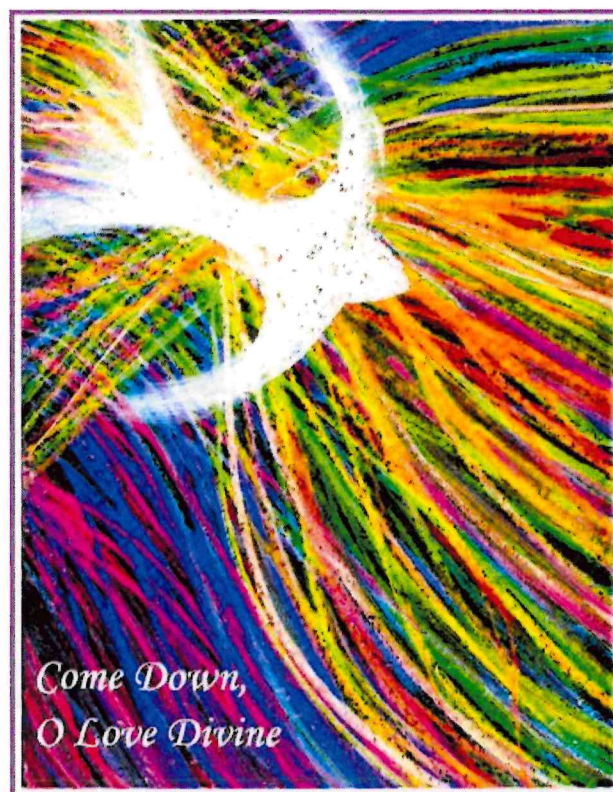


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Sunday, June 8, 2025

Day of Pentecost

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Obey The Spirit of the Lord arr. Robert Decormier
Chancel Choir and Westminster Harmony Chorale
Victor Boyd, soloist

Welcome to all – especially to our guests.

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad, located in each of the pews.

Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)

Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Holy Spirit, Creator,
in the beginning you moved over the waters.
From your breath all creation drew life.
Without you, life turns to dust.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Holy Spirit, Counselor,
by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith.
You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Holy Spirit, Power,
you came as fire to Jesus' disciples;
you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier,
you create us children of God;
you make us the living temple of your presence;
you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Holy Spirit, Giver of Life,
you guide and make holy the church you create;
you give gifts to us that the whole of creation may be
transformed and restored.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Gospel Praise

Rain On Us
Westminster Harmony Chorale

Minute for Mission

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,
you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples
creating bold tongues, open ears,
and a new community of faith.
We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.
We do not listen for your word of grace,
speak the good news of your love,
or live as a people made one in Christ.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of God's Forgiveness

Through Christ, God has poured out
the Holy Spirit upon us
for the forgiveness of sins.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")

***Response GTG #39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness**
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Acts 2:1-21
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem Canticle for Pentecost Erik Routley
Chancel Choir

Second Reading Romans 8:11-17

Message

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

***Affirmation of Faith**
We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,

**begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

***Hymn GTG #408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit**

Presentation of Sunday School Students and 3rd Grade Bible Recipient

Presentation of Graduates

Presentation of Berkho Scholarships

Call to Offering

Invitation to Offering

Organ Offertory

'Down Ampney'

arr. Wilbur Held

Come down, O Love Divine, seek out this soul of mine, and visit it with your own ardor glowing.
O Comforter draw near; within my heart appear, and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

***Doxology GTG #606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever, Amen.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Closing Hymn

Come, Holy Ghost

Lyrics are printed on the back page of the bulletin

*Benediction

The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshipping.

Worship Leaders:

The Rev. Dakota Whitaker, Pastor/Head of Staff
Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist
Victor Boyd, Westminster Harmony Chorale Director
Tammy Brown, Liturgist
Kris Getschman, Tammy Brown, Scholarship Presenters
Cynthia Norris, Sunday School Presenter
Jenalle Sturgis, Class of 2025 Graduate Presenter
Peyton Friday, Myiesha Mokom, Acolytes

*Those who are able may stand.

Today's Anthems

I'm gonna sing when the spirit says sing, I'm gonna shout, pray and obey the spirit of the Lord. I'm gonna sing when the spirit says sing, halleluia. Let the earth be glad, O let the sea be moved, let the fields be filled with joy; let the skies rejoice, O let the mountains sing, let the heavens shout, obey the spirit of the Lord. For the earth is His, yes, He made the hills and He sits on a heavenly throne. I'm gonna obey the spirit of the Lord. Amen.

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. I will pray the Father and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever; when the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth...The Counselor, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, bring to remembrance all that I have said to you... And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled the house where they were sitting and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can-not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

Come, Holy Ghost

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, And in our hearts take up Thy rest;
Come with thy grace and heav'nly aid to fill our hearts which thou hast made,
To fill our hearts which Thou has made.

O Comforter, to thee we cry, Thou heav'nly gift of God most high;
Thou fount of life, and fire of love, And sweet anointing from above,
And sweet anointing from above.

Chorus

Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you. (2x)

O Holy Ghost, through thee alone, Know we the Father and the Son;
Be this our firm unchanging creed, That thou dost from them both proceed,
That thou dost from them both proceed.

Praise we the Lord, Father and Son, And Holy Spirit with them one;
And may the Son on us bestow all gifts that from the Spirit flow,
All gifts that from the Spirit flow.

Chorus

Be not afraid, where you go there I am with you. (2x)