

*Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.*

**Day of Pentecost**

**May 19, 2024**

*The asterisk (\*) indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

## **Silent Prayer of Preparation**

*God our Creator, earth has many languages, but your gospel proclaims your love to all nations in one heavenly tongue. Make us messengers of the good news, that through the power of your Spirit all the world may unite in one song of praise; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## **Gathering Music**

### **The Gathering of God's People**

#### **Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship**

"Kum Ba Yah"

arr. John A. Behnke

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Pause for Poetry**

Jacquie D'Angelo

#### **Introit** "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

Colin Bumbry, 2004

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;  
Word of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.  
Holy Spirit, Love Divine, glow within this heart of mine;  
Kindle every high desire; perish self in thy pure fire.

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, listen!

**People: The voice of the Spirit speaks within the whole of life.**

Leader: Come, open your minds!

**People:** Hear and know a God whose love for us is as warm as a flame,  
reaching into every cold place.

Leader: Come, lift up your hearts, for we are never alone.

**People:** This is the Day of Pentecost! Let us celebrate the coming of  
the Holy Spirit.

**\*Hymn** “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove” #279

## The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (Silent prayer of confession.)

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Response Hymn** “Gloria Patri” #581

## Ministry of the Word

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Children’s Sermon**

**First Scripture Reading**

Genesis 11:1-9

**Choir Anthem** “Come Down, O Love Divine” arr. P. R. Dietterich, 1963

Come down, O Love divine, seek out this soul of mine,  
And visit it with your own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.  
O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;

And let your glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.  
And so the yearning strong with which the soul will long,  
Shall far out-pass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess God's grace, till Love creates a place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling. Amen.

## **Second Scripture Reading**

Acts 2:1-21

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## **Sermon**

“Say What?”

Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

## **The Response to the Word**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

A Pentecost Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in a loving God,  
who is life's breath for all of earth's creatures,  
who is the ground in which our lives flourish,  
who is the mystery toward which we are drawn.**

**We believe in the risen Christ,  
whose life is the way we see God made real,  
whose death bears witness to the power of love,  
whose presence nourishes our spirits each day.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who flows as a refreshing spring of life,  
who comes as divine fire to energize the faithful,  
who creates communities of joy and justice.**

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### **\*Hymn**

“Loving Spirit”

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### **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Recognition of Our Sunday School Teachers

Kelly Armfelt, Brenda Engle, Janis Hamrick, Rhonda Miller, Cindy Newman, Paul Oswalt, Cody Smith, Hope Smith, Gina Wells, and Gailyn Whipple

## Invitation to Offering

**\*Response** “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” (verse 4) #394

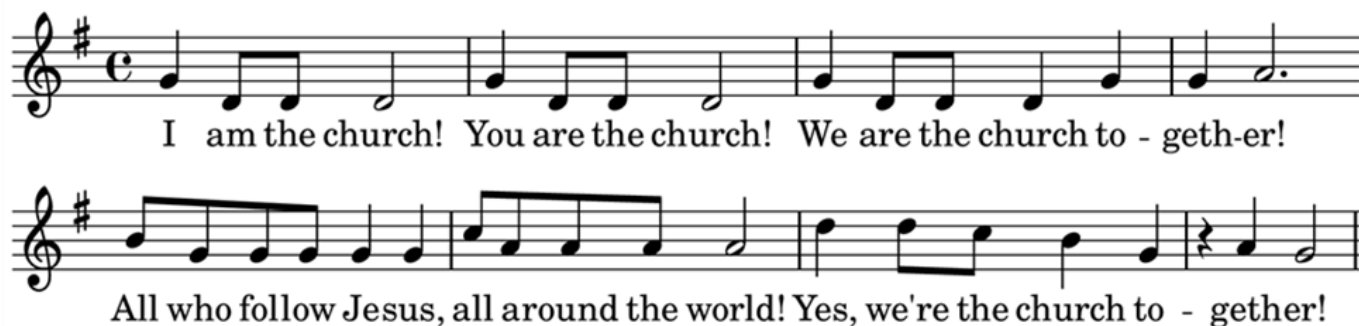
## \*Prayer of Dedication

### The Sending of God’s People

**\*Closing Hymn** “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” #291

## \*Charge and Blessing

**\*Congregational Response** “We Are the Church”



I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth-er!

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**\*Postlude** "We Are One in the Spirit" arr. Lani Smith

**Pastors:** Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood  
Steven A. Watters

**Music Director:** Thomas Lloyd  
**Organist:** Carol Welk

**Liturgist:** Melissa Canney

Our liturgist, Melissa, grew up in the village of Hamburg, New York just south of Buffalo, where she has fond memories attending Hamburg Presbyterian Church with her family. She came to Ohio to attend Wittenberg University to study Psychology. She had a muy buena Spanish professor at Witt named Senora Blayney!

Melissa has been married to Jim for 24 years and they have a large blended family where they love spending time together at sporting events, pool parties and beach vacations. Outside of gardening, running, and reading, Melissa loves walking Rusty, her big red dog. After 36 years working full time in the field of social services in Madison County, Melissa will join Jim in retirement this summer. She feels grateful for all the opportunities God has provided, allowing her to use her gifts and serve.