

June 5, 2022 - Pentecost Sunday
(First Sunday of Indigenous History Month)

Leading Worship:	Rev. James Ravenscroft
Music Director:	Amy Dalziel
Music Leadership:	Glen Warren
Ushers:	Susan Pike, Jean Thompson, Marilyn Adams, Bill & Cindy Pike.

We Come to Worship

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME: *We extend greetings in M'ikmawi'simk, Twi and Hindi.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND AND KINSHIP

We take time to give thanks for the land and the Indigenous peoples who continue to steward it; we also commit to be an inclusive community for all.

PENTECOST LITANY *(written by Avi Sato)*

The following is preceded by parts spoken in five voices:

Fifth Voice: ...showing us the next footsteps on our paths.

All: May we renew the earth and caress the lives of all those who live on it, in it, above it.
May the air that flows within us be cleansed by our choices, our words, and our deeds.
May the water that surrounds us, that gives us life be once again purified. May we choose peace. May we choose love. We are all the spirit. May we embrace it.

We Share

OUR LIFE AND WORK: *We acknowledge the connection between work and worship, announcing what is going on in our congregation.*

OFFERTORY: "Spirit of Life" *Voices United 381*

Spirit of Life, come unto me. Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion. Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice. Roots hold me close; wings set me free; Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN: "I Have Called You by Your Name" MV 161

We Celebrate Confirmation

Statement of Purpose and Presentation of Candidates:

Keegan Ryan, Quentin Seal, Griffin Seal, and Leah Smith are presented to reaffirm their baptismal commitment.

Profession of Faith, Promises & Congregational Commitment

One: Let us pledge... our continued support and care.

All: We will continue to support you, walk with you, and grow with you. With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in love.

Prayer Over Water and Laying on of Hands:

Each in turn, confirmands come forward accompanied by family and others who will be praying for the Spirit through laying on of hands.

Presentation of Bibles and Commissioning Prayer

Following the presentation of bibles, we share this prayer:

One: ... dedicating your gifts to God's Reign.

All: Go into the world in the power of the Spirit. Seek justice, walk in faith, act with love, for to this you were called.

We Listen

SOLO:

READINGS: Selected verses of John 14; Selected verses of Acts 2

MESSAGE: "Commissioned to Community"

HYMN: "Spirit of Gentleness" *Voices United 375*

We Respond

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

One: Jesus' friends shared meals in his name; though crucified, he was risen; through the Spirit he was present with them.

All: We share this meal knowing he is with us still.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: God be with you. All: And also with you.

One: Open your hearts. All: We open them to God.

One: Let us give thanks. All: It is good to give you praise.

One: Hallelujah! and praise to you, Ever-Living God, creator of heaven and earth. It is right that we give you thanks. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned from you, you remained true to us, making a promise to write your covenant upon our hearts through your Spirit. Grateful for this constant love, we join your angels and saints in praise:

All: O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.

All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace. Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise. And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always! *(More Voices 203)*

One: Hallelujah! and praise to you, God of our salvation, for your Son Jesus. You affirmed him as your beloved and through the baptism of his death and resurrection, gave birth to your Church, establishing your new covenant by water and the Spirit. Called to embody his love in the world, we remember how on the

night before Jesus died, he took bread and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you." In the same way, he took the cup and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, drink. This is my blood poured out for you. Whenever you eat and drink, remember me."

All: Hallelujah! and praise to you, Redeeming God. We remember, grateful that through the grace of the Spirit, Jesus is as present with us now as he was with his disciples after his resurrection. With joy we proclaim the mystery of our faith:
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again! (x2) (More Voices 204)

One: Open our eyes then O God, to the presence of your Holy Spirit, here with us and within these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, and by your Spirit we may be one with Christ and one another. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most Holy, now and forever.

All: **Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen! Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!** (MV 205)

Adapted from a prayer by Oliver Dingwell, "Great Thanksgiving Inspired by At Your Table, United Methodist Church, 1981"

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

Voices United 960

SHARING IN COMMUNION

There is a central station to receive bread (served with tongs), and two side stations to receive juice served in communion glasses. Please wait until you have returned to your seat to consume the bread and juice.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(in unison):*

Ever-present God, we give thanks for your blessing in this meal. Be with us through the peace of your grace, enlivened in the flame of your love. Transform us into the living presence of Christ, sent into a world yearning for hope. Amen

We Leave to Serve

HYMN: "Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth" *Voices United 207*

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION: "May the God of Hope Go With Us" VU 424

MUSICAL POSTLUDE