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Memorial Presbyterian Church

Day of Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 24, 2026

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD
WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Give us just a spark
on this day, Imaginative God,
to kindle our smoldering apathy
until we burst into bonfires
to melt all the injustice
which threatens to consume the world.

Give us just a word
this day, Poet of Pentecost,
that we might be the voice
of those dispersed by fears,
that we might proclaim the good news
to all we would meet.

Give us a cool breeze
this day, Shattering Spirit,
stirring and shaking us
until we become a storm
of hopes to clear the despair
from all our neighborhoods and lands.

--Thom M. Shuman

PRELUDE Improvisation on Come Down, O Love Divine Charles Callahan

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Nick Lindley

As we gather together in this place,
let us strain our ears to hear the rush of wind, the crackle pop of fire.

We listen for your call, God of spirit and flame.

We take our place in your unfolding creation.

Rejoice, for God's spirit flows among us!
Rejoice, for today the church embraces transformation.

In the midst of rebirth, we join our voices in praise!

Let us worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE

On Pentecost They Gathered

Hymnal, No. 289

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

God, you invite us to wonder.

We confess that we find more comfort in the mundane.

**We lean into the familiar and treat the amazing
as suspicious or even threatening.**

**We long for a routine to keep us safe from pain,
and we're willing to give up joy in exchange.**

Reshape our hearts for possibility, O God.

**Awaken our senses to your wondrous work in the world,
and give us the courage and will to follow you.**

(Time for silent reflection)

The psalmist writes,

**"O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

When you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

**When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face
of the ground."**

It is through this same creative, renewing Spirit that we experience God's grace.

We give thanks as a renewed, forgiven people!

*THE PEACE

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Glory to God

Hymnal, No. 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen (x3)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Acts 2:1-21

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

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

When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—

who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

ANTHEM

Holy Spirit, Gentle Dove

David Lantz

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-23

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

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Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Hymnal, No. 286

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**New life in Christ takes shape in a community
in which people know
that God loves and accepts them
in spite of what they are.**

**They therefore accept themselves
and love others,**

**knowing that no one has any ground
on which to stand,
except God's grace.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 35

*Please pray the Lord's Prayer
in the language and wording most familiar to you.*

THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

Give Thanks

Hymnal, No. 647

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given
Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
Let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Give thanks. Give thanks.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me Hymnal, No. 543

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE Come, Thou Holy Spirit Bright Charles Challahan

*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for May 31: Genesis 1:1-2:4a and Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20.

The Food & Shelter items **for May are socks and deodorant.** Please place your donations in the box by the coffee and snacks.