

Sunday Worship

May 24, 2026 10:00 am

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

Worship Theme: Receive the Holy Spirit

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Trumpets in Praise" Franklin Ritter

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Leader

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Psalm 104 Max Reynolds

Leader: How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

People: **There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number— living things both large and small.**

Leader: There the ships go to and fro, and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

People: **All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.**

Leader: When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

People: **When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.**

Leader: When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

People: **May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works.**

***Opening Hymn** "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" UMH #334

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** *by Keegan Shope*

We gather here today with grateful hearts, and we thank you for the life and ministry of Jesus. We listen and learn about what Jesus did for us with open hearts and minds and we live with faith and compassion in our daily lives. Let us remember that the church isn't just a building, it's the people and community inside that building that makes the church what it is. Be present with us in this time

together and let the Holy Spirit guide our thoughts, our conversations, and our hearts this morning so that all we do may bring you glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Holy Spirit, Come"

Landy Maughon

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [Acts 2:1-21](#) (NRSV) Chris Shope

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [John 20:19-23](#) (NRSV) Keegan Shope

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Service of Confirmation **Max Reynolds/Sponsor: Bill Schmalkuche**
Chris Shope/Sponsor: Brian Sherwood
Keegan Shope/Sponsor: Marybeth McGuire

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response** "Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us" UMH #331
(v. 1,3,4)

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns **Pastoral Prayer**

***Doxology**

The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison) *by Chris Shope*

Heavenly Father, as we offer these gifts to you, we want to say thank you for what you've done for us in our lives. This world can be hectic at times, but we make sure to praise you and love you at the end of the day. Help us always remember that through the ups and downs of life, you've made our lives this way for a great reason, so we can one day join the kingdom with you, Jesus. We ask, Lord, that you can help us stay humble and confident in the faith, giving us the confidence to not be ashamed of what we are and who we are in Christ.

Through this Pentecost Sunday, help us all remember that we were all born to be the light that you've shined within us, so that we can shine that light to everyone. We love you tremendously Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn** "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" TFWS #2241

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" UMH #404
(refrain only, sing twice)

Postlude

Join us for our Confirmand Celebration

Coming Up:

May 31st - Sunday Worship Service @10am - Join us LIVE or ONLINE as we resume our study of God's Word ([Matthew 28:16-20](#)) to be reminded of the Great Commission (NOT the Great Suggestion 😊) for all of us as believers in Jesus Christ!

Join us Wednesday's @ 7:30am for

Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)

(Live Meeting)



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

(Recorded Sessions)

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Max Reynolds

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:



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