

**Pentecost  
May 19, 2024**

**Gathering  
*God invites us to enter His presence***

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Preparation for Worship** (*Time for Silent Preparation*)



**Call to Worship** (*Responsively*)

*Jim Fox*

God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh,  
and our daughters and sons shall prophesy.  
Our old ones shall dream dreams,  
and our young ones shall see visions;  
and all who call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered.  
**Come, let us call upon the name of the Lord.**

—based on Acts 2:17-21



**Invocation** (*Responsively*)

*Jim Fox*

Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**  
Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,  
**come, Holy Spirit.**  
Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,  
**come, Holy Spirit.**  
With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,  
**come, Holy Spirit.**  
With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,  
**come, Holy Spirit.**  
With power from above to make our weakness strong,  
**come, Holy Spirit. Amen.**



**Opening Song**

*Blessed Be Your Name*

*Verse 1*

*Blessed be Your Name in the land that is plentiful;  
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your Name.*

*Verse 2*

*Blessed be Your Name when I'm found in the desert place,  
When I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your Name.*

*Pre-Chorus*

*Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:*

*Chorus*

*Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your Name.  
Blessed be the Name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious Name.*

*Verse 3*

*Blessed be Your Name when the sun's shining down on me;  
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your Name.*

*Verse 4*

*Blessed be Your Name on the road marked with suffering;  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your Name.*

*Pre-Chorus*

*Chorus*

*Bridge (2x)*

*You give and take away, You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say: Lord, blessed be Your Name.*

*Chorus (2x)*

**Confessing**

***God invites us to be honest with Him***

**Call to Confession**

*Jim Fox*

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed.  
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in  
penitence and faith.

**Prayer of Confession**

*Jim Fox*

Holy Spirit, you are so full of energy you are like fire. And like fire  
you came upon the disciples at Pentecost. But our lives this past week  
have not blazed with your Spirit. Forgive us, we pray, and fill us with  
your Spirit. Come down, O Spirit, fill us and set us on fire. **Amen.**

**Time for Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Jim Fox*

"I will take you out of the nations;  
I will gather you from all the countries.  
I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean.  
I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you;  
I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.  
And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees.  
You will be my people, and I will be your God."

Friends in Christ: by the power of the Spirit,  
we are united with Christ and given a new spirit.  
Live in the joy and peace of that assurance.

—based on Ezekiel 36:24-28, NIV

*Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
A-men, A-men.*

### **Offering**

**Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him**

**Invitation**      Let us be faithful stewards of our time, our talents,  
and our money. so that our treasure is in heaven  
and our giving pleases God.

### **Offering**

<b>Offertory</b>	<i>The Blessing</i>	<i>Brown, Carnes,</i>
	<i>Bernie Hughes, Mike Lenz</i>	<i>Jobe, Furtick</i>

### **Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

### **Prayer of Dedication**

God of wind, word, and fire, we bless your name this day for  
sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit. We give  
you thanks for all the gifts, great and small, that have been  
poured out upon your children. Accept us with our gifts to be  
living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth,  
through Jesus Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, one God, forever. **Amen.**

### **Preparation Song**

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

*Verse 1  
When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast.  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.*

*I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold  
He must hold me fast.*

*Chorus  
He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.*

*Verse 2  
Those He saves are His delight,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost;  
His Promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast.*

*Chorus*

*Verse 3  
For my life He bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied;  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight,  
When He comes at last!*

*Chorus (2 x)*

**Proclaiming**  
**God speaks to us through His Word**

**Children's Sermon**

*Power and Light*

*Dennis Leshner*



**Illumination Hymn 247**

*Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me*

**Scripture Reading**

Acts 2:1-13

**2** When the day of Pentecost had arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like that of a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were staying. <sup>3</sup> They saw tongues like flames of fire that separated and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were Jews staying in Jerusalem, devout people from every nation under heaven.

<sup>6</sup> When this sound occurred, a crowd came together and was confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. <sup>7</sup> They were astounded and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all these who

are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> How is it that each of us can hear them in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites; those who live in Mesopotamia, in Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts), <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the magnificent acts of God in our own tongues.” <sup>12</sup> They were all astounded and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But some sneered and said, “They’re drunk on new wine.”

**Sermon**

*“Filled with the Spirit”  
Rev. Tim Latham*

 **Hymn of Response 250**     *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

**Responding**  
*We respond to God’s Word*

 **Profession of Faith**

**In his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit,  
Christ is not absent from us for a moment.  
By the Spirit’s power  
we make the goal of our lives not earthly things  
but the things above where Christ is,  
sitting at God’s right hand.  
Through the Holy Spirit  
Christ pours out his gifts from heaven upon us his members.  
The Spirit, as well as the Father and the Son, is eternal God.  
The Spirit has been given to us personally  
so that by true faith  
the Spirit makes us share in Christ and all his blessings,  
comforts us, and remains with us forever.**

—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A’s 47, 49, 51, 53

**Prayers of the People**

**Commissioning**  
*God sends us out into the world as His witnesses*

 **Commission Song 76**     *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Postlude**