



CELEBRATION OF PENTECOST

*Gathering as God’s people
to be inspired to live as a
community of Christ*

+ *Those who are able are invited to stand.*
UMH - United Methodist Hymnal FWS – The Faith We Sing
You are invited to respond with the **Boldface** responses.

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HOSPITALITY

PRELUDE *Lauren Smith*

SERVICE OF LIGHT *The Acolytes*
Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world.”

+CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *UMH 347*
Spirit Song, v. 1

**O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit
and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy
your soul. O let him have the things that hold you,
and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your
life and make you whole.**
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
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+CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsively*
Gentle Spirit of God, breath of life that touches each face
with love,
You are with us and within us. (Bell rings)
You are the melody of joy in all creation, poured out in
notes of hope and healing around us all,
You are with us and within us. (Bell rings)

Passionate Spirit, warming our hearts with the bright
flame of your caring,

You are with us and within us. (Bell rings)
Divine Dreamer, who casts a glimpse of beauty in
the imaginations of all your children,

You are with us and within us. (Bell rings)
Host of the table, you set a feast of grace and
welcome all to your bounty,

You are with us and within us. (Bell rings)
On this day, we name your coming, the Holy One
who never leaves us, nor forsakes us.

You are with us and within us. (Bell rings)
Stay with us now, Spirit of God, Spirit of Christ.

+INVOCATION

Gather us as those who wait to know you more deeply,
Holy Spirit. Speak to us in ways that reach each heart and
mind and light the fires of your life in us. Then scatter us
into the world, as bearers of your sacred Word and of a joy
that cannot be contained within these walls. Encircle us
with your grace and gather in all that we have received and
become, we pray. **Amen.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE *FWS 2236*
Gather Us In

THE CHURCH IN MOMENTS OF CONFESSION CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were
yet sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in
him, we dare to approach God with confidence. (*Romans 5:8,*
Hebrews 4:16) In faith and repentance, let us confess our sin
before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Responsively*
O Holy Spirit, our inspiration, and our hope, forgive us if
we only look for you in smooth, clear words and calm
places. When the sounds are confusing or unfamiliar, it is
all too easy for us to close our ears.

**We often make up our minds and remain fixed,
listening to one side only, secure in our assumptions
and convictions.**

Sometimes we find the world and its issues too complex,
and rather than pray,

**We settle for leaving the big issues to others and
concentrating on simple activities near to home.**
Then, sometimes, it seems much more comfortable to
stay gathered here in the familiar places of faith rather
than scattering ourselves abroad and opening ourselves
to your wider life and grand vision.

In your merciful kindness, forgive us now, we pray.

PERSONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE *Leader*
The Spirit hovers like a dove of peace over our lives,
waiting to give us new gifts each day. When we pause and
face ourselves, owning the truth, God never refuses to
gather us into the harmony of love. We are forgiven. Life
is restored and renewed.

Amen.

RESPONSE *Spirit of the Living God UMH 393*
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

THE CHURCH PRAYS AND LISTENS THE WORD

CHORAL CALL TO CHILDRENS SERMON
The Gift of Love, v. 1 UMH 408
**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.**

WIGGLETIME

*Following Wiggletime, the Children are
invited to join the Leaders in Linger Hall for
CHILDREN’S CHURCH*

SONG OF PREPARATION *FWS 2191*
Eternal Father, Strong to Save, vv. 1 & 3

- 1. **Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave, who bid the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**
- 3. **O Holy Spirit who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude, and bid its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

THE CHURCH IN MOMENTS OF MEMORIAL

Almighty God, before whom stand the living and the dead, we your children, whose mortal life is but a hand's breadth, give thanks to you:

For all those through whom you have blessed our journey, whose lives that have empowered us, whose influence is a healing grace,

We lift up thankful hearts.

For the dear friends and family members whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us forever,

We lift up thankful hearts.

For the teachers and companions of our childhood and youth, and for the members of this community of faith who worship you now in heaven,

We lift up thankful hearts.

For those who sacrificed themselves, our sisters and brothers, who have given their lives for the sake of others,

We lift up thankful hearts.

That we may hold them all in continual remembrance, and ever think of them as with you in that city whose gates are not shut by day and where there is no night,

We lift up thankful hearts.

That we may now be dedicated to working for a world where labor is rewarded, fear dispelled, and the nations live together in peace,

We lift up thankful hearts.

For military families, and the brave women and men in military service...give them compassion for those who confront them as enemies. Keep your children from hate that hardens, or from scorekeeping with human lives. Though for a season they must be people of war, cover them with your protection in harm's way, and let them live for peace, as eager for agreement as for victory. Encourage them as they encourage one another, and never let hard duty separate them from loyalty to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

O Lord, save your people and bless your heritage. Day by day we magnify you, and worship your name, for ever and ever.

THE LORD’S PRAYER *Unison*
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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM *Chancel Choir*
Glory Be to Thee -Warren M. Angell

SERMON *Rev. M. Steven Meadows*

THE CHURCH SCATTERS AS THE BODY OF CHRIST
+HYMN OF COMMITMENT *UMH 539*
O Spirit of the Living God

+SERVICE OF LIGHT *The Acolytes*
Jesus said, “You are the light of the world.”

+BENEDICTION *Pastor*

+POSTLUDE *Lauren Smith*

...and the worship continues.



