



SOTC Worship  
May 19 2024  
Pentecost Sunday

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## GATHERING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

As we gather together in this place,  
let us strain our ears to hear the rush of wind, the crackle pop of fire.  
**We listen for your call, God of spirit and flame.**  
**We take our place in your unfolding creation.**

Rejoice, for God's spirit flows among us!  
Rejoice, for today the church embraces transformation.  
**In the midst of rebirth, we join our voices in praise!**  
**Let us worship God.**

HYMN

GRACIOUS SPIRIT, HEED OUR PLEADING

ELW 401 (vs. 1-3)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*After Pastor Aleese calls the congregation to confession, the congregation prays together:*

**God, you invite us to wonder. But we confess that we find more comfort in the mundane. We lean into the familiar and treat the amazing as suspicious or even threatening. We long for a routine to keep us safe from pain, and we're willing to give up joy in exchange. Reshape our hearts for possibility, O God. Awaken our senses to your wondrous work in the world, and give us the courage and will to follow you.**

In our Scriptures, we'll hear the psalmist tell us: "O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. When you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you send forth your Spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground." As the Spirit created in the beginning, the Spirit comes upon you, now, to recreate you into the image of Christ. By grace you have been saved, and through

the creative and redeeming work of God, you have been set free. So go forth to live as renewed and forgiven people!

**Amen! Thanks be to God!**

#### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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### WORD

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#### STORYTELLING

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*In preparation to receive God's Word, we light the Christ candle and pray for illumination from God's word. Take a moment for silent reflection.*

READINGS: EZEKIEL 37:1-14; PSALM 104:24-34, 35b; ACTS 2:1-21

*In response to the readings:*

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: JOHN 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

*The Gospel is announced:*

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

#### SERMON

HYMN

GOD OF TEMPEST GOD OF WHIRLWIND

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer."*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

**And also with you!**

*Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others.*

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OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.*

*Receive the bread with open hands, and receive either the wine (red liquid) or juice (clear liquid). If you do not desire to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the server.*

LAMB OF GOD

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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SENDING

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BLESSING

SENDING SONG

SHINE JESUS SHINE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ, raised up for the world.  
Go with peace, and go with courage,  
as the Spirit empowers you, to share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God!**

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