

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

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## WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ **Organ Prelude** · Linda Collins-von Rothstein  
*Minature No. 1 Op. 55* ... Flor Peeters

### **Call to Worship** (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: The Day of Pentecost is here!  
God's children have gathered in this place:

**People: We are transformed into God's family  
by God's Spirit joining with ours.**

Leader: Come, Spirit of adoption,  
and open our hearts to our sisters and brothers:

**People: Come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader: Come, Spirit of peace,  
and calm our trembling hearts:

**People: Come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader: Come, Breath of God,  
and overturn our conventional lives:

**People: Come, Holy Spirit!**

\* ♪ **Hymn of Praise** · Come Down, O Love Divine  
No. 313

### **Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

**People: O God, who sent gifts of the Holy Spirit to those first  
saints, we know you continue to send gifts to us,  
even though we do not claim them.  
We confess that we have not always opened our  
gifts. We have often chosen to keep them packed  
away or buried.**

Leader: Move us, by your Spirit, to pick up our presents that  
you so freely give, to open them and to spend them  
lavishly on the stewardship of your world.

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## Prayer of Confession (in unison) ... continued

**People:** **We confess to you how often our thoughts and motives are confused, both individually and when we are together as your people, and that this confusion has often blinded us to your interest in our lives.**

*(silent reflection)*

**Leader:** Break in on our confusion, and astonish us anew, O God! Our prayer is that you will claim us again and silence within us our desire to always have words for every occasion, that we might hear the whisper of the wings of your Spirit dove. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

## 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 Christ be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

## Welcome and Announcements

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### Scripture Reading · Kathy Pearson

Genesis 1:1-5 (pg. 1)

### Anthem · Chancel Choir

*Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit* ... Spiritual, arr. Ralph Carmichael  
Richard Dinwiddie, director; Richard Jackson, soloist; Sharon  
Dinwiddie, accompanist (CCLI #20405356)

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## Interactive Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21 (pg. 1692)

Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Renée Marie Rico  
“The Spirit of Life – a Universal Affirmation”

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

\*  Hymn of Response · Open My Eyes, That I May See  
No. 324

### Pentecost Litany

Leader: How manifold are your works, O Lord! In your wisdom you have made all things.

**People: The sea is deep and wide;  
We praise your name on high!**

Leader: All things are gathered in at the proper time and are ever sustained by the Lord.

**People: Your goodness fills our life;  
All creatures are satisfied!**

Leader: The Lord sends his Spirit to create new life and to renew the face of the earth.

**People: We rejoice in your wisdom, O God;  
Your bounty is professed evermore!**

Leader: The earth bears witness to God on high and invites us to sing his praises.

**People: May our meditations please the Lord;  
May our joy be heard forever.**

Leader: We rejoice together for God is present in our midst!

**People: Praise the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord.**

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**Acknowledgement and Blessing of Offerings**

**Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

\*  **Closing Hymn** · Spirit  
No. 319

\* **Benediction**

\*  **Congregational Response** · Go Now in Peace  
(inside cover of hymnal)

 **Organ Postlude** · Linda Collins-von Rothstein  
*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! Op. 95 ...* Flor Peeters

*The congregation is free to move during the postlude.*