

Morning Worship

June 5, 2022, 10:00 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

Worship Theme: Human Diversity - One of God's Greatest Gifts

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Spirit of the Living Word" Robert W. Thygeron

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Michelle Rajpolt

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Leader

Leader: We gather together because God has called us.

We wait in expectant awe for God's appearing

People: We are together, old and young, rich and poor.

We have come, believers and skeptics, to this place.

Leader: On the first Christian Pentecost, there were surprises;

The rush of a violent wind and tongues of fire.

People: We tremble before the power of the Holy Spirit.

What will happen if we let the Spirit in?

Leader: On this Pentecost, we can receive the surprises of God.

We can be moved to speak and act in new ways.

People: With hesitant eagerness, we welcome the Spirit.

We will risk stepping into God's vision for us.

***Opening Hymn** "Loving Spirit" TFWS #2123
(v. 1, 2, 3, 5)

***Opening Prayer/Prayer of Confession (Unison)** Leader

Amazing God, who created humanity as one people, come among us now to reunify us. Out of our differences, create understanding and eagerness to explore the variety among us. Out of our narrowness, fashion a breadth of involvement to feed our spirits. May we dream dreams and see visions. May we truly hear our sisters and brothers and respond to them with empathy and love. O God, we have built cities for ourselves. We have sought fame and fortune. We have rushed through our days with unseeing eyes, stopped-up ears, and dulled emotions. We are more often enslaved by our fears than freed by your grace. We demand proof of your existence but ignore the

work of your hands. We reject Jesus Christ as an impractical visionary. Your holy Spirit is unreal to us because we insist on being in charge. Have mercy on us, holy God, and save us from ourselves. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God promises to us an outpouring of the Spirit. We will see signs and experience wonders that we have not observed before. When we call out to God, our healing, our salvation, will come. God approaches us with open hands filled with good things. When we are ready to be taught, God grants new insights and a deep, abiding sense of peace. Praise God!

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM "Holy Spirit, Come" Ann Wainright
Patti Early

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson: [Acts 2:1-21](#) (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Lesson:** [John 14:8-17, 25-27](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Are you paying attention?" Steve Arnold

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Spirit of God" TFWS #2117
(v. 1,2,5)

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

*Doxology & The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison)

God of wind and fire, may new life be breathed into the world because of these gifts we return to you. Grant us enhanced capacity to carry your revelation to others in ways they can understand. We seek to be to one another channels of your love and peace, both in person and through the outreach of our offerings. Amen

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" UMH #404

*Benediction

*Benediction Resp. "The Spirit Sends Us TFWS #2241
Forth to Serve"
(v. 1, 4)

Coffee Hour: Thanks to all who helped !!

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for
Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship
Next up: [John 16:12-15](#)



[Zoom Link](#)
(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)
(Recorded Sessions)

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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"Growing in the Body of Christ"