



+ 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

MOMENTS OF CENTERING

Living God, as you sent your Holy Spirit upon the disciples, strengthening them to preach the gospel to all people, transform us that we may witness to your love wherever we are, drawing all people to you. Amen.

Good Morning! Welcome to Worship!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Carolyn Brown*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HOSPITALITY

PRELUDE *Dan Martin*

SERVICE OF LIGHT *The Acolytes*

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world."

+CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *UMH 334*

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.

There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love.

And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

+CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsively*

In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters and brought forth life.

Holy Spirit, breathe on us, we pray.

At times, the Spirit of God was seen as a dove—a symbol of peace.

At times, the Spirit of God blows like wind, or sings like breath—God's breath.

On the Day of Pentecost, the Spirit of God appeared as tongues of fire, igniting the Church.

Through the voices of the prophets, God promised to pour the Spirit on all people.

God, remind us of the presence of the Holy Spirit—life giver, peacemaker, wind, and flame of prophets. We invite you into this place.

Holy Spirit, breathe on us, we pray.

+INVOCATION *Responsively*

Spirit. Fire. Power. Energy. You are our Creator, and we praise you. Come and riot in our souls with your intensity and spin new possibilities within us.

Spirit. Guide. Promise. Wisdom. You are the wise one, and we praise you. Come and surprise our souls with your excitement and create a new surprise within us.

Spirit. Peace-maker. Truth-teller. World-builder.

You are the breath-giving Dove, and we praise you. Come and cause uproar in our souls with your peace and birth a new reality within us. Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE *UMH 539*

O Spirit of the Living God

THE CHURCH IN MOMENTS OF CONFESSION

THE PSALTER *Psalms 104:24-34*

CALL TO CONFESSION *Tori Adams*

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 *Tori Adams*

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.

Silent reflection

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.

Silent reflection

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 we pray, forgive us.

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 our truth, God never refuses to gather us into the harmony of love. We are forgiven. Life is restored and renewed.

Amen.

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.

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 WORSHIPS BY GIVING

OFFERTORY INVITATION *Leader*
Today we celebrate the start of the church, the Day of Pentecost: the day when the church was filled with the Spirit. What God's Spirit moves us to do in our day may look foolish to others, but we know that giving generously is never foolish. Let us present our offerings.

OFFERTORY PRAYER *Responsively*
Heavenly Father, as we gather on this Pentecost Sunday, we are reminded of the transformative power of your Spirit, breathing life into your children and igniting the hearts of your people.

Just as you enlivened the early church with the wind and fire of your presence, empower us to bear your life into the brokenness of our world. May our offerings today be a testament to our faith in your promise of renewal and restoration. Amen.

OFFERTORY *Dan Martin*

+DOXOLOGY *UMH 94*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE CHURCH LISTENS

THE WORD

CHORAL CALL TO CHILDRENS SERMON

The Gift of Love, vv. 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

ANTHEM *Chancel Choir*

SERMON *Rev. Steve*

THE CHURCH SCATTERS AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

+HYMN OF COMMITMENT *UMH 368*
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

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

+BENEDICTION *Responsively*
Go out into the world, and labor to bring forth new life. Dream dreams, pursue visions and speak of God's goodness in the words of those who would hear. And may the God who breathed life into creation be your delight.

May Christ Jesus give hope to your dreaming, and may the Holy Spirit, your advocate and supporter, set your hearts ablaze with a passion for peace.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ. Amen.

+POSTLUDE *Dan Martin*

...and the worship continues.

