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Day of Pentecost

Sunday, May 24, 2026

LOVE FIRST, LOVE ALL

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We have several traditions within our service during which physical contact—shaking hands, joining hands, handing an item—may be an option. If, for any reason, you are uncomfortable with this kind of contact, feel free to refrain from participating. Know that our congregation is respectful and recognizes that our members and guests have different needs and comfort levels. We seek to be a "Non-Judgement Zone."

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Announcements

- The **church office will be closed** tomorrow, Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day. Lunch Bunch will not meet, resuming on Monday, June 1.
- Please join us for the **Sunday Fellowship Lunch** on Sunday, June 7, in Hollis Hall, immediately following Worship. In support of Share a Meal Sunday, don't forget to drop off your Little Free Pantry items in the bins under the stairwell in the Commons area. If you would like to attend the lunch, please RSVP to the church office.
- The Mission Team has purchased 20 seats for the Dalton Whitfield NAACP **Juneteenth Celebration & Gala** on Saturday, June 20 @ 6:00 p.m. If you'd like to reserve your seat, please email the church office. Tickets are first come, first serve.
- Roger Rollins is recruiting for **Camp AIM** (June 1-5 & June 8-12), our annual efforts to express care for children who have been abused. Your service in providing food in an atmosphere of obvious concern will impact you as it will the staff and students of this worthwhile effort. Please mark your calendars and respond "YES!" when asked to serve. Thanks to all who have helped in the past and for all of you who will serve this year for the first time. We look forward to working with all of you again!!

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

THE GREETING

At the sound of the bells, please prepare your heart and mind for Worship.

INTROIT

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

John Bacchus Dykes
(1823-1876)

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all thy quickening powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love
In these cold hearts of ours.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathryn Sellers

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

**There is the sea, great and wide;
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.**

There go the ships
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;
**when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.

**When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.**

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works—

**who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.**

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The Call to Worship is
from Psalm 104.

*Where you see this
notation, please rise in
body or in spirit.

Hymn 292 Note:
Reversing the usual order, this hymn began with the music rather than the words. The composer (from Singapore) sent this tune to the author (in New Zealand) to see what text it might inspire from her. She also suggested the tune name, a Maori phrase meaning “Holy Spirit.”

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***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness, that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***HYMN 292**

As the Wind Song

Wairua Tapu

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

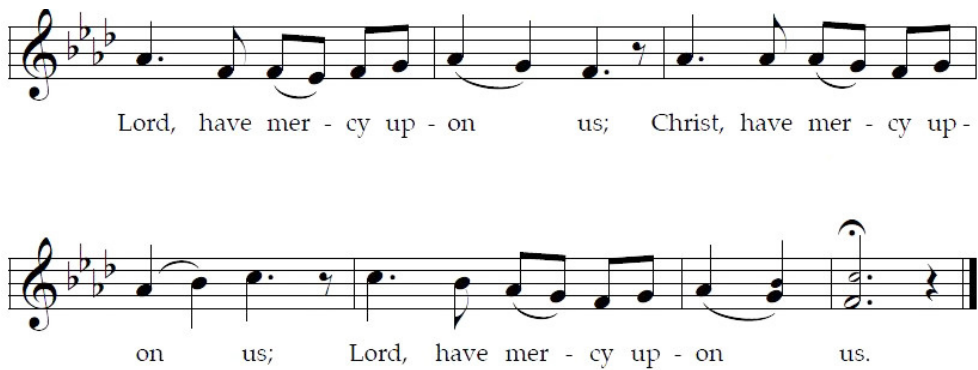
God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet, we hoard earth’s resources and refuse to share your gifts. We dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies. We disregard your compassion by severely judging the sins of others.

Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit, renew our hearts and free us from sins that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Kyrie Eleison



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

S Selwidge Street



Glor - y be to God the Fath - er, and to the Son: and to the Hol - y Ghost; As it

was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be:

world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Jesus Loves Me!

William B. Bradbury

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Numbers 11:24-30

NRSVUE

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵ Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶ Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸ And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹ But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!” ³⁰ And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

NRSVUE

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them

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were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘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.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Come Down, O Love Divine

arr. P. R. Dietterich
(b. 1931)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 7:37-39

NRSVUE

³⁷ On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem:

*Come down, O Love divine,
see thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own
ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy
flame bestowing.*

*O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat
consuming;
And let thy 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 its grace,
Till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit
makes his dwelling.*

Amen.

SERMON

“Seeing Visions and Dreaming Dreams”

Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

Munich

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Excerpts from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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.

THE OFFERING

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THE OFFERTORY

Hymn 289 Note:

This narrative and interpretive text was written to fill what the author perceived as an unfortunate gap in available hymns concerning the Holy Spirit in general and Pentecost in particular. The setting of a 17th-century German tune is from Mendelssohn’s oratorio *Elijah*.

Offering Note:

Copy and paste the link under the Offering onto your browser to easily submit your online offering or scan the QR code below.



Hymn 280 Note:

This 20th-century text was written by a Presbyterian layperson and poet, who in her later years became interested in writing hymns for the seasons of the church year and prepared a collection of them for her congregation. It pairs effectively with this sturdy Welsh tune.

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 280**

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Ebenezer

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Traditional

**God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.**

***POSTLUDE**



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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flower Guild
5/24	Kathryn Sellers	Nathalie Sanders & TBD	Becky Jolly
5/31	Mike Brown	Youth	Margaret Venable
6/7	Carol Houston	The Hendrix Family	Jeane Jones

CHILDREN

Date	Joy Makers (PreK-3 rd)	Faith Builders (4 th -5 th)	Youth (6 th -8 th)
5/24	Leanna Granillo & Laura Goins	Eric Haugen & Jeff Granillo	Rob & Michelle Lively
5/31	Youth Trinity Craft	Youth Trinity Craft	Livelys & Jiskoots

MONTHLY

Communion (June 7)		Congregational Care		Little Free Pantry Pal	
Prep	James Hoskins	May	Laura Allgood	May	Peggy Rollins & Tami Giusto
Servers	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot, Laura Goins and Walter & Jeane Jones	June	Peggy Rollins	June	John & Judi McPherson

Cover Art Note: *Pentecost* - “Acts 2:17,18 “God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy... Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.” Pentecost was the Jewish holiday of Shavuot, or Festival of Weeks, a holiday in honor of the first fruits of the harvest. The annual celebration commemorates receiving the laws - the Torah - on Mount Sinai - fifty days after the first day of Passover and the Exodus from Egypt. According to the book of Acts, the disciples are gathered in one place. The disciples hold books while others hold scrolls. In later icons you find four disciples holding books and crosses on their stoles representing how the church hierarchy was forming. Biblical accounts describe the Holy Spirit as rushing wind and individual tongues of fire descending upon the disciples’ heads. In this icon, the rays of silver are the Holy Spirit descending from a heavenly mandorla. The half-circle shaped mandorla is the source of divine wisdom that radiates toward the disciples’ heads. Six individual rays on each side penetrate the six seated disciples on each side. Notice there is a double dose of the silver ray heading toward Mary, the chalice that bore the Christ.”

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 24

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.
Fellowship
10:00 a.m.
Worship - Pentecost
10:30 a.m.

Monday, May 25

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 26

CLILA pack food boxes
10:00 a.m. - noon
Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 27

Morning Prayers
9:30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 28

Knitting Group
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 29

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 31

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.
Fellowship
10:00 a.m.
Worship - Trinity Sunday
10:30 a.m.

Monday, June 1

Lunch Bunch
noon

Tuesday, June 2

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 3

Morning Prayers
9:30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 4

Church Women United
11:00 a.m.
Presbyterians at the Pub
5:00 p.m.
Knitting Group
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Narrative Icon Collection - The collection of 12 narrated biblical event and feast days are taken from my book *Life in Christ* 2021, Knowledge of God made visible in Jesus the Man.

Mary Jane Miller is a self-taught Byzantine style iconographer with over 28 years of experience, born in New York and living in Mexico full time. Her collections of sacred art are contemporary, with a proficient command of egg tempera. The work is extraordinarily rich in style and has been exhibited in museums and churches in both the United States and Mexico. As an author, Miller blends historical content and personal insights to arrive at contemporary conclusions about faith. Her six self-published books include *Icon Painting Revealed*, *Mary in iconography*, *In Light of Women*, and *Life in Christ and The Stations*. Miller has been published online and in publications such as *Divine Temple*, *Russian Orthodox Journal*, *Faith and Forum Magazine*, *Liturgy Today* and *Profiles of Catholicism*. She teaches 4 courses annually, 5-day immersion workshops throughout the US and Mexico. Website: <https://www.millericons.com/>, <https://sanmiguelicons.com/>

PRAYERS

For Family and Friends of Those Who Joined the Church Triumphant:

Muriel Phillips;

John Law;

Anne Sims;

Stan Crawford;

Charles Allgood;

Wayne Alderman;

For Healing, Comfort, and Ongoing Concerns for our Members:

Berrien Long;

Jean Strain;

Janice Sims;

Walter Jones;

Nancy Rhine;

For Family and Friends of the Following Members:

Leanna Granillo, Robert Stromberg;

Mary Ellen Gurley, Dusty Eggleston and family; Tommy Brooks and family;

Janice Sims, Sharon and Debbie Bragg, Rodger and Brenda Boswell, Patsy Townsend; the family of

Karen Vaught; the family of Flosy Beard;

Kaye Clark, Becky Hansberry;

Kathy Bridges and Sue Spivey, Emily Bringardner;

For the Larger Community and the World:

Pete Wilson;

Arden Brown;

Those affected by climate disasters;

Peace in Iran, Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine;

The victims and families of victims of substance abuse;

The victims of gun violence;

Caregivers and aging parents.

Praises and Continuing Prayers:

For all our members and visitors, we offer our thanks to God.