
~INVITATION TO SHARING OUR TITHES, GIFTS & OURSELVES~

***DOXOLOGY:** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia!
Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***OFFERTORY PRAYER: (Unison)**

All: God of wind and fire, breathe your Holy Spirit over us again this day. Help us to better hear one another and untangle the differences we have allowed to divide us. May your Spirit give us the power to be the church you had hoped we would be, one body, one people seeking to build your beloved community of justice, mercy, and hope. As we bring our tithes and offering to you this day, set us on fire once again. Fill us with your power; in Christ, we pray. Amen. (Acts 2:1-21)

***CLOSING HYMN:** "Gather Us In" TFWS 2236

~ CHARGE & BENEDICTION ~

Leader: Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples, on us, and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild hurting places of the world. Go; empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us. As part of God's Church here in Fifth Ave. UMC, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim. Empowered by the Holy Spirit boldly, fearlessly walk into God's future trusting him to be your guide!

***POSTLUDE:** "Change My Heart, O God"

Flowers and bulletins are from Pastor Clarissa and Bro. Martin. "Nicolas, I love you, my son-forever, for always, and no matter what! Happy Birthday." Dad and Mom

The confirmation youth wish to thank the Women of Faith, the Church family, Sunday School teachers, Confirmation presenters, our mentors and Pastor Clarissa for the gifts and for helping us grow in our faith. *April, Brookelynn, Kherington, Fritz and Leo.*



FIFTH AVE. UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Pentecost ~ June 5, 2022

PENTECOST



This Christian holy day commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit in the form of flames to the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ, as recorded in the New Testament in Acts 2:1–31.

On Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the fact that Jesus has not left us as orphans. He has given us the Comforter to be with

us, the Spirit of God who dwells in us and intercedes for us. But we also, like the returned exiles in the book of Ezra, mingle our tears with laughter. We cry, we groan, we wish for more grace and peace than we actually have. And so, we wait patiently, knowing the Spirit is a down payment of greater things to come. We wait in hope, for hope that is seen is no hope at all. Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

Katie Glaser, Liturgist
Dave Bertelsen, Vocalist
Rev. Clarissa L. Martinelli, Senior Pastor

“No Matter Who You Are or Where You Are on Life's Journey, You're Welcome Here”
*Note: L: denotes worship Leader ~ P: denotes People

~GATHERING GOD’S PEOPLE~

PRELUDE: “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” Dave Bertelsen, Pianist

~ WORDS OF WELCOME ~

GREETING:

Pastor: Welcome! It’s Pentecost again, time to celebrate and give thanks. On Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of the Spirit to raise the church out of hiding and out of despair and to give the church wind at its back and fire in its bones and to encourage the church to proclaim; no—to live the good news of Jesus Christ outwardly and invitationally. Pentecost is the beginning of the long season called Ordinary Time; when we are called; we are invited; we are equipped and empowered to live the Spirit life—a life first lived by the one we call Lord, Jesus of Nazareth. Come disciples of Christ as we overcome our differences and making spiritual connections. Come!

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~5th AVE. JUNCTION - WHERE FAITH AND FAMILY COME TOGETHER~

HYMN: “Jesus Loves Me” vs. #1 UMH 191

~COME, LET US WORSHIP TOGETHER~

CENTERING MUSIC: “As the Deer”

MEDITATION FOR WORSHIP: *Lead Us Out of Babel*

Leader: Lead us out of Babel, where we claim our own languages and cast out others, where we label family by *our* money status, and shirt colors define our brothers; where we care for our own and make war with other tribes; where we create borders we call protection and shun those we say don’t belong inside; where we earn all we can, spend all we can and look at others confused when they ask us to give all we can while we sit in our own addictions-high; where we choose our houses so that we match our neighbors’ skin; where we even choose our churches so that our hues all blend; where our differences create fear and matter more than the promises you made that we were all adopted into your glory when Christ defeated the grave. Lead us out of Babel where we speak a language of us, ours and mine. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon all flesh, Lord, and make your children wholly thine. (Written by Ciona D. Rouse)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

L: When the world divides us

P: Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.

L: When the world calls us orphaned

P: Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.

L: When the world leads us astray

All: Come, Holy Spirit, call us home. Come, Holy Spirit, come! Come and fill this place!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

All: God of majesty and power, we tremble when we become aware of who you are. Who are we that you should visit us or expect something from us? We confess our preference for the predictable. We admit our resistance to your Spirit. We acknowledge our misuse of your gifts to us. We prefer our divisions to your unity. Forgive us, O God of power and might, that we might forgive. Draw us back into a right relationship with you, and with one another. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE:

Leader: God has reached out to us once again, offering salvation, making us whole, drawing us into community where life is integrated and filled with meaning. The Spirit comes to us, making holy the commonplace. We are forgiven.

P: Amen.

*HYMN: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” UMH 64

*~WE PROCLAIM~

Acts 11:1-10; 15-18 ~ Contemporary English Version (CEV)

If the Spirit of God is leading you, then take comfort in knowing you are His children. You see, you have not received a spirit that returns you to bondage, so you have nothing to fear. The Spirit you have received adopts you and welcomes you into God’s own family. That’s why we call out to Him, “Abba! Father!” as we would address a loving daddy. Through that prayer, God’s Spirit confirms in our spirits that we are His children. If we are God’s children, that means we are His heirs along with the Anointed, set to inherit everything that is His. If we share His sufferings, we know that we will ultimately share in His glory.

L: The Word of God for the people of God. **P: Praise to the Living Word.**

SERMON: “*Fifth Ave. UMC, We Need Power!*” Pastor Clarissa

~SHOWING HOSPITALITY TO STRANGERS: A COMMUNION LITURGY~

Pastor: Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended Lord and we have been privileged to walk with him through his journey of love. We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross. We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death. We have enjoyed his risen presence with us and his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread. We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord. And now, with the followers of his own time, we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people, through whom we make Christ known to the world.

L: Come to this table where bread and cup are transformed by the Spirit of God into a meal of love and grace a supper of visions and dreams a table where all souls are welcome.

L: God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us, and as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: and also, with you.

Pastor: Loving God whose Divine Lungs exhaled the Spirit into our World, your breath continues to transform our world from the still to the stirring. Before the earth was formed, The Spirit of God swirled through voids and shadows. As humans were created, the air of God filled the lungs of Adam and the soul of Eve.

This Divine Air continues to fill us up when our bones are dry and spirits are sluggish. On this day of Pentecost when we celebrate the breath of the Spirit coming upon the disciples, we invite the Spirit to come upon these elements. God of winds, pour out your Spirit to make the elements come alive for us. Make this meal awaken our sleepy hearts and stagnant souls.

May this time of eating and drinking be one where we stir from our sadness and rise from our hopelessness. May we begin to celebrate visions and animate the dreams that have only been alive in our minds.

As we share this meal, let us remember our siblings in faith who came to this table in decades and centuries past and our children who will surround this table in the future. Each generation uniquely celebrates your presence, Spirit of Life.

The night before Jesus died was a solemn time around the table. Breaking bread. Drinking from the cup. Jesus asking to remember him in our eating and drinking. There was a time to mourn followed by a time to dance.

After the day of resurrection, the disciples ate on the beach with the risen Christ; celebrating new life, new hope, new vitality.

On this Pentecost, as we come to the table, let us celebrate the Spirit of Resurrection and the promise of a needed second-wind in our own lives.

Spirit of God, who fed the multitudes, provided the manna in the wilderness, and blessed the elements, we give great thanks for the meal eaten and the company surrounding us. Inspire us as we move forward this day and encourage us to transform our dreams into reality. **Amen.**

Let us partake of this celebratory meal together.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

Thank you, Divine Spirit, for this meal of remembrance, and for coming to us as we have shared it. May the love we find at this table be reflected in our lives; may the power we receive at this table make us peacemakers and healers; and may the Spirit who fills us again at this table lead us to be those who proclaim God's Reign in every word we speak and in everything we do. Amen.

~PRAYERS & CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE~

Pastor: Come Lord Jesus,

People: and hear our prayer.

When was the last time that we heard the wind of your Spirit roar through this place? When was the last time your fire lit up this room? When was the last time we took you at your word and met together in expectation of your Spirit filling this place, and these lives with your Glory and Power? Lord, you challenge us with Pentecost. Do we believe that this was a once in an eternity experience, never to be repeated? That the Holy Spirit was poured out on your followers for a single purpose, and ended His work at that instant? If so, then maybe that is why the Church seems so powerless in this age, helpless when faced with the needs both spiritual and physical, that we see in the world. Lord, as we meet together , and celebrate once again the memory of that first Pentecost, may it be for us as it was then a moment of empowerment, an awareness of your Glory in this dark world, a life changing experience.