



# DAY OF PENTECOST

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## GATHERING

**PRAYER FOR MEDITATION:** *O God, we praise you for the gift of your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and for his presence with us. Because he lives, we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from your great love. In his name we pray. Amen.*

## RINGING OF THE CHIMES

### OPENING SENTENCES (*Romans 8:26*)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: The Spirit helps us in our weakness,

**ALL:** *interceding with sighs too deep for words.*

### WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Courtney Bowen

### PRELUDE

*Holy Spirit*

Getty / Townend

Stan Brunner

### CHORAL INTROIT

*This is the Day*

Patterson

Chancel Choir

### \*LITANY FOR PENTECOST

Elder David Greene

One: Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters. From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust.

**ALL:** *Come, Holy Spirit!*

One: Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith. You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

**ALL:** *Come, Holy Spirit!*

One: Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples; you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.

**ALL:** *Come, Holy Spirit!*

One: Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God; you make us the living temple of your presence; you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

**ALL:** *Come, Holy Spirit!*

One: Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you guide and make holy the church you create; you give gifts – the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety, the spirit of the fear of the Lord, that the whole creation may be transformed.

**ALL:** *Come, Holy Spirit!*

One: Let us pray. True and only Light, from whom comes every good gift: Send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind.

**ALL:** *Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your wisdom.*

One: Loose our tongues to show your praise,

**ALL:** *for only in your Spirit can we voice your words of peace and acclaim Jesus as Lord. Amen.*

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 610** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

### **PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS**

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

Let us call on the name of the One who invites us to speak the truth about ourselves and our relationships and promises to show us mercy.

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

*Spirit of the Living God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly, but fear keeps us quiet and circling. We confess our lack of courage, splintered by uncertainty and second-guessing. Forgive us for all the times we shrink from your call. Embolden us to dream beyond what we know and imagine the world as beloved community. Let your Spirit fill us, prodding us beyond inertia. Grant that we might be Christ's body, not in fits and starts but with steady conviction. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us be active participants in ushering in your peaceable kingdom. Amen.*

#### **SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE**

#### **\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**One:** Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**ALL:** *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

#### **\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 581** *Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. A-men, a-men.*

#### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**One:** The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

**ALL:** *And, also, with you.*

### **THE WORD**

#### **ANTHEM**

*Give Me Oil in My Lamp*

arr. McDonald

Chancel Choir | Director, Helen Redding

#### **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

*Anna Poole*

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**\*HYMN: 623** *I've Got Peace Like a River*

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**SCRIPTURE READING** *John 20:19-23* (pg. 115)

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

**SERMON**

*Surprised by Peace*

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

### RESPONSE

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Confession of 1967*)

*Elder David Greene*

***God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.***

*(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center aisle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)*

**OFFERING**

*Elder David Greene*

**OFFERTORY**

*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

arr. John Carter

Dr. Terry McRoberts

\*Doxology (Tune: 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

***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.***

\*Dedicatory Prayer

*Elder David Greene*

### SENDING

**\*HYMN: 366** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFYRDOL

**\*CHARGE + BENEDICTION**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*Alleluia!*

Patterson

Chancel Choir

*(We request that you remain seated until after the Postlude and ask that you use the Postlude as a time to reflect upon the scripture that was read in today's service.)*

**POSTLUDE**

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

arr. Pamela Robertson

Stan Brunner