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Pentecost

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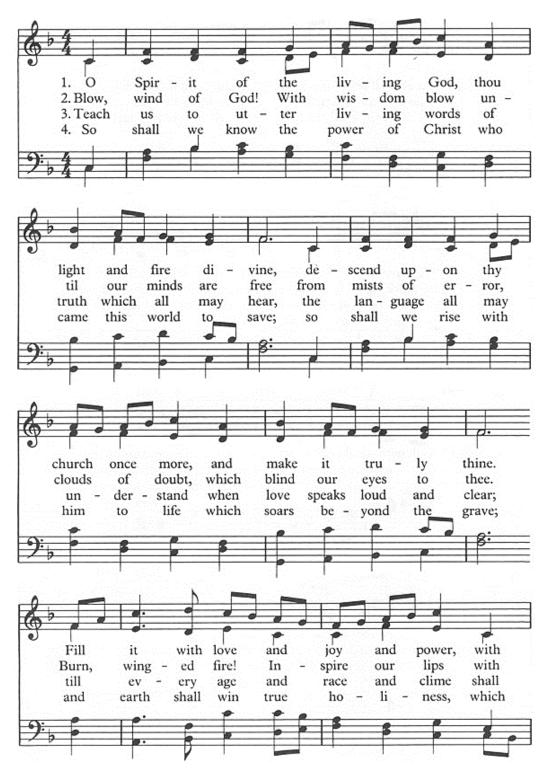
Welcome

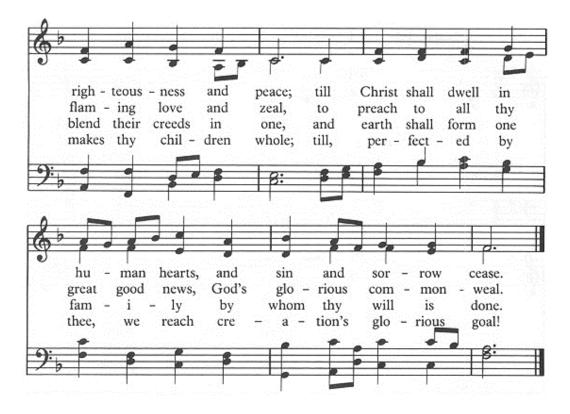
Call to Worship

Leader:	Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. 11am on Sunday or any time during the week. Come and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!	whenever
People:	When the day of Pentecost had come, all the disciples were	
	all together in one place.	
Leader:	Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.	
People:	All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. May we be filled by that same Holy Spirit!	
de	Spirit Song	arr. John Carter

Prelude







Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you declared: "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." On the day of Pentecost, you kept that promise, and you have kept that promise every day since. Today we celebrate the work of your Holy Spirit in our lives, and throughout the whole world. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Spirit of the Living God



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Senior Choir

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness Saxophone: Jim Daly arr. Michael Hassell

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:3-13

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through

the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God **People:** Thanks be to God

Message Celebrating the Holy Spirit

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Spirit of the Living Lord

Robert Thygerson

Doxology Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn

America the Beautiful





Benediction

Postlude

See How Great a Flame Aspires

arr. John Scriveyner

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