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Worship – Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025

Greeting

Musical Introit

*Call to Worship (Ruth Duck)

Leader: The Holy Spirit has given us life and pours on us the power to become new

people!

People: The winds of the Spirit have given us breath and the fire of the Spirit has

kindled a love for God and one another.

Leader: We come in faithfulness, ready for the surprises that God's Spirit brings each day.

People: We open our lives to the presence of God and trust God's promise to us that

we can live new lives of freedom and grace.

*Opening Prayer

O Holy Spirit, come to us and among us; come as the wind, and cleanse us; come as the fire and set us ablaze; come as the rolling water and refresh us; consecrate our hearts and lives to your greater glory. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

*Song of Praise

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

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Affirmation of Faith

Gloria Patri

Children's Time

New Testament Lesson Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:8-9 (see addendum below)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Song of Reflection Doug Bischoff

Sermon "Practice THESE Things" Rev. Amanda McMurtrey

Song of Response "Spirit of God" TFWS 2117 (v. 1,4,5)

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The 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*.

Giving Praise to God For Our Blessings

*Doxology UMH 95

*Benediction & Sending Forth

*Song of Sending Forth "Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us"

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Acts 2:1-21 (CEB)

2 When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. ⁴ They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

⁵ There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. ⁷ They were surprised and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? ⁸ How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!" ¹² They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, "What does this mean?" ¹³ Others jeered at them, saying, "They're full of new wine!"

¹⁴ Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, "Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! ¹⁵ These people aren't drunk, as you suspect; after all, it's only nine o'clock in the morning! ¹⁶ Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy.

Your young will see visions.

Your elders will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my servants, men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.
²⁰ The sun will be changed into darkness, and the moon will be changed into blood, before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes.
²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Philippians 4:8-9 (CEB)

⁸ From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise. ⁹ Practice these things: whatever you learned, received, heard, or saw in us. The God of peace will be with you.