

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 28, 2023

9:30 a.m.

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*“Pentecost is a simultaneous, mutually reinforcing miracle of the ear and the tongue. The double miracle has to be simultaneous to be effective —just speaking, when no one is listening, doesn't help; Nor does just listening without returning to speech.”*

The Rev. Donna Schaper

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## WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

### ORGAN PRELUDE

Bobbi Hunter

*Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling...* Michael Burkhardt  
(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

### CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Lou Pennebaker

Leader: In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters and brought forth life.

Come, Holy Spirit,

**People: breathe on us, we pray.**

Leader: At times, the Spirit of God was seen as a dove, a symbol of peace.

Come, Holy Spirit,

**People: breathe on us, we pray.**

Leader: At times, the Spirit of God blows like wind, or sings like breath - God's breath.

Come, Holy Spirit,

**People: breathe on us, we pray.**

Leader: On the Day of Pentecost, the Spirit of God appeared as tongues of fire, igniting the church.

Come, Holy Spirit,

**People: breathe on us, we pray.**

Leader: Through the prophet Joel, God promised to pour out the Spirit on all people - men, women, young, old.

Come, Holy Spirit,

**People: Amen.**

\* Those who wish may stand.

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 316

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**O God, when Jesus ascended into heaven,  
He promised that we would not be alone.**

**Give us grace to know Your presence  
When we are troubled and afraid.**

**We confess that we do not always follow Your Spirit's  
guidance;**

**We have neglected to use the gifts made ours by the  
Spirit's power;**

**We often fail to love your children as the Spirit has  
taught us.**

**Make us new by the boldness of Your Holy Spirit,  
And guide us to share our gifts for the common good.  
Help us live in peace for the sake of Christ who left us  
His peace.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.** *Blair Gilmer Meeks*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\* GLORIA PATRI

No. 579

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* Those who wish may stand.

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

*Where the Spirit of the Lord Is...* Stephen Adams, arr. Fred Bock  
Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist  
(CCLI #20405356)

### SCRIPTURE READING

Faye Wilson

Acts 2:1-8, 12-13; John 1:1-5, 9-14

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### MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Rev. Renée Rico

**“Listening with the Holy Spirit”**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \* HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 324

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### \* CLOSING HYMN

No. 319

*Spirit*

### \* BENEDICTION

### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Inside Cover of Hymnal

*Go Now in Peace*

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

Bobbi Hunter

*Fantasy in G Minor...* J.S. Bach

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