

Contemporary Order of Worship
 Pentecost Sunday
 May 19, 2024
 Worship Series: Draw the Circle Wide
 Message: Ripples of the Spirit

Gathering	<i>Blessed Assurance, Set a Fire,</i>	Praise Band Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		Pastor Melissa

Staff Update

Centering Moment

Pastor: In Christ, we are risen to new life. Therefore, we can live as people who know the beauty and power and compassion and peace of living in the reign of God. Joy overflows in our lives through our faith in the Risen Christ.

*Centering Song	<i>Build My Life,</i>	Praise Band
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*Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray

**People: God of wind and flame,
 on this day of Pentecost,
 blow into our lives with Your Holy Spirit.
 Prepare us for the journey of faith
 by setting our hearts on fire with love;
 by blowing away our fears and doubts;
 and by breathing into us
 the joy and hope of the resurrected Christ.
 Build us up as Your church
 and embolden us to be Pentecost People. AMEN.**

Children's Moment	Linda Biscardo
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Prayers of People	Sarah Chambers
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The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Offering Song	<i>Fresh Wind</i>	Praise Band
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Pastor Melissa
New Testament Reading	Acts 2:1-4; Romans 8:22-28	Robert Miller

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Romans 8:22-28

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose

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Service of Baptism and Confirmation
Caroline Marie Coltrin
Hannah Siobhan Porter-Miller
Liam Victor Upp

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
 reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

People: We do.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include
 Caroline, Siobhan, and Liam now before you in your care?

**People: With God's help we will proclaim the Good News
 and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround Caroline, Siobhan, and Liam
 with a community of love and forgiveness,
 that they may grow in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them
 that they may be true disciples
 who walk in the way that leads to eternal life.**

Leader: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith
 as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Eternal Father:

When nothing existed but chaos,
you swept across the dark waters
and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah
you saved those on the ark through water.

After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,
you led them to freedom through the sea.

Their children you brought through the Jordan
to the land which you promised.

People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Tell of God's mercy each day.

Pastor: In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,
nurtured in the water of a womb.

He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.

He called his disciples
to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection
and to make disciples of all nations.

**People: Declare Christ's works to the nations,
his glory among all the people.**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit,
to bless this gift of water and those who receive it,
Call to our remembrance the grace declared in their baptism.

For you have washed away their sin,
and clothed them with righteousness throughout their lives,
that dying and rising with Christ
they share in his final victory.

**People: All praise to you, Eternal Father,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns forever. AMEN.**

(Order of confirmation—Caroline, Siobhan, and Liam)

Vows continue with the Reception into the United Methodist and local church

**Pastor: Members of the household of God,
I commend Caroline, Siobhan, and Liam to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.**

**People: We give thanks for all God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation
of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to
participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our
gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

*Closing Song	<i>Start a Fire</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		Pastor Melissa
Postlude	<i>Start a Fire (Reprise)</i>	Praise Band