

“LIKE FIREWORKS IN THE NIGHT”
Celebrating Pentecost

FRIDAY GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome & Community Announcements

Introduction

“Like Fireworks in the Night”

(from Dirt, Mess and Danger)

***HYMN 577 “God of Grace and God of Glory”**

***CALL TO THE SPIRIT**

Great Spirit, listen again to the dreaming of your people.

Mend their hurting, mend the injustice,

mend the unfairness and greed,

and let that happen because you live in us.

Spirit, strong as the wind, keep on whirling around us,

until the different are included, the odd ones are accepted,

the ‘unlike us’ are given equality, and the weak given the support they need.

Great Spirit, listen again to the dreaming of your people

and let our dreams come true because you live in us.

O Spirit of God, you are the answer to all the world’s yearning.

So will you come in power, and will you come in peace,

and will you take up your living somewhere deep inside of us?

(Dirt, Mess and Danger)

AN AFFIRMATION FOR PENTECOST

We believe in a loving God,

Whose Word sustains our lives and the work of our hands,

God is the Source of all Life.

We believe in God’s Son living with us,

Sowing the seed of life’s renewal

Caring for all to show the meaning of love.

Jesus Christ is Lord.

We believe in the Holy Spirit of life,

Making us one with God, renewing our strength.

The Spirit of God is Love.

(Fire and Bread)

SHARING THE WORD

Tongues of Fire in different languages:

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21 (Korean)

Hechos 2:1-8 "La venida del Espiritu Santo" (Spanish)

Matendo Ya Mitume 2:1-8 "Kushuka kwa Roho Mtakatifu" (Swahili)

"The Story of Pentecost" (video: www.worshiphousemedia.com) (English)

"WHAT DOES THIS THING MEAN?"

(Reading in 2 voices, from Dirt, Mess and Danger)

***HYMN 420 "Breathe on me, Breath of God"**

PRAYERS FOR PENTECOST: "Come among us"

Come, Holy Spirit. Come, loving Jesus.

Come, glorious God. Come among us and hallow our prayers...

Prayer petitions are offered, all may offer petitions followed by:

God, in your mercy. **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

***HYMN "Revive Us Again"** *(see screen)* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9RdAZTxXY>

***Blessing**

Sources (adapted from):

Ruth Burgess, Fire and Bread: Resources for Easter Day to Trinity Sunday, Glasgow, UK, Wild Goose Publications, 2006.

Glendon Macaulay, Dirt, Mess and Danger: Liturgies & worship resources, Glasgow, UK: Wild Goose Publications, 2011.

COSSO MORNING PRAYERS

SACRED MORNING: p 56 (Macrina)

PSALM

PRAYER OF THE HOUR

SONG FOR THE DAY:

LEAVING WORDS: P 63 (Macrina)

**COSSO Spiritual Formation
Saturday Worship**

Weekend May 6-7, 2016

**Celebration of Graduation & Eucharist
"On the Day of Pentecost"**

**Gathering Music
Welcome**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN (UMH) 539 "O Spirit of the Living God"**
(graduates process into the Centrum)

***OPENING WORDS**

Suddenly, out of the air to those called to care
The wind blows wild, with strong and powerful sound
And the Spirit comes down
Spirit of then and now, teach us how to wait on you
Send your living fire, our hearts and minds inspire
Explode in power and light
Unblock our deafened ears
Remove our cautious fears
Among your people here, reawaken your call
Send us out, where people meet
Give us words to say of hope, love and peace
Through us may we be the flames of your fire.

(Fire and Bread)

***OPENING PRAYER**

Come, Holy Spirit, rest on your church.
Come, Holy Spirit, with your passion for all people.
Come, Holy Spirit, with your cry for peace.
Come, Spirit of Gentleness, speak through your people, open our eyes,
Today, tomorrow, and always, Amen.

THE WORD & RESPONSE

Hymn 500 (v 1-2) "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:14-17

Hymn 500 (v 3) "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

GOSPEL LESSON: John 4:8-17, 25-27

Hymn 500 (v 4-5) "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

MESSAGE: "Living Reminders" by Rev Tom Snyder,

**COSSO faculty, MTSO & Ashland Seminary, adjunct instructor,
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COSSO CHOIR **"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"** (from 2120 The Faith We Sing)
by Lori Douglas Weaver, Director of Music

CELEBRATION OF GRADUATION

Greeting

COSSO Director, Rev Dr Joon-Sik Park

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: Beloved in Christ, the Church is the Body of Christ, and we are God's holy people, called by name and guided by the Holy Spirit.

All: We are received into the Church at baptism, and called to proclaim the mighty acts of God in the name of Jesus Christ, and to serve him in the Church and in the world.

Leader: God sent us a Savior and called the apostles to witness to his words and deeds. Through him, the Church was formed. Now God has called you into ministry with The United Methodist Church.

All: We honor this tradition and celebrate our call to ministry, as servants of the Church, as pastors, preachers, teachers, and bearers of God's word.

Leader: In all things, God's grace is sufficient to strengthen you, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: By the same Spirit, God has called each of us. It is with joy and honor that we stand with these graduates, and celebrate their completion of the Course of Study.

Leader: May God increase in you the gifts of grace for your life and ministry.

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

Director: Who is presented for graduation from the Course of Study?

COS Representative: I present these candidates for graduation:

JONATHAN COMBS, Detroit Conference

EILEEN KOCHENSPRAGER, West Ohio Conference

DAIL PARRISH, East Ohio Conference

They have completed all requirements for the Course of Study, as set by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

CERTIFICATION (*candidate kneels or stands for the blessing*)

Blessing by Director:

In the name of Almighty God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we celebrate your graduation from the Course of Study. We commend you to your ministry as a Local Pastor in The United Methodist Church and pledge our continued prayers, encouragement and support.

Anointing by Director of Spiritual Formation:

May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in all things you may do God's will in service to the church; in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Presentation of Certificate & Gift by COS Coordinator:

Receive this certificate and gift in recognition of your completion of the Course of Study.

LAYING ON OF HANDS & WELCOME

(*all are invited forward to lay hands on the graduates or touch the person near you as a sign of our connection in the body of Christ*)

COS Coordinator: Gracious God, you are the Lord of all. We humbly place these graduates in your hands. Keep them and preserve them. Give them courage, patience, and vision to be your faithful servants and worthy leaders. Bless them with caring communities as they lead your Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Director: In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare that you have graduated from the Course of Study. Remember your call. Preach the Good News. Shepherd the flock of Christ. And in all things, give God the glory, now and always. Let us congratulate these graduates.

***HYMN 593 "Here I Am, Lord"**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Words for the Great Thanksgiving for Pentecost)

***HYMN (TFWS) 2237 "As a Fire is Meant for Burning"**

***BENEDICTION**

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