



first community

May 24, 2026

11 am NORTH

GREETING – John

PRELUDE – May, organ

Lift High the Cross, The Love of Christ
Proclaim CRUCIFER/setting by Donald
Busarow (1932-2011)

CALL TO WORSHIP · John

One: When the day of Pentecost had come, the people were gathered together.

All: We gather, too, longing for the breath of God among us.

One: A sound like rushing wind filled the house.

All: May the Spirit fill our hearts with courage, compassion, and joy.

One: Tongues of fire rested upon each person.

All: God's love is poured out on every generation, every language, every life.

One: The Spirit speaks in ways all can understand.

All: In God's Spirit, we are drawn together as one people.

One: Come, Holy Spirit.

All: Make us one in love, one in hope, and one in heart. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

On Pentecost They Gathered MUNICH (#272 New Century) - verses 1-4

**On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ's disciples to worship,
sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.**

**The people all around them were startled and amazed
to understand their language, as God in Christ they praised.**

**What universal message, what great good
news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish
all our fear.**

**God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would
believe,
on women, men, and children who would
God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life
and power.
The church, formed and reforming,
responds in every hour.**

**O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long
ago,
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and
flow.
O give us hearts to listen and tongues
afame with praise,
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy
shall raise.**

WELCOME – John

CHILDREN'S MOMENT –John

ANTHEM- Keith Levell, baritone
and Chancel Choir

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

arr. William Dawson (1899-1990)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE
LORD'S PRAYER – John

OFFERTORY

Invitation to Giving—Glen

Receiving the People's Gifts

**ANTHEM Brayden Williams, baritone and
Chancel Choir**

***I'm Gonna Sing 'Til the Spirit Moves in My
Heart* arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)**

Presentation of Gifts and Prayer of Dedication
- Glen

ONE: As the gifts are presented, will all rise in
body or spirit?

**ALL: Holy and generous God, Receive these
gifts and use them to share your love, bring
hope, and build community in our world.
As your Spirit gathered people together at
Pentecost, unite us in one heart and
purpose, that we may live and serve with**

**compassion and joy. In the Spirit of Christ,
we pray. Amen.**

Doxology – Old 100th

**Praise God, whose breath fills all the earth,
whose love reveals our sacred worth.
Whose spirit forms one family.
Whose grace brings peace and harmony.
Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

**Deacon: When the day of Pentecost had
come, they were all together in one place.
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. Divided tongues, as of fire,
appeared among them, and a tongue
rested on each of them. All of them were
filled with the Holy Spirit and began to
speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave
them ability.**

**Now there were devout Jews from every
people under heaven living in Jerusalem.
And at this sound the crowd gathered and
was bewildered, because each one heard**

them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked,

Glen: “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

Deacon: **But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:**

John: ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

SERMON –Glen
One Love, One Heart

HYMN

In the Midst of New Dimensions NEW
DIMENSIONS (#391 New Century) - verses 1,
3, and 5

**In the midst of new dimensions, in the face
of changing ways,
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples
wandering in their separate ways?
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where
the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey now and
ever,
now and ever,
now and evermore.
As we stand a world divided by our own
self-seeking schemes,**

**Grant that we, your global village, might
envision wider dreams.
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where
the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey now and
ever,
now and ever,
now and evermore.**

**Should the threats of dire predictions
cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect
the church again.
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where
the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey now and
ever,
now and ever,
now and evermore.**

BENEDICTION– Glen

POSTLUDE – May

*Awake, My Heart, with Gladness AUF, AUF,
MEIN HERZ/setting by May Schwarz*