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# WORSHIP SERVICE

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

### PRELUDE

WELCOME & MAKING SPACE FOR SPIRIT

**GATHERING SONG:**  
*"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"* (insert)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST, THEY WERE ALL TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE.

PEOPLE: DIFFERENT VOICES, DIFFERENT STORIES, DIFFERENT LANGUAGES, YET ONE SPIRIT.

LEADER: THE WIND OF GOD RUSHED THROUGH THE HOUSE.

PEOPLE: THE FIRE OF GOD RESTED UPON THE PEOPLE.

LEADER: THE SPIRIT SPOKE THROUGH MANY TONGUES.

PEOPLE: AND EVERY PERSON HEARD LOVE IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE.

LEADER: WE GATHER TODAY NOT AS STRANGERS, BUT AS ONE BODY.

PEOPLE: ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM, ONE, US!

LEADER: COME HOLY SPIRIT, BREATHE UPON US AGAIN.

PEOPLE: BURN AWAY FEAR, DIVISION, HATRED, AND SHAME.

LEADER: TEACH US TO HONOR THE IMAGE OF GOD IN EVERYBODY.

PEOPLE: TEACH US TO RECOGNIZE YOUR SPIRIT IN EVERY VOICE.

ALL: WE ARE READY FOR PENTECOST AGAIN. AMEN.

SHARED SINGING: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit", NCH 293

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(A CORPORATE TIME OF COMMUNAL PRAYER, FEEL FREE TO NAME PRAYERS OR UPLIFT PRAISE)

Leader: God of love, hear the prayers of your people.

People: God in Your Mercy, Hear our Prayer.

(SPEAK THIS AFTER EACH PRAYER GIVEN)

## LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer Response: "Breath on Me, Breath on God," (insert)

## ANTHEM

*"Pentecost Trilogy"*, arr. Terry Teigen and Keith Terhune

The Admiral Choir

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 2:1-13, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

WHEN THE DAY OF PENTECOST CAME, THEY WERE ALL TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE. SUDDENLY A SOUND LIKE THE BLOWING OF A VIOLENT WIND CAME FROM HEAVEN AND FILLED THE WHOLE HOUSE WHERE THEY WERE SITTING. THEY SAW WHAT SEEMED TO BE TONGUES OF FIRE THAT SEPARATED AND CAME TO REST ON EACH OF THEM. ALL OF THEM WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BEGAN TO SPEAK IN OTHER TONGUES AS THE SPIRIT ENABLED THEM.

NOW THERE WERE STAYING IN JERUSALEM GOD-FEARING JEWS FROM EVERY NATION UNDER HEAVEN. WHEN THEY HEARD THIS SOUND, A CROWD CAME TOGETHER IN BEWILDERMENT, BECAUSE EACH ONE HEARD THEIR OWN LANGUAGE BEING SPOKEN. UTTERLY AMAZED, THEY ASKED: "AREN'T ALL THESE WHO ARE SPEAKING GALILEANS? THEN, HOW IS IT THAT EACH OF US HEARS THEM IN OUR NATIVE LANGUAGE? PARTHIANS, MEDES AND ELAMITES; RESIDENTS OF MESOPOTAMIA, JUDEA AND CAPPADOCIA, PONTUS AND ASIA, PHRYGIA AND PAMPHYLIA, EGYPT AND THE PARTS OF LIBYA NEAR CYRENE; VISITORS FROM ROME (BOTH JEWS AND CONVERTS TO JUDAISM); CRETANS AND ARABS—WE HEAR THEM DECLARING THE WONDERS OF GOD IN OUR OWN TONGUES!" AMAZED AND PERPLEXED, THEY ASKED ONE ANOTHER, "WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?" SOME, HOWEVER, MADE FUN OF THEM AND SAID, "THEY HAVE HAD TOO MUCH WINE."

## SERMON:

*"ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM - ONE US!"*

Pastor Jermell Witherspoon

## CONVERSATION

SHARED SINGING: "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit", NCH 282

## INVITATION TO SHARE

(A TIME FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS; IF NONE ARE SPOKEN, PLEASE SEE THE PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY UPDATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS.)

## POSTLUDE

(A TIME OF INTENTIONAL MUSIC, CENTERING US IN WHAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED.)

## BENEDICTION

MAY THE SPIRIT GO BEFORE YOU LIKE WIND. MAY THE SPIRIT REST UPON YOU LIKE FIRE. MAY THE SPIRIT BREATHE THROUGH YOU LIKE LIFE ITSELF. AND MAY YOU LEAVE THIS PLACE READY TO HONOR THE HOLY IN EVERY PERSON YOU ENCOUNTER. GO NOW IN COURAGE. GO NOW IN UNITY. GO NOW REMEMBERING: THERE IS ONE BODY. ONE SPIRIT. ONE HOPE. ONE LORD. ONE FAITH. ONE BAPTISM. ONE, US! AMEN.