

Sunday, June 8, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

BLESSED PENTECOST!

TODAY'S FOCUS: Holy Spirit — ALL the people who were gathered were filled with the Holy Spirit, yet there were doubters among them. What do we do about doubters?

PRELUDE — Harmonia

“Will the Circle Be Unbroken/Down to the River to Pray”
“Sing Me to Heaven”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Lin

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** — Lin

***OPENING HYMN**

TFWS #2236 “Gather Us In” (vs 1, 2, & 4)

1. Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreaming, brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in — the lost and forsaken, gather us in — the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young — our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old — who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in — the rich and the haughty, gather us in — the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in — all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** — Bonnie Clark

One: All of creation is groaning.

Many: As part of creation, we wait for the Lord.

One: We ourselves are groaning inwardly.

Many: In the midst of groaning, we wait for the Lord.

One: We watch for the Holy Spirit.

Many: We invite the Holy Spirit with our groaning,

One: and the Holy Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.

Many: As the Holy Spirit sighs, our hope is in the Lord.

One: God of creation, hear us!

Many: God of the Spirit, give us hope!

All: Spirit of the Living God, fall on us today.

OPENING PRAYER — Lin

HYMN

TFWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE — Sharon Goldade

SPECIAL MUSIC — Harmonia

“Abide With Me”

“Shout All Over God’s Heaven

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-21 — Bonnie Clark

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

MESSAGE

“Pentecost”

Rev. Lin Cheek

OFFERTORY — Harmonia

“Like A River In My Soul”

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #94

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION — Bonnie Clark**

ALL: God of grace and glory, God of wind and fire, open our hearts to allow your Holy Spirit to move in us, through us, and beyond us to the world outside your sanctuary doors. Bless these gifts to empower the mission and ministry of this church, that the promise and hope of your love and grace spread like wildfire to the ends of the earth. Inspire us anew to look for ways to serve you and make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world. We pray in the holy name of your son. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER — Lin

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. 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC — Harmonia

“This World Is Not My Home

***BENEDICTION — Lin**

POSTLUDE — Harmonia

“The Lord Bless You”

Prelude/Postlude—Harmonia

Offertory—Harmonia

Organ — Betsy Foushee

Special Music — Harmonia

Liturgist — Bonnie Clark

Harmonia Singers: Rhonda Ritter, Joni Rumsey, Annie Ritter, Bev Durham, Claire Sandford, Shelly Anderson

Accomp.— Betsy Foushee

Song Leader— Bonnie Clark

Violin — Rae Ann

Children’s Message— Sharon Goldade

