



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

OPEN HEARTS
OPEN MINDS
OPEN DOORS
THE PEOPLE OF
THE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

+ 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.

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!

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 328*

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

+CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsively*

Once we walked the hillsides and pathways.

Then, in fear we hid in an upper room.

News of Jesus' Resurrection stunned and awed our souls.

We didn't know what to believe.

On this day, long ago, God's Holy Spirit inflamed the hearts of those who had hidden in fear. They were encouraged to go and proclaim God's Good News to all the world.

May God's Holy Spirit inflame our hearts and stir us from apathy and complacency to energy and enthusiasm to serve God in this world.

+INVOCATION *Responsively*

Holy One, ignite within us a fiery passion for your mission in the world today. Warm us by the Spirit's dancing tongues of flame, that we may feel your kindling blaze within, urging us to do your greater good. Make us wholly present to experience a new birth and awaken possibilities within us to share your love in the world.

In this love and abundance, we come to celebrate your harvest—a harvest bearing the first fruits of the Spirit within us. Show us how to use these gifts, as we listen for your truth in the gentle breeze of your Spirit. Amen.

+HYMN OF CELEBRATION *UMH 539*

O Spirit of the Living God

THE CHURCH IN MOMENTS OF CONFESSION

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us call on the name of the One who invites us to speak the truth about ourselves and our relationships and promises to show us mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison

Holy and Merciful God, we do not know how to pray as we ought, and we know too well our constant failures to do as you have commanded and to hold fast to your word. Forgive us for the divisions we nurture, guide us to your way, keep us in your care, and lead us into faith. We trust your word that the Spirit of truth will show us all things and grant us courage and peace.

SILENT PERSONAL PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Responsively

This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus the Son cleanses us from all sin.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! 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.

THE CHURCH SHARES

OFFERTORY INVITATION

What we do with God’s help can have consequences that we cannot foresee—and even something that initially seems to have failed can often end in success. We are called to plant seeds of grace and hope, that we might help God’s Mystery to work in the hearts and minds of others. We are called to give and to trust in God that the result will be a harvest beyond our imagining. Let us present our gifts now.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Unison

Living God, you are the Lord of all! Only you can send your Spirit to bring us new life. You graciously speak your word of hope in times of struggle and uncertainty and in times of joy and peace. We are grateful that you are continually at work in our lives and the world to fulfill your promises. May our giving today show our trust in you. We pray through Christ our Lord. 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 Children are invited to Wiggletime!

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR THE WORD

WIGGLETIME

Then, Ready, Set, Go to Children’s Church!

THE SOLO

Sean Crites

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Unison

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit:

Justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles guides and directs our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls all people to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage: to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to make disciples of Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. Amen and amen.

THE CHURCH SCATTERS TO SHARE GOOD NEWS

+HYMN OF DEDICATION

UMH 332

Spirit of Faith, Come Down

+BENEDICTION

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.

Go in grace and peace to love and serve the Lord.

Amen.

+POSTLUDE

Dan Martin

...and the worship continues.

