

CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD,  
WE SEEK, SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST.



DAY OF PENTECOST  
NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

MAY 28, 2023 - 10:30 AM

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# DAY OF PENTECOST

## *Introduction*

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

## *Spirit of Unexpected Peace*

Jesus, crucified and risen Lord of mercy, had a mission for his disciples: share the forgiveness they have received with all those longing to know God. He even had the promised gift of the Spirit to empower them. But first, he had to figure out how to get them out from behind locked doors. Jesus' disciples were afraid that what had happened to Jesus would also happen to them, so they locked themselves away and hid.

You could picture Jesus standing outside the door of their room, calling: Come on out! It's okay! Don't worry! It's time to start sharing the good news! And the disciples would just say: No! We're too afraid to open the door!

Instead of getting them out from behind their locked door, Jesus comes on in. Instead of yelling through the door to stop being such cowards, Jesus slips past their fear and their locked-up lives and brings them unexpected peace. His own Spirit of peace moves out of him as breath, as the wind of God that creates new things, and creates in them a new calming faith. Then the mission of mercy begins. This Spirit from Jesus is a pure gift that creates peace, and peace creates mission.

Fear often keeps us locked up, anxious, unable to live the life God has given us. Thankfully, Jesus knows the way past our locked doors and our fearful hiding. Instead of making us feel small for hiding when we are afraid, he breaks through whatever barriers we put up and gets right past our locked doors. Jesus' own Spirit comes to us through the word, through bread and wine, through silence, through the one next to us, slipping past whatever barriers we put up. The Spirit comes as a gift of peace—peace we can't create for ourselves, peace that is deeper than our own understanding of it, peace that creates new energy for mission.

# GATHERING

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAYERS FOR GRADUATES

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



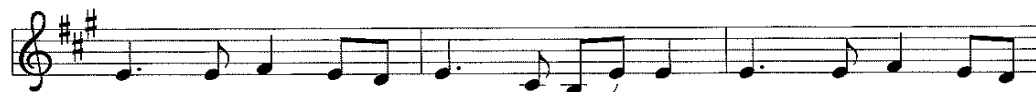
blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



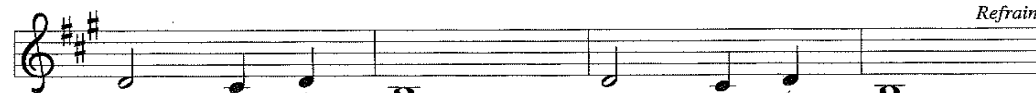
1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark-ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Shine on me, shine on me:  
Shine on me, shine on me:

## OPENING LITANY

God of wind and fire,

**When you send your Spirit, we are created anew.**

God of mighty oceans and still waters,

**When we receive your baptism, we are born anew.**

God of bread and wine,

**When we eat at your table, we are nourished anew.**

So pour out your Spirit

**Let sacred waters flow**

Fill us with holy food.

**May our hearts and our hands be open wide  
to receive your gifts of life. Amen.**

## GATHERING SONGS

*Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King*

(Verse 1)

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise;  
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above,  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

(Verse 2)

I was lost in utter darkness 'til you came and rescued me;  
I was bound by all my sin when your love came and set me free;  
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home;  
Now your grace is always with me, and I'll never be alone.

(Refrain)

Come, thou Fount; come, thou King,  
Come, thou precious Prince of Peace;  
Hear your bride, to you we sing;  
Come, thou Fount of our blessing.  
Come, thou Fount; come, thou King,  
Come, thou precious Prince of Peace;  
Hear your bride, to you we sing;  
Come, thou Fount of our blessing.

(Verse 3)

O, to grace, how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee;  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

(Refrain)

Come, thou Fount; come, thou King,  
Come, thou precious Prince of Peace;  
Hear your bride, to you we sing;  
Come, thou Fount of our blessing.  
Come, thou Fount; come, thou King,  
Come, thou precious Prince of Peace;  
Hear your bride, to you we sing;  
Come, thou Fount of our blessing

### *Rising*

(Music Ministers)

From the rising of the sun 'til the sun goes down,  
Let the name of the Lord be praised;  
From the rising of the sun 'til the sun goes down,  
Let the name of the Lord be praised.

(Verse 1 - Music Ministers)

We've gathered to worship,  
Becoming a choir to sing your praise;  
Lifting our voices,  
Joining our hearts in this house today,  
People of God,  
In the power of God,  
For the kingdom of God, we sing:

**(Refrain - All)**

**From the rising of the sun 'til the sun goes down,  
Let the name of the Lord be praised;  
From the rising of the sun 'til the sun goes down,  
Let the name of the Lord be praised;  
From the sky to the depths,  
From the east to the west,  
We give you praise.**

**(Verse 2 - All)**

**We're gathered to go out  
To cities and towns; We'll take your name  
Into the nations,  
Shining your light in the darkest place;  
People of God,  
In the power of God,  
For the kingdom of God we live!**

**(Refrain - All / Music Ministers)**

**From the rising of the sun 'til the sun goes down,  
Let the name of the Lord be praised;  
From the rising of the sun 'til the sun goes down,  
Let the name of the Lord be praised;  
From the sky to the depths,  
From the east to the west,  
We give you praise. We give you praise.**

*Instrumental*

**From the rising of the sun 'til the sun goes down,  
Let the name of the Lord be praised;  
From the rising of the sun 'til the sun goes down,  
Let the name of the Lord be praised;  
From the sky to the depths,  
From the east to the west,  
We give you praise. We give you praise.  
Lord, we give you praise; We give you praise.**

**From the rising of the sun 'til the sun goes down,  
Let the name of the Lord be praised!**

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

**(Refrain - Music Ministers)**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.  
Worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul;  
I'll worship your holy name.**

**(Verse 1 - Music Ministers)**

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
It's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.**

**(Refrain - All)**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.  
Worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul;  
I'll worship your holy name.**

(Verse 2 - Music Ministers)

You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

**(Refrain - All)**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.  
Worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul;  
I'll worship your holy name.**

(Verse 3 - Music Ministers)

And on that day, when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near, and my time has come;  
Still, my soul will sing your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

**(Refrain - All/Music Ministers)**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.  
Worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul;  
I'll worship your holy name.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.  
Worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul;  
I'll worship your holy name.  
I'll worship your holy name.  
Lord, I'll worship your holy name**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.  
The earth was without form and void,  
and darkness was upon the face of the deep;  
and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters.

**The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, upon many waters.**

The wind blows where it chooses,  
and you hear the sound of it,  
but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.  
So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.

**The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forest bare;  
and in God's temple all cry, "Glory!"**

When you send forth your Spirit all living things are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth.

**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world and those who live in it.**

I baptize with you water;  
but one more powerful than I is coming  
who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

**The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.  
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

May the Lord give strength to the people!  
**May the Lord bless the people with peace!**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



# WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## **FIRST READING**

**Acts 2:1-21**

*Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.*

A reading from the book of Acts.

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: '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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

*Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.*

A reading from the book of Corinthians.

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*\* GOSPEL**

**John 20:19-23**

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**YOUTH MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE**

*Pr. Jamie Vannoy*

# WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO THE CONGREGATION

## **PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

*(Names)* have come to our congregation.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

*Sisters and brothers* in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

## **WELCOME**

Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

### PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

#### GATHERING OF GIFTS

#### OFFERTORY

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

#### \*\* GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your heads; **we lift them up to God.**

Lift up your voices; **we lift them up to God.**

Lift up your hearts; **we lift them up to God.**

#### \*\* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And so we gather at the table. We come from many different places in life. And as we come together around the table we discover that our differences are not something we just tolerate, but that our differences are indeed a blessing. So come, children of God, just as you are. Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are invited and welcomed here - here in this place, here in this community, here at this table. Come, children of God, come and remember.

Remember the stories that Jesus' friends tell: Stories of bread broken and shared to feed a multitude; stories of gathering both enemy and friend together around a common table; stories of unlikely guests revealing the face of the sacred.

On a night of both celebration and betrayal Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it; gave it to his disciples and said, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Then Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so we pray: Lord, bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking that our eyes might be open, and that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst, indeed in one another.

**\*\* LORD'S PRAYER** *(personal option - holding hands)*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Each person may respond: **Amen.**

**Communion Statement** ~ *If you believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is your Savior and Redeemer and would like to receive Holy Communion, then come forward to receive the elements. If you would just like to come forward and receive a blessing, then you may do that also.*

*NOTE: We invite everyone to come forward for Holy Communion. If you have a gluten allergy, gluten-free wafers are available upon request when receiving Communion. Also, if you prefer not to receive wine at Communion, apple juice is available upon request.*

**REFLECTION DURING COMMUNION**

*As we prepare to receive the sacrament today, may we quietly take this time to center ourselves on Christ, and the amazing gifts of grace and forgiveness that we have been given. As we receive the body and the blood of our Lord, let us reflect upon His sacrifice. Finally, may we take this time to ask the Holy Spirit to enter our hearts, and then to work **in** us and **through** us in the coming days.*

**\*\* TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and always keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

# SENDING

## \*\* BLESSING

The God of all, who raised Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

## \*\* SENDING HYMN

*You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)*

(Music Ministers /All)

You are holy. **You are holy.**  
You are mighty. **You are mighty.**  
You are worthy- **You are worthy-**  
Worthy of praise. **Worthy of praise.**  
I will follow. **I will follow.**  
I will listen. **I will listen.**  
I will love you, **I will love you,**  
All of my days. **All of my days.**

(All Men)

I will sing to and worship .  
The King who is worthy.  
And I will love and adore him,  
And I will bow down before him.  
And I will sing to and worship  
The king who is worthy.  
And I will love and adore him,  
And I will bow down before him.  
You're my Prince of Peace,  
And I will live my life for you.

(All Women)

You are Lord or lords. You are King of kings.  
You are mighty God, Lord of everything.  
You're Emmanuel. You're the great I Am.  
You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb.  
You're the living God. You're my saving grace.  
You will reign forever, Ancient of Days.  
You are Alpha, Omega - beginning and end.  
You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer and Friend.  
You're my Prince of Peace,  
And I will live my life for you.

(Men)

I will sing to and worship  
The King who is worthy.  
And I will love and adore him,  
And I will bow down before him.  
And I will sing to and worship  
The king who is worthy.  
And I will love and adore him,  
And I will bow down before him.  
You're my Prince of Peace,  
And I will live my life for you.  
You're my Prince of Peace,  
And I will live my life for you.

(Women)

You are Lord of lords. You are King of kings.  
You are mighty God, Lord of everything.  
You're Emmanuel. You're the Great I Am.  
You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb.  
You're the living God. You're my saving grace.  
You will reign for ever, Ancient of Days.  
You are Alpha, Omega - beginning and end.  
You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer and Friend.  
You're my Prince of Peace,  
And I will live my life for you.  
You're my Prince of Peace,  
And I will live my life for you.

\*\* **DISMISSAL**

*Assistant Minister*

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.  
**Created, Saved & Gifted by God, we Seek, Serve & Share Jesus Christ.**  
**Hallelujah, Thanks Be To God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**“W + 2” = Worship Plus Two**  
**Make a commitment to not only worship each week**  
**but also try to find a way to serve in the congregation**  
**and seek out a way to serve our community.**

**YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE MISSION FIELD**

## Upcoming Commemorations

### **Jiri Tranovský, hymnwriter, died 1637**

**Monday, May 29, 2023**

Tranovský is considered to be the father of Slovak hymnody as well as an important reformer of the Slavic church. He translated the Augsburg Confession (the basis of Lutheran teachings) and published a collection of Slovak hymns.

### **Visit of Mary to Elizabeth**

**Wednesday, May 31, 2023**

This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John. Elizabeth pronounced Mary “blessed among women,” and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat.

### **Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165**

**Thursday, June 1, 2023**

Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.

### **The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886**

**Saturday, June 3, 2023**

On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda.

### **John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963**

**Saturday, June 3, 2023**

When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches.

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