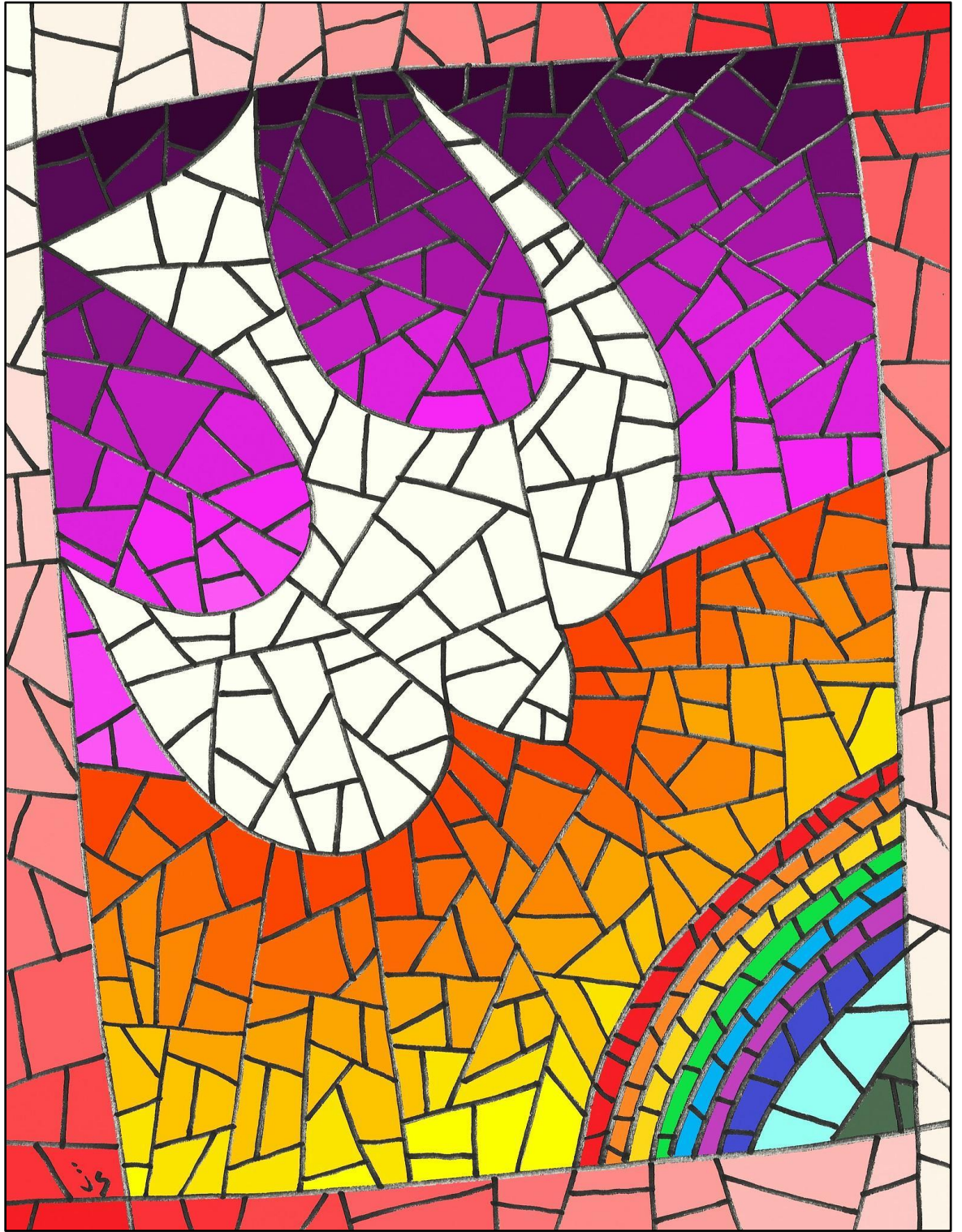


# Pentecost SUNDAY

MAY 28, 2023



*Stushie Art*

# DAY OF PENTECOST

## SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**PRELUDE**

*Andante*

Josef Rheinberger

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: On the day of Pentecost, the **CHURCH** was gathered together in one place.  
Could it have looked something like this?  
*(Turn and look around you; notice the people who are near you today and wave to them.)*

One: On the day of Pentecost, the Spirit of God blew through the church like a  
howling **WIND**. Could it have sounded something like this?  
*(Respond by making wind noises with your mouth and wave your Pentecost flame  
or hands over your head.)*

One: On the day of Pentecost, differences were minimized as **PEOPLE** came  
together seeing and hearing one another. Could it have felt something like this?  
*(Respond by holding hands with someone close to you.)*

One: On the day of Pentecost, the **SPIRIT** of God fell down like fire and wind on everyone  
gathered there that day. And sons and daughters prophesied.  
*(If you are a son or daughter, no matter your age, place one hand on your heart.)*

And young people saw **VISIONS**.  
*(If you consider yourself young, or young at heart, place a second hand on your heart).*

And old people dreamed **DREAMS**.  
*(If you consider yourself wise in years, place a second hand on your heart).*

One: **THANKS BE TO GOD** for bringing us together in this worship place.  
May we, like those before us, worship God with our whole heart. Amen.  
*(All God's people please stand and wave your Pentecost flames or hands above your head!)*

### **OPENING HYMN**

*O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

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### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Spirit of God, you are the breath of creation, the wind of change that blows through our lives, opening us up to new dreams and new hopes, new life in Jesus Christ. Forgive us our closed minds, which barricade themselves

against new ideas, preferring the past to what you might want to do through us tomorrow. Forgive our closed eyes, which fail to see the needs of your world, blind to opportunities of service and love. Forgive our closed hands, which clutch our gifts and our wealth for our own use alone. Forgive us our closed hearts, which limit our affections to ourselves and our own. Spirit of new life, forgive us and break down the prison walls of our selfishness, that we might be open to your love and open for service in your world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **MUSICAL RESPONSE**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

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*I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*



### **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

With a hug, a handshake, or a high five, share Christ's peace with your neighbor!

### **MUSICAL RESPONSE**

*I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say*

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*For the peace of all nations, pray: for God's peace within your homes.  
May God's lasting peace surround us; may it dwell in Jerusalem.  
Shalom, shalom, the peace of God be here.  
Shalom, Shalom, God's justice be ever near.*

## **WE HEAR THE WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED**

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE**

I Corinthians 12:3b-13

Bill Myers

<sup>3</sup> No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

### **ANTHEM**

*Come Holy Ghost Our Souls Inspire*

Thomas Attwood

*Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire  
And lighten with celestial fire;  
Thou the anointing Spirit art  
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:  
Thy blessed unction from above  
Is comfort, life and fire of love;  
Enable with perpetual light  
The dullness of our blinded sight:  
Anoint and cheer our soiled face  
With the abundance of thy grace:  
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;  
Where thou art guide no ill can come  
Teach us to know the Father, Son  
And Thee, of Both,*

*to be but One; That through the ages all along This may be our endless song Praise to thy eternal merit Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen*

**SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**



## SECOND SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-13

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

*Spirit of the Living God*

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*Spirit of the Living God,*

*Fall afresh on me, (2x)*

*Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.*

*Spirit of the Living God,*

*Fall afresh on me. (2x)*

## MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Meredith Loftis

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### \*RESPONSIVE HYMN

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

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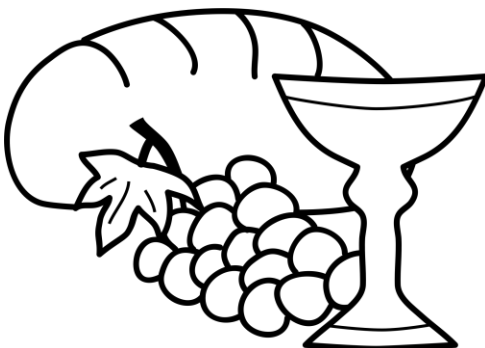
## OFFERING OF THE PEOPLE: PENTECOST OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*Faith of Our Fathers*

Lani Smith, arr. Henri Hemy

### \*DOXOLOGY



## WE FEAST AT GOD'S TABLE

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND SHARING OF CUP**

**THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

# **WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD**

## **\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

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## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Toccata in F Major*

Dietrich Buxtehude

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## **WORSHIP NOTES**

The Call to Worship is provided by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

We welcome **Beverly Landguth** as our guest organist this morning. Beverly has been playing the organ since age 12 and has degrees in music education. She has held jobs as organist and choir director at various churches where she lived. She is retired and now fills in as a substitute organist at various churches.

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*One License # 17360  
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*Faith of Our Fathers  
Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness  
Toccata in F Major*

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## **LEADERS IN WORSHIP**

Rev. Mark Curtis, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Meredith Loftis, Associate Pastor

Mr. Mark Pace, Organist/Choirmaster

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....**



**Congratulations Gianna Brace**, daughter of David and Gina Brace. Gianna graduated from the Keystone School, an online program that would allow her to graduate early from high school so she could pursue her dreams of being a professional ballerina. Gianna is headed to two summer intensives at the Cincinnati Ballet and the Royal Danish Ballet in Copenhagen. She will be auditioning for a year-round pre-professional ballet program as she starts her career.

**Our congregation will be hosting Family Promise** guests the week of June 11th - 17th. The Family Promise program exists to empower and equip families experiencing homelessness and housing-instability to achieve sustainable independence. Volunteer opportunities include serving as an overnight host, helping prepare meals, setting up and taking down beds, and washing linens after guests leave. If you would like to volunteer, or would like more information about Family Promise, please contact Britton Leitch at [britton.leitch@gmail.com](mailto:britton.leitch@gmail.com) or 865-789-3651.

### **Upcoming Youth Events:**

June 11-17, Montreat youth retreat for upcoming 9-12 graders

June & July 2023, various summer camps at John Knox Center

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