

God still crashes our parties  
and invites in the people  
we are trying to avoid...

Because the radical  
and mysterious  
and dangerous  
thing the Spirit does  
has always been to form us  
into the Body of Christ.

~ Nadia Bolz-Weber



**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**MAY 28, 2023**

**8:45 AND 11:15 A.M.**

O BREATH OF LIFE COME SWEEPING THROUGH US

Prelude

arr. Robert Gower

*Prelude on "Spirit of God, Unseen As the Wind"*

Call to Worship

Robin Ramsay Lee (8:45)  
Kim Fritschi (11:15)

Friends, do not give easy or unthinking response to this day's call to worship. For today, we ask God's Spirit to fill us, that we may prophesy, and dream dreams, and see visions.

The call today is a summons to be touched by holy fire!

***Even now, the flames may dance above our heads,***

igniting our opinions on peacemaking so that they blaze into commitment.

***Even now the flames may be burning into our hearts,***

animating us, leaving us no peace as individuals until God's justice and peace fill the earth as the waters fill the sea.

***Prophets, visionaries, dreamers! Let us all worship with courage and with radical hope!***

Processional Hymn †

EBENEZER

*Come, O Spirit. Dwell Among Us*

***Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; come with Pentecostal power;  
give the church a stronger vision; help us face each crucial hour.***

***Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,  
still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known.***

***We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yesteryears;  
for tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.  
In the church's pilgrim journey you have led us all the way;  
still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.***

***Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame.  
Help our feeble lips to praise you, glorify your holy name.  
Sovereign, Christ, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: what mystery!  
We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.***

Prayer of Praise †

Robin Ramsay Lee (8:45)  
Kim Fritschi (11:15)

Glory to the Creator †

MEINEKE

***Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Spirit, One.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

O BREATH OF LIFE, COME CLEANSE, RENEW US

The Epistle Lesson

Acts 2:1-13 (Pew Bible page 116—NT)

Justin Sizemore

Anthem

*O Breath of Life*

George Mabry

† *For those who are able, we invite you to stand.*

Prayer of Confession

Paul Henderson

*Almighty God, who sent the promised Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith:  
We confess that we resist the work of your Spirit among us, that we are slow to serve you  
and reluctant to spread the good news of your love. God, have mercy on us.  
Forgive our divisions and by your Spirit draw us together.  
Create in us a desire to do your will and be your faithful people  
for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Words of Assurance

Exchange of Peace †

Renee Purtlebaugh

## O BREATH OF LOVE, COME BREATHE WITHIN US

Hymn of Assurance (225) †

ST. THEODULPH

*On Pentecost They Gathered*

The Epistle Lesson †

Acts 2:14-21 (Pew Bible page 116—NT)

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Sermon

*The Ultimate Party Crasher*  
*Children grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children's Worship (11:15)*

## SEND YOUR CHURCH TO SPREAD THE LIGHT

Hymn of Response (238) †

LOIS

*Spirit, Now Live in Me*

Global Mission Moment and Offertory Prayer

Roy Fuller

Offertory

*Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

arr. Gilbert Martin

Doxology †

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below,  
O praise God, Alleluia!  
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One,  
O praise God, O praise God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

News for the Community

Renee Purtlebaugh

In response to your decision, *we welcome you! We covenant to be the family of God for you in this place.  
We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, as we journey in faith together.*

For the ministries that shape the life of our community, *thanks be to God.*

A Memorial Day Benediction †

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

In remembering all those who have died in the tragedy of war, we work towards God's promise that:  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. (Isaiah 2:4)

Postlude

arr. Hal Hopson

*Variations on VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS*

## Today in Worship

Highland's deacons (wearing identification name tags) are available at various locations for prayer, questions or information. Deacons are lay ministers of the church who have been called to a ministry of service.

Phrases from today's anthem, *O Breath of Life*, will guide us toward images that embody segments of our worship service — praise, confession, proclamation and response.

We extend our gratitude to Nicole Farnsley, who created the original artwork on the front of today's order of worship.

Listening Assist Devices are available. Please see our sound technician or an usher for assistance.

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## Notes and News for the Community of Faith

- **Global Mission Offering**—Throughout May, we are hearing about CBF field personnel whose presence is making an impact around the world and raising funds for the Global Mission Offering, which supports more than 50 field personnel in 18 countries. **Please prayerfully consider your contribution to this work of Love.** You may give online on the HBC website or by check, noting Missions Offering on the memo line.
- **We will recognize our post-secondary school graduates at the end of worship on Sunday, June 11.** If you are graduating from college, graduate school, trade or professional school, or from another program this year, your Highland family would love to acknowledge and celebrate this milestone with you. We plan to do this at the close of our 11:15 worship service. Please contact Justin Sizemore at [justin@hbclouisville.org](mailto:justin@hbclouisville.org) if you are able to participate!



- **Looking Ahead**

- Sunday, June 4: Guest Proclaimer, Dr. Gerardo Marti  
Thursday, June 8: Mary Alice and Evan's Church-Wide Wedding Reception, 6:00-9:00 PM at The Pointe  
Thursday, June 15: Drag Revival: A Pride Family-Friendly Spiritual Night of Music and Joy at Highland Community Ministries, 7:00-9:00 PM  
Saturday, June 17: Kentuckiana Pride Parade and Festival  
Sunday, June 18: Pride Sunday, Guest Proclaimer, Sally Evans  
June 19-24: Passport Youth Camp (Converse University, SC)  
June 20-23: PassportKids Camp (Berea, KY)



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*A thinking, feeling, healing  
community of faith*

*Our Mission...* God's Love compels us to cultivate a safe, welcoming community of faith where all are challenged to discover, grow, and serve, as together we boldly live out the worship that is our very lives.

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