



A Place where heaven and earth meet,  
where people encounter God's generosity  
and healing presence.

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Pastor Jim Coyl

Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

**Day of Pentecost**

**May 24, 2026**

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**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: On the day of Pentecost, your people gathered together, waiting for your Spirit.

**People: Breathe into me the restlessness and courage to make something new,  
something saving and something true.**

Leader: Like a rushing wind, your Spirit filled the house, awakening hearts with fire and hope.

**People: Breathe into me the restlessness and courage to make something new,  
something saving and something true.**

Leader: You poured your Spirit upon all people—young and old, dreamers and prophets alike.

**People: Breathe into me the restlessness and courage to make something new, something saving and something true.**

**Leader:** Spirit of God, move among us again today, and make us restless, give us courage to make something new, saving and true.

**All: Amen.**

**Music**

**Scripture Reading** John 20:19-22

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." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

**Music** *Change My Heart oh God*

**Sermon** "The Very Breath within Us" Rev. Melinda Townsend

**Pastoral Payer and the Lord's Prayer**

**Music**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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**Please Welcome our Guest Preacher**

Rev. Melinda Townsend is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ with a rich background in ministry, service, and leadership. Born in Denver and raised in northern New Mexico, she spent formative years in Mexico and is fluent in Spanish. She is a Marine Corps veteran and active member of the Women Marines Association. After the Marine Corps, she served 25 years as a Catholic Sister with the Sisters of Social Service, ministering in youth programs, camping, liturgy, and diocesan leadership. She has also served as an interim and associate pastor and nonprofit executive. She spent 15 years with the Aurora Housing

Authority, where she developed programs supporting residents, unhoused families and veterans. Melinda holds advanced degrees in divinity, theology, and organizational leadership. She is a certified yoga teacher and is currently completing training in spiritual direction. She has been married to Susan Hébert for 26 years, and together they share life with their beloved dog, Theo.

## **Daily Lectionary Readings**

**Monday, May 25:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; Romans 8:18-24;

**Tuesday, May 26:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29; Romans 8:26-27;

**Wednesday, May 27** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Numbers 11:24-30; John 7:37-39;

**Thursday, May 28:** Psalm 8; Job 38:1-11; 2 Timothy 1:8-12a;

**Friday, May 29** Psalm 8; Job 38:12-21; 2 Timothy 1:12b-14;

**Saturday, May 30:** Psalm 8; Job 38:22-38; John 14:15-17;

## **Join Us for Brunch & Fellowship!**

You are warmly invited to join us for a special Brunch following worship on Sunday, May 31, in Randle Hall.

We are delighted that our friend and talented Chef, Jim Pillurs, will be preparing a wonderful meal for us to enjoy. Come share in good food, meaningful fellowship, and community connection.

During brunch, you'll also hear an update from our 5-Year Planning Committee about the important work they've been doing—and learn how you can be part of supporting their efforts. All are welcome—please bring a friend!

We look forward to spending this special time together.

## **New Prayer Opportunity at The Beach Church**

Every Wednesday, the sanctuary will be open from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM for a special time of Quiet Prayer & Sacred Stillness.

This weekly gathering offers a peaceful space to: Sit in quiet prayer and reflection - Light a prayer candle - Receive pastoral care...

Join Pastor Coyl for an opening prayer or guided meditation. Whether you can stay for just a few minutes or the full two hours, you are welcome. No need to sign up — simply come as you are.

In the midst of the busyness and distractions of daily life, we invite you to step into sacred space, seek stillness, and deepen your spiritual connection with God.

Peace awaits you every Wednesday morning at The Beach Church. We look forward to praying with you.