

**\* We invite you to stand as you are able**

**INTROIT\*** “Come, Come, Everybody Worship” The Faith We Sing #2271

### **GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS & A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

*We invite all to participate by signing the attendance pad located in each pew. If you are a guest and visiting with us – we are glad you are here.*

### **STATEMENT OF WELCOME TO ALL AND FOR ALL\***

**All: No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey you are welcome here.**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP\***

One: Lord, our hearts are on fire this day!

**All: Set the blazes of hope that burn away fear!**

One: Lord, we come here to be empowered to serve you.

**All: Cause the winds of change to blow away doubt and alienation!**

One: Praise to God who has brought to us the Holy Spirit!

**All: Let us worship and rejoice, for God is challenging and empowering us this day!**

### **OPENING PRAYER\***

**All: Spirit of wind and fire, come to us this day, freeing us from our fears. Lift us up when we have fallen. Dust us off and set us squarely on the path to hope you have set before us. Remind us that we are never far from your presence. Help us to be good and willing workers for you. Amen.**

**HYMN** “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine” Red Hymnal #465

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE** Acts 2:1-21 (CEB)

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. They were surprised and amazed, saying, “Look, aren’t all the people who are speaking Galileans,

every one of them? How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!” They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, “What does this mean?” Others jeered at them, saying, “They’re full of new wine!”

Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, “Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! These people aren’t drunk, as you suspect; after all, it’s only nine o’clock in the morning! Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

In the last days, God says,

*I will pour out my Spirit on all people.*

*Your sons and daughters will prophesy.*

*Your young will see visions.*

*Your elders will dream dreams.*

*Even upon my servants, men and women,*

*I will pour out my Spirit in those days,*

*and they will prophesy.*

*I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above*

*and signs on the earth below,*

*blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.*

*The sun will be changed into darkness,*

*and the moon will be changed into blood,*

*before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes.*

*And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

One: Word of God, for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God!**

**MESSAGE** “Blow Spirit Blow” Pastor Anne Kadue

**HYMN** “Forward Through the Ages” Red Hymnal #555

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our God, 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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 & HYMN** "Surely the Presence of the Lord" Red Hymnal #328

**DOXOLOGY\***

**All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God, above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**All: God of wind and flame: set us on fire this morning as we celebrate the explosion of your Holy Spirit coming into the world on the Day of Pentecost! May your Holy Spirit keep us attuned to the voices all around us, to those who need us to be bearers of your love and compassion, and may these gifts we give help us, through your church, meet those needs. Amen.**

**SENDING & CIRCLE OF BENEDICTION\***

**All: Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

We welcome all persons of every age, gender identity, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, marital or socioeconomic status, nationality, and physical or mental ability into full participation in the life of this faith community. We are committed to the reconciliation of all persons as children of God and declare ourselves to be a Reconciling Congregation.

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*You are loved.* ❤️

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