



Pentecost Sunday

June 8, 2025 9:00 a.m.

We kindly ask that you silence your cellphones and electronic devices as we create a sacred space for contemplation and prayer.

† - Please rise in body or in spirit.

Chiming the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

God Gathers the Scattered

Prelude

Meditation on "Veni Creator Spiritus"

arr. Paul Fey

† Call to Worship¹

One: Today we celebrate the birth of God's Church.

Many: **We celebrate new life in the resurrection of Christ.**

One: Death has been defeated.

Now, God fills our life with Holy Spirit power!

Many: **New life brings new hope!**

All: **God's Church spreading the Good News of God's Love!**

† Hymn

O Spirit of the Living God

UMH 539

1. O Spirit of the living God,
thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more,
and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power,
with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,
and sin and sorrow cease.

2. Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow
until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt,
which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips
with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news,
God's glorious commonweal.

3. Teach us to utter living words
of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand
when love speaks loud and clear;
till every age and race and clime
shall blend their creeds in one,
and earth shall form one family
by whom thy will is done.

4. So shall we know the power of Christ
who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with him to life
which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness,
which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee, we reach
creation's glorious goal!

† Opening Prayer

God, who gives strength to the weak,
and power to the powerless.
Through the indwelling of Your Holy Spirit,
we can present your great Love to all people.
We can become missionaries to our neighbors.
Thank you for the assurance of abundant life.
Help us to feel the power of Your Holy Spirit
as we minister to friends and neighbors.
Amen.

God Speaks the Word to Us

Children's Moment		Dr. Parkes
A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles		Acts 2:1-21
One: Word of God, Word of Life!		Many: Thanks be to God!
Solo	<i>In This Place</i> <i>Trina Durfee, Soprano</i>	Will Todd
Sermon	<i>Now Is the Time and We Are the Temple</i>	Dr. Parkes

God Inspires Us to Respond

† A Modern Affirmation	UMH 885
One: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:	

Many: We believe in God the Father;
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance
from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end that the kingdom of God
may come upon the earth. Amen.

Hymn

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

UMH 404

Refrain: Every time I feel the spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.

1. Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke,
out his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looks so shine,
ask my Lord if all was mine. (Refrain)

2. Jordan river runs right cold,
chills the body, not the soul.
Ain't but one train on this track,
runs to heaven and right back. (Refrain)

† The Peace

One: The Peace of the Lord Jesus be always with you.
Many: And also with you.

The Offering

Offertory

Toccata on "Veni Creator Spiritus"

arr. Paul Fey

† Doxology

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† Prayer of Gratitude

God Sends Us to the World

† Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 384

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

† Dismissal with Blessing

The pastor blesses those gathered and concludes:

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Finale from Sonata #1

Alexandre Guilmant

¹ Our Call to Worship and Opening Prayer are written by the membership of the Reading/Writing Circle of the FUMC United Women in Faith.