

Revival: Ever Widening the Tent of the Spirit

Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025

MEDITATION

*"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch wide your dwelling,
do not hold back. Lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes—
for God is making room for something new."—based on Isaiah 54:2*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

L: And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **P: And also with you.**

PRELUDE "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" William J. Kirkpatrick, Arr: Jenifer Cook

CALL TO WORSHIP

Melessa Fox, Deacon

L: Come, people of God—the Spirit is moving, the breath of God stirring among us.

All: We gather not in fear, but in fire—to be filled, to be transformed, to be sent.

L: Just as wind swept through the upper room, let it sweep through this place.

All: Just as flames danced on each head, let our hearts be set ablaze.

L: God's Spirit is poured out on all people.

All: Old and young, dreamers and doers—the voice of God speaks through many tongues, and the church is born anew.

L: So let us worship in wonder, let us pray in hope, let us rise in the power of the Spirit!

*SONG OF REJOICING

"Rejoice in the Lord Always" 2x

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RESPONSIVE OPENING PRAYER

Melessa Fox, Deacon

L: Come, Holy Spirit—like wind that moves unseen, like fire that refines and ignites, like breath that gives life.

All: You are not confined to upper rooms or holy temples—you rest on ordinary people.

L: You speak through unexpected voices. You stir up courage, kindle vision, and push the church beyond its borders.

All: Pour yourself out again today—on the dreamers and the doubters, on the seekers and the skeptics, on the weary, the willing, and the wide open.

L: Widen our tents. Stretch our imaginations. Speak through us, Spirit of truth.

All: Make us prophets of your mercy, and witnesses of your love. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” *Black 232*

WORD FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN *Lisa Allen*

ANTHEM “Spirit Song” *Choir*
Words/music: John Wimber

OLD TESTAMENT READING | Numbers 11:24-29 *Melessa Fox, Deacon*

NEW TESTAMENT READER’S THEATER | Acts 2:1-21 *Insert*

L: The Word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION “Revival: Ever Widening the Tent of the Spirit” *Rev. Christina Williams*

***RESPONSIVE HYMN** “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” *Black 293*

PASTORAL PRAYER & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During the prayers of the people, you are invited to voice your joys and concerns out loud. When names are spoken, all invited to respond, “O Lord, hear our prayers.”

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*trespasses*)

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. All are invited to sing “Amen”. (Black 812)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC “God You Spin the Whirling Planets” *Choir*
Words: Jane Parker Huber, Music: J. Leavitt's Christian Lyre, 1830, Arr: Nathan Zullinger

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love had done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One Amen.

***UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Spirit of generosity, you have poured yourself out among us—in breath, fire, and overflowing grace. We offer these gifts as signs of our gratitude. May they be used to lift up silenced voices, to spread good news to the poor, to heal, to build, and to breathe new life into your world. Bless these gifts and bless who we become in the giving. Filled with your Spirit, may we be a people of revival—alive with your vision, and bold in your love. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Black 282

***BENEDICTION**

May the Spirit fill you—
With courage to speak,
With love to stretch wide your tent,
And with fire to light the way.
You are part of God’s wide-sky revival.
Go, and let the wind carry you to surprising places.

SUNG BENEDICTION

“Create in Me, A Clean Heart”

Choir

Words: Psalm 51:10-12, Music: Arnold Sherman

POSTLUDE

“The Potter’s Hand”

Music: Darlene Zschech

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

Many thanks to the volunteers who enriched our morning together!

Deacon, Melessa Fox; Tech Deacon, Amelia Allen; Choir, Kay Clark, Linda Thomas, Joyce Kenneally, Meg Tivey, Alan King and Chris Polloni; Dancers: Isabella Smith & Iyanu Aiyelari; Hospitality & Food donation, Marylaine & David Hobson

NEW HERE TODAY?

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here!

To help you navigate Sunday mornings with us, please see the guide below.

1. **Order of Worship:** **An asterisk means stand in body or spirit. **Bold text** is spoken in unison.*
2. **Kid's Connection:** *After the "Word for all God's children," the children leave worship for a time learning and fun with Bible stories, crafts, and games with Lisa Allen.*
3. **TAKE TWO** *is an adult faith formation group that meets after worship with Lisa Allen. A new discussion on "Faith as We Age" will meet again next Sunday.*
4. **Coffee and Conversation:** *You are welcome to gather with us after worship to meet some new friends in the Covenant Room, down the hall on the right.*
5. **Have Questions?** *Please reach out to Rev. Christina or the Deacon of the day.*

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