

**Pentecost Sunday  
May 28, 2023 Worship Bulletin**

**Gathering for God's Word**

Opening Song's of Praise

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy,  
I want to see you

Text & Music: Paul Baloche, 1997

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"Holy and Anointed One"

Jesus, Jesus,  
Holy and anointed one, Jesus.

Jesus, Jesus,  
Risen and exalted one, Jesus.

Your name is like honey on my lips,  
Your Spirit like water to my soul  
Your word is a lamp unto my feet,  
Jesus I love You, I love You.

Words & Music: John Barnette

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“Breathe”

This is the air I breathe  
This is the air I breathe  
Your holy presence  
Living in me

And I, I'm desperate for You  
And I, I'm lost without You

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\*Welcome & Passing the Peace of Christ

Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing the Bell

## Preparing for God's Word

\*Call to Worship

[based on Psalm 105: 1-2; Romans 5:5, Revelation 4:8]

Leader: The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

**People: We dwell in him and he in us.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

**People: Make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him,

**People: And speak of all his marvelous works.**

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,

**People: Who was and is and is to come!**

\*Hymn of Adoration

#286, “Breathe on Me Breath of God ”

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity.

Words: Edwin Hatch, 1878  
Music: Robert Jackson, 1888  
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## Prayer of Confession

*[time of silent personal confession]*

**All: Heavenly Father, you poured out your Spirit upon the gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that often we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We often fail to listen for your word of grace, speak the Good News of your love shown through Christ, or live as a people made one through Jesus. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit and set us afire, filling us with a desire to be faithful to you. May all we do be in your will and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

[based on Ezekiel 36:24-28]

Leader: Hear the Good News. God declares, "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."

**People: God promises to remove our hearts of stone and give us hearts of flesh. He promises to put his Spirit in us. We are his people, and he is our God."**

Leader: By the power of the Spirit, we are united with Christ and given a new spirit. Let us live into the joy and hope of that assurance.

## Hearing God's Word

### Children's Message

Ages 12 and under gather up front as congregation sings, #188, "Jesus Loves Me."  
After the Children's Message, the children may return to sit with their families.

## Old Testament Reading: Genesis 11: 1-9

11:1 Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. 2 As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

3 They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly."

They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. 4 Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

5 But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building. 6 The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. 7 Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

8 So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. 9 That is why it was called Babel — because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

## The Towers in our Lives

### Hymn of Preparation

#288, "Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the Living God,

Fall afresh on me,

Spirit of the Living God,

Fall afresh on me.

Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.

Spirit of the Living God,

Fall afresh on me.

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### Prayer of Illumination

## New Testament Reading: Acts 2: 1-13

2:1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2

Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. 7 Utterly amazed, they

asked: “Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs — we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”  
13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

## Sermon

“To Infinity & Beyond... Blowing Down Towers”

## Responding to God’s Word

### \*Affirmation of Faith

[Based on the Heidelberg Catechism Q&A’s 47, 49, 52, 53]

**All: 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.**

## Offering

Offertory

Anthem

“Send Me Out,” Audacious Worship

\*Response

#606, The Doxology, “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

\*Prayer of Dedication

## Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Response

#192, "Shine Jesus Shine," vs. 1, 3

Lord, the light of your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine  
Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze  
Set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth your word  
Lord, and let there be light

As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story  
Shine on me, shine on me

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\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

#2163, "He Who Began a Good Work in You," Sing the Faith Hymnal  
He who began a good work in you  
He who began a good work in you  
Will be faithful to complete it  
Will be faithful to complete it

He who started the work  
Will be faithful to complete it in you

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\*Postlude

\*Please Stand if Able