



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

MOMENTS OF CENTERING
We can say that the Spirit of God is like the wind, invisible in its movement but made known by what it moves. The wind is revealed by the kite it uplifts, the seeds it spreads, the branches it shakes. The Spirit of God is revealed by the hearts it uplifts, the Good News it spreads, the ideas it shakes.
We can also say that the Spirit of God is like fire, awesome in its might but wondrous in its usefulness. Fire shows its power through the air it warms, the fireplace wood it kindles, the energy it sets free. The Spirit shows its power through the hearts it warms, the hopefulness it kindles, the capacity for making peace it sets free...On this day of Pentecost, we gather for worship to celebrate the gift of God's Spirit -- a Spirit of love and understanding, a Spirit that moves and empowers us.
Thanks be to God! Welcome to worship!

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO CELEBRATE
PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *Renee Warner*
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;
with-out 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 a mighty rushing 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—women, men, young and old.

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 *Unison*

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 effervescence, and create a new marvel, within us.
Spirit. Peacemaker. 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.**

+OPENING HYMN *UMH 577*
God of Grace and God of Glory

THE CHURCH CELEBRATES HYMNS OF FAITH

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Acts 2:1-21*
John Wesley gave the church "Directions for Singing" in 1761. He says in the 4th direction: Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength.

*The congregation is invited to remain seated as we sing the first and last verses of the following hymns.
You are invited to stand for all verses of UMH 701:*

328	Surely the Presence of the Lord
128	He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought
133	Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
368	My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
+701	When We All Get to Heaven

+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.

THE CHURCH RESPONDS WITH GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

It started many, many years ago, when early followers shared their experience of the risen Christ with others in their circle. They in turn shared their experiences, and

so on and so on, until here we are today. Now it is our turn. Let us share what Jesus’ resurrection means to us and give out of our gratitude to enable the sharing to continue through this church to the world around us.

OFFERTORY PRAYER Unison
Almighty God who comes to us in wind and fire, may the doors of our hearts be open to let your Holy Spirit blow in and your love and grace flow out! As we offer up these gifts to you, may they empower mission and ministries that spread across all your creation like wildfire. May our giving help your church to be born anew as hearts on fire to serve others and make disciples for Jesus Christ.
In his holy name, we pray. 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 up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR THE WORD

THE WORD

RESPONSE UMH 333
I’m Goin’ a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing, v. 1
(The children are invited to the Chancel for Wiggletime and then to Children’s Church.)

**I’m goin’ a sing when the Spirit says sing,
I’m goin’ a sing when the Spirit says sing,
I’m goin’ a sing when the Spirit says sing,
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.**

WIGGLETIME

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

SERMON Rev. M. Steven Meadows

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO
SHARE GOOD NEWS

+HYMN OF PRAISEUMH 539

O Spirit of the Living God, vv. 1, 2, and 4

+SERVICE OF LIGHTThe Acolytes

Jesus said, “You are the light of the world.”

+BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

May God, who gives us the Holy Spirit, bless you today, carrying you on the winds of Christ’s Spirit into the world to share the love, grace, and Good News that have been wondrously given to every one of us. Amen.

+POSTLUDEDan Martin

...and the worship continues.

Pentecost is the Greek name given to the Jewish festival of Shavuot. In biblical times, Jews from all over the Roman Empire would congregate in Jerusalem for the festival.

The Christian church also claims Pentecost as a festival day. At Pentecost, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which gave birth to the church. As recorded in Acts 2:1-41, the apostles were in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish festival. They were all gathered together in one place when the Holy Spirit rushed through the room like a mighty wind and tongues of flame appeared on their heads. Empowered by the Holy Spirit to preach the gospel in the languages of many nations, they addressed all who were assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. It was a chaotic and confusing event, but amidst all the uproar, Peter preached the good news of Jesus’ death and resurrection and 3000 people were baptized on that day.

Pentecost is one of the great festivals of the Christian church; red is the color of the day as we commemorate the birthday of the church.

Almighty God who comes to us
in wind and fire, may the doors
of our hearts be open to let your
Holy Spirit blow in and
your love and grace flow out!

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