

*Pentecost*  
*June 5, 2022*  
*Worship Leader: Rev. Lawrence Lee*

**PRELUDE**

**A TIME FOR REFLECTION**

**THE GATHERING**

**GREETING AND WORSHIP NOTES**

**\*OPENING SENTENCES**

The Spirit of God renews the earth. **Bless the name of the Lord!**

**\*PROCLAMATION OF OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

Before God and one another, let us proclaim the mission of our congregation.

**Our mission is to glorify God by being a harbor welcoming all people  
and a lighthouse guiding all toward the love and compassion of Jesus Christ.**

**\*LITANY FOR PENTECOST**

Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters.  
From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust.

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith.  
You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples;  
you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God;  
you make us the living temple of your presence; you interceded within us with sighs too deep for words.

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you guide and make holy the church you create; you give gifts—  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude,  
the spirit of knowledge and piety, the spirit of the fear of the Lord,  
that the whole creation may be transformed.

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

True and only Light, from whom comes every good gift:  
Send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind.  
Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your wisdom.

Loosen our tongues to show your praise,  
for only in your Spirit can we voice your words of peace and acclaim Jesus as Lord. **Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE:**      “On Pentecost They Gathered”      # 289

*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 Christ the Lord 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 ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,  
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.*

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Praise and glory to you, creator Spirit of God;  
you make our bread the communion of Christ's body  
to heal and reconcile and to make us the body of Christ.  
You make our wine the communion of Christ's saving blood to redeem the world.  
You are truth. You come like the wind of heaven, unseen, unbidden.  
Like the dawn you illuminate the world around us; you grant us a new beginning every day.  
You warm and comfort us.  
You give us courage and fire and strength beyond our everyday resources.  
Be with us, Holy Spirit, in all we say or think,  
in all we do, this and every day. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

**\*GLORIA** “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” # 582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose grace has set me free.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.*

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Jesus says: Let anyone who is thirsty come to me.

Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.

Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

### **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.**

*Silent Confession*

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **In Christ I am forgiven. Alleluia!**

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

God of power and grace, fill us with the wisdom of your word and the understanding of your Spirit so that we may be your church: a people with dreams and visions at work in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Preface**

We will speak of God's deeds of power in our own language.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**FIRST READING:**

Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”

The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

**PSALTER:**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**Yonder 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.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!**

**SECOND READING:**

Acts 2:1-21

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.

*The Congregation is invited to read, simultaneously, Acts 2:4 in whatever language they wish.*

Armenian: Բոլորն ալ լեցուեցան Սուրբ Հոգիով եւ սկսան խօսիլ ուրիշ լեզուներով, ինչպէս Հոգին իրենց խօսիլ կու տար:

Chinese: 他们就都被圣灵充满，按着圣灵所赐的口才说起别国的话来。

Danish: Og de bleve alle fyldte med den Helligaand, og de begyndte at tale i andre Tungemaal, efter hvad Aanden gav dem at udsige.

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

Esperanto: Kaj ĉiuj pleniĝis de la Sankta Spirito, kaj komencis paroli aliajn lingvojn, kiel la Spirito donis al ili parolpovon.

French: Et ils furent tous remplis de l'Esprit Saint, et commencerent à parler d'autres langues, selon que l'Esprit leur donnait de s'enoncer.

German: Und wurden alle voll des Heiligen Geistes und fingen an, zu predigen mit andern Zungen, nachdem der Geist ihnen gab auszusprechen.

Greek: Καὶ ἐπλήσθησαν ἅπαντες πνεύματος ἁγίου, καὶ ἤρξαντο λαλεῖν ἑτέραις γλώσσαις, καθὼς τὸ πνεῦμα ἐδίδου αὐτοῖς ἀποφθέγγεσθαι.

Italian: E tutti furon ripieni dello Spirito Santo, e cominciarono a parlare in altre lingue, secondo che lo Spirito dava loro d'esprimersi.

Latin: Et repleti sunt omnes Spiritu Sancto et coeperunt loqui aliis linguis prout Spiritus Sanctus dabat eloqui illis.

Maori: Na ki katoa ratou i te Wairua Tapu, a ka timata te korero, rere ke ana nga reo, rite tonu ki ta te Wairua i hoatu ai ki a ratou kia korerotia.

Norwegian: Da blev de alle fylt med den Hellige Ånd, og de begynte å tale med andre tunger, alt efter som Ånden gav dem å tale.

Ojibwe: Kahkina tahsh okii'-mooshkineshkaakowaan Kishemanitooon otAhcaahkonini. Miitahsh kaa'ishi maacii kakitowaatc pepahkaan ekii'-ishikiishwewaatac Kishemanitooon otAhcaahkoni ekii' miinikowaatc o'o cishi kashkihtoowaatc.

Portuguese: E todos ficaram cheios do Espírito Santo, e começaram a falar noutras línguas, conforme o Espírito lhes concedia que falassem.

Spanish: Y fueron todos llenos del Espíritu Santo, y comenzaron á hablar en otras lenguas, como el Espíritu les daba que hablasen.

Swedish: Och de blevo alla uppfyllda av helig ande och begynte tala andra tungomål, efter som Anden ingav dem att tala.

Turkish: İmanlıların hepsi Kutsal Ruhla doldular, Ruhun onları konuştuğu başka dillerle konuşmaya başladılar.

Ukrainian: І сповнились усі Духом сьвятим, і почали розмовляти іншими мовами, як Дух давав їм промовляти.

Vietnamese: Hết thấy đều được đầy dẫy Đức Thánh Linh, khởi sự nói các thứ tiếng khác, theo như Đức Chúa Trời cho mình nói.

Welsh: a llanwyd hwy oll â'r Ysbryd Glân, a dechreusant lefaru â thafodau dieithr, fel yr oedd yr Ysbryd yn rhoi lleferydd iddynt.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation 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, "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."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea 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: '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

prophecy. 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.'

Here ends the reading.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL READING:**

John 14:8-17, 25-27

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

Alleluia! The Gospel of the Lord! **Praise to you, O Christ! Alleluia**

**SERMON**

"The Gift of Babel"

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed p. 34

Let us confess the faith of the universal church.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**\*HYMN:**

“As the Wind Song”

#292

*As the wind song through the trees, as the stirring of the breeze,  
so it is with the Spirit of God, as the heart made strangely warm,  
as the voice within the storm, so it is with the Spirit of God.  
Never seen, ever known where this wind has blown  
bringing life, bringing power to the world,  
as the dancing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep desire,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.*

*As the rainbow after rain, as the hope that's born again,  
so it is with the Spirit of God, as the green in the spring,  
as a kite on a string, so it is with the Spirit of God,  
making worlds that are new, making peace come true,  
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,  
as the rising of the yeast, as the wine at the feast,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Gracious God, because we are not strong enough to pray as we should, you provide Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit to intercede for us in power. In this confidence we ask you to accept our prayers, Holy Spirit intercede for us **with sighs too deep for words.**

Let us pray for the church.

Faithful God, you formed your Church from the despised of the earth and showed them mercy, that they might proclaim your salvation to all. Strengthen those whom you choose today, that they may faithfully

endure all trials by which you conform your Church to the cross of Christ. In our presbytery cycle of prayer we pray for Pentecost Offering – Ministry with Children at Risk, Presbyterian Mission Agency. Holy Spirit intercede for us **with sighs too deep for words.**

Let us pray for creation.

Creator of all, you entrusted the earth to the human race, yet we disrupt its peace with violence and corrupt its purity with our greed. Prevent your people from ravaging creation, that coming generations may inherit lands brimming with life.

Holy Spirit intercede for us **with sighs too deep for words.**

Let us pray for the world.

Sovereign God, you hold both the history of nations and the humble life of villages in your care. Preserve the people of every nation from tyrants, heal them of disease, lead them to peace, and protect them in time of upheaval and disaster, that all may enter the kingdom that cannot be shaken.

Holy Spirit intercede for us **with sighs too deep for words.**

Let us pray for those who govern us.

God Most High, in Jesus of Nazareth you show us the authority that pleases you: for he rules not by power or might, but serves in obedience to your will. We pray for all in authority over us: for our president, Joe, and for Congress; for our governor, Tony, and for our state legislature; for Christopher, tribal chair of Red Cliff, and for the tribal council; for Gordon, our mayor, and the city council. Deliver them from vain ambitions that they may govern in wisdom and justice.

Holy Spirit intercede for us **with sighs too deep for words.**

Let us pray for this community.

Merciful God, since Jesus longed to protect Jerusalem as a hen gathers her young under her wings, we ask you to guard and strengthen all who live and work here. Deliver your people from jealousy and contempt that they may show mercy to all their neighbors.

Holy Spirit intercede for us **with sighs too deep for words.**

Let us pray for all who suffer any sorrow or trial.

Compassionate God, your Son gives rest to those weary with heavy burdens. Heal the sick in body, mind, and spirit. Lift up the depressed. Befriend those who grieve. Comfort the anxious. Stand with all victims of abuse and violence. Uphold those who live with addiction. Fill us all with your Holy Spirit that we may bear each other's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. We pray for those on our prayer list: Connie, Del, Janet, Joyce, Jennifer, Jody, Sebastian, Julie, Paul and Mara, Mary Ellen, John and Libby, Jim and Lola, David, Roger.

Holy Spirit intercede for us **with sighs too deep for words.**

Let us give thanks for the lives of the departed who now have rest in God.

Eternal God, your love is stronger than death, and your passion more fierce than the grave. We rejoice in the lives of those whom you have drawn into your eternal embrace. Keep us in joyful communion with them until we join the saints of every people and nation, gathered before your throne in ceaseless praise.

Holy Spirit intercede for us **with sighs too deep for words.**

God of glory, you see how all creation groans in labor as it awaits redemption. As we work for and await your new creation, we trust that you will answer our prayers with grace, and fulfill your promise that all things work together for good for those who love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

If you need a community to belong to, if you are thirsty for the word of life, and want to live as a disciple of Jesus, join us in his ministry and mission. You are welcome and needed here.

## **OFFERING & OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**                      “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”                      # 609

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low;*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

## **THE LORD’S SUPPER**

### **Invitation**

#### **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Life up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

#### **Sanctus**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

#### **Memorial Acclamation**

Praise to you, Lord Christ: **Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

#### **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.**

#### **Breaking the Bread**

#### **Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament  
live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,

that we may show forth your gifts to all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **THE SENDING**

### **CLOSING HYMN:**

“Though I May Speak”

# 693

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.*

### **BLESSING AND CHARGE**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**