

Day of Pentecost
Sunday, May 24, 2026 10:30 a.m.



Pentecost

Sunday

*"Touched by the Gospel, we seek to be instruments of God's Peace,
for the sake of the World."*

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Welcome in the name of Christ!



Entering Worship

- ▶ Fully accessible restrooms (men's, women's, gender-neutral) are located behind you as you face the altar. The women's room and nursery have changing tables.
- ▶ People of all ages and stages are encouraged to worship together. A staffed nursery is available 9 AM - Noon.
- ▶ Many people enjoy prayerful quiet in the Sanctuary before worship begins to help center themselves. By keeping conversation in the Gathering Space before worship, you are giving the gift of this peace to your neighbors.
- ▶ All are welcome to share Christ's communion regardless of age or faith tradition. The bread is gluten, nut, and dairy free. Wine and grape juice are available.

Embodying Praise

- ▶ Postures are a way in which we engage the body in worship. These movements (sitting, standing, making the sign of the cross) are optional; please engage in them only as you are comfortable or able.
- ▶ Some brains need a quiet activity to help them learn. Feel free to borrow a worship bag or a fidget toy to help your brain and body stay engaged. Ask an usher for assistance.
- ▶ If your body would benefit from extra motion during worship, you are welcome to get up and move about during the service. The Playground in the Gathering Space is equipped with activities and soft toys for anyone to use. The service is still audible there.
- ▶ Hearing assistance devices direct clearer sound directly to your ears. They are available from the ushers. If you use Bluetooth-enabled hearing aids, see the back of the bulletin for instructions on connecting to the assistive listening system in our sanctuary.

Engaging in Community

- ▶ Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to be an open, welcoming place for all people. Please join us in the Gathering Space after worship for snacks, coffee, and fellowship.
- ▶ This bulletin may be recycled in the basket on the floor near the glass door to the front parking lot. We invite you to take home the Peace Proclamations page with announcements and upcoming events.
- ▶ If you'd like to learn more about our community you can: greet Pastor Rachel at the door by the baptismal font after worship, visit the welcome table to pick up informational brochures or staff business cards, or visit our website: www.poppottage.org

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Worshippers responses in bold

Music for the Beginning of Worship

Three Spirit Songs

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit "

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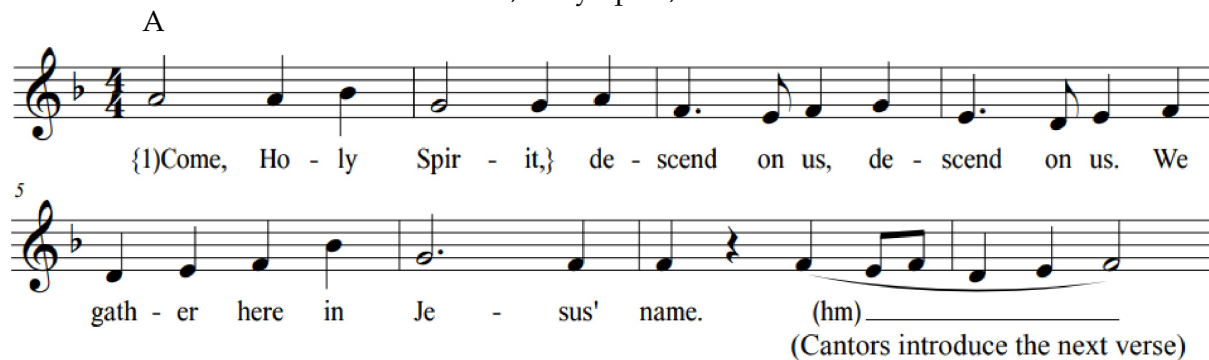
Refrain

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
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1 Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,
out of his mouth came fire and smoke.

Refrain

A



{1}Come, Ho - ly Spir - it,} de - scend on us, de - scend on us. We
 5 gath - er here in Je - sus' name. (hm)
 (Cantors introduce the next verse)

2. Come to unite us. 3. Come to disturb us. 4. Come to inspire us.

Father, (Jesus, Spirit), I Adore You; Lay My Life Before You; How I Love You

Sit
Welcome

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Pastor: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the lamb.
All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.
 Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

All: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Pastor: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

All: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

All: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Pastor: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Stand

Hymn of Praise

“Now the Feast and Celebration”

No. 167

Refrain

Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forevermore!

- 1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God. **Refrain**
- 2 Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. **Refrain**
- 3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new. **Refrain**

Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray,

All: 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.

Sit

The Children’s Sermon

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Acts 2:1-21

Scripture Reading

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.**

Psalm

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Choir sings refrain, then All. Sing all but last refrain in Nigerian.

Sing in Nigerian Dialect

Wa, wa, wa, E - mi - mi - mo, Wa, wa, wa, a - lag - ba - ra,
 5 Come, O Ho - ly Spir - it, come, Come, al - might - y Spir - it come,
 Wa - o, wa - o wa - o.
 Come, come, come.

Reader: How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great. There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

All: **All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.**

Refrain All

Reader: When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

All: **You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.**

Refrain All

Reader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works. You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

All: **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being. May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

Refrain All

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

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 powerful deeds, 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.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Sung twice

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-23

The Holy Gospel according to John the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, 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.

Sit

Sermon

Intern Kathleen Robinson



A **spiritual gift** is **given** to each of us so **we** can **help** each other.

1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -

breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God,
gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God,

as the heart made strange - ly warm, as the voice with - in the
as the green in the . . . spring, as a kite on a . . .

storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
string, so it is with the Spir - it of God,

Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come

blown bring - ing life, bring - ing pow'r to the world,
true, bring - ing gifts, bring - ing love to the world,

as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -
as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the . . .

sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

Apostles' Creed

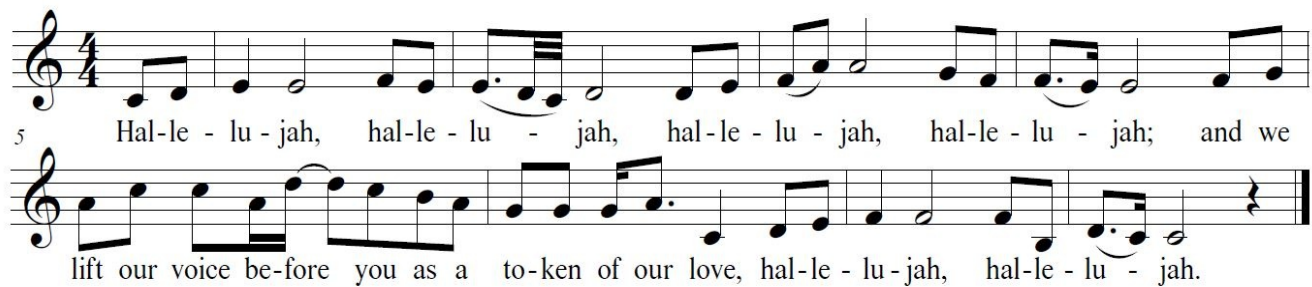
Asst.: Joining with the saints of every time and place, we confess our faith:

All: 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 to the dead. 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.

Prayers of the Church



5 Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah; and we
lift our voice be-fore you as a to-ken of our love, hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah.

*After "Generous God," worshipers respond "Pour out your Love."
Repeat "Hallelujah" after the completion of the intercessory prayers.*

WE SHARE IN HIS MEAL

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Risen Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

*Worshipers share a sign of God's peace with one another,
greeting each other with words like "Peace be with you... And also with you.*

Sit

Offering

*Please **date** and complete the fellowship registration pad.*

*For members of the Prince of Peace community, an offering is our expression of gratitude to God and a way we share
God's love with the world. If you are visiting with us today, your presence is already a great gift.*

Anthem

"The Gift of Love"
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Hal Hopson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift of all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.*

Liturgical Hand Washing

*I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds. – Psalm 26:6-7*

Stand

Offering Response

"O Spirit of Life"
vs. 1 & 3

No. 405


Offering Prayer

Asst.: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us,
a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood
of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

All: Amen.

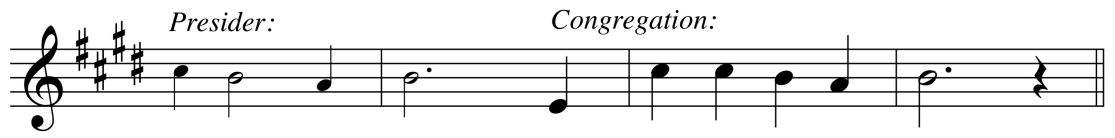
Great Thanksgiving - Grace Before the Meal

Presider: *Congregation:*




The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*




Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God through Jesus Christ who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given to you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it all to drink, 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.

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Meal

Pastor: If you desire to receive what God offers, come to this Table. Come with your faith and your doubt. Come with your questions and your hopes. Come with your grief and your love. Come taste the Lord's goodness. There is room for you here because this is Christ's table. You are welcome.

Sit

Holy Communion - the Lord's Supper

All are welcome at Christ's table regardless of age or membership status. All communion servers will have sanitized their hands before handling the communion elements. Ushers will direct you to come forward. The pastor and assisting minister will distribute the bread (gluten-free) and the other servers will distribute the wine (red) or grape juice (white). Individually packaged gluten free wafers and sets of completely sealed elements (wheat wafer and grape juice) are available on the stands near the bread distributors. You may pick one of those up yourself, if you prefer. You may place your empty cup in the baskets on the tables as you return to your seat.

If you would prefer not to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference to the servers.

Lamb of God

1)Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
2)Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and
world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on
7 peace: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on
us.
10 us. 3)Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

No. 403

"Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"

No. 401

Table Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Asst.: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations.

In the name of Jesus,

All: Amen.**Sending of Communion***Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament to those who are absent.*Pastor: Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our siblings who are *sick/homebound/imprisoned*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of your Son, that we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.**All: Amen.****WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE****Announcements***Worshippers are invited to share announcements not listed in the weekly Peace Proclamations:* *blessings: like anniversaries, birthdays, births or new jobs, prayer concerns and answered prayers. So that all present on person and livestreaming can see and hear you, **come up the ramp to the chancel then go to the pulpit** to give your announcement.***WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE***Stand***Final Blessing**

Pastor: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.**Sending Hymn**

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

No. 786

Dismissal

Asst.: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**Music for the Close of Worship**

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

arr. Mark Sedio

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May 24, 2026

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Altar Guild: Dianne Hellman
Fellowship Host: Erica Timm, Pam Timm
Fellowship Treats:
Church Lockup: Jenny Deming
Mowers: Gary Bischof, John Thommen

Next Week's Servers

May 31, 2026

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