at the front of the sanctuary
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donation electronically.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)** Evelyn Cornwell
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.

***HYMN** "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" TFWS 2241

***BENEDICTION** Kathleen Meredith
POSTLUDE Christie Spriggs

This Week's Schedule

Monday, May 20	10 Chair Yoga (HH) 11:30 LWJ Yoga (HH)
Tuesday, May 21	10-3 Life With Joy (HH) 10-1 Manna House Meal Prep/Serve
Wednesday, May 22	10-3 Life With Joy (HH) 6 Potluck Supper (HH)
Thursday, May 23	10-3 Life With Joy (HH) 6:30 Leadership Team (zoom)
Saturday, May 25	9-2 Treasures of Hope
Sunday, May 26	9 Joy Fellowship Service (HH) 10:30 Sanctuary Service

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Today's Worship Leaders

Certified Lay Servant
Music Coordinator/Joy Fellowship
Liturgist
Greeter
Camera Operator
Soundboard Operator

Kathleen Meredith
Christie Spriggs
Evelyn Cornwell
Fred Fox
Jen Phlegar
Jay Morrison