



Pentecost Worship Celebration
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WORSHIP GUIDE

Before you begin your time of worship, find a comfortable place to be and gather whatever you might need: your Bible, something to write on and with, your computer/connected device (if you intend to listen to music online), etc. Feel free to adapt this worship guide in any way that makes best sense to you and those you might be gathered with. (Consider inviting someone – a friend, a family member – to worship with you.) Commit to spending the next hour with God.

PRELUDE - Listen and sing along to a song or hymn that blesses and centers your spirit!

OPENING PRAYER -

Whenever we approach unfamiliar territories, we often forget that You are at work.
When we sense the pressing need to act now, we often forget that You are in control.
Whenever we feel contraction in our bodies and shortness in our breath, You open us up and breathe Life into us.

Dear God, we live in a world that demands so much of us – a world that requires us to always be on the go, to move, to produce, to excel, to do something, to react...
This constant motion prevents us from seeing the new things that You have for us.
Our constant moving, producing, excelling, doing, and reacting wears us out. Yet we have become ever more delighted by the work, than the Life that it brings us.

May You make room in our hearts, minds, and beings, that we may remain open to the new things that you have for us – the coming of the Holy Spirit, and her works!

May we always remember ...

That You are at work...

That You are in control...

That You open us up and breathe Life into us...

Day after day after day...

In the mighty name of the One who's returning, Jesus Christ, **Amen**.

CENTERING HYMN - "Oceans"

Listen here: <https://youtu.be/6GGFb6LcX3U>

SCRIPTURE READING - Acts 2:1-21, NRSV

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem.⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?”⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jew and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

This is the Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God!**

LISTEN - We give great thanks to **Ysrael Quezon** for sharing the message this morning. Ysrael most recently lent his leadership to our visioning process discernment God's call for how we might bring our building usage into alignment with our purpose of being conduits of God's healing. You can listen to it [here](#).

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE – *Spend time in prayer. What did you hear for yourself through today's scripture and reflection? Talk to God about it. Then lift up the joys and concerns that are in your heart. You might write them down, speak them aloud, or pray for them in silence.*

We would be honored to pray with you and for you.

Please send a note via text, mail, or email or give a call to our Healing Prayer Team.

SHARING OUR GIFTS–

How might you offer yourself and all that you have to God this week? How are you being invited to practice generosity? Spend a moment listening for God's direction.

*Today, you are invited to give towards a newly established fund at Twin Towers: **The Building Partnership Fund**. This Fund enables us to partner with like-minded organizations doing impactful work in our community by providing them with the basics of space. We believe that partnering in this way mutually strengthens and amplifies our mission and work in the community. We are especially excited to welcome our newest partner, **All Good Living Foundation!***

You are invited to contribute financially towards the purpose and ministry of TTUMC. We are a congregation committed to being conduits of God's healing in our neighborhood and beyond, and in so doing, impact the last and the least. You can contribute by mailing in a check, dropping off cash, or giving online (visit www.twintowersumc.org). Take a moment and do that now.

CLOSING HYMN - "The Lord Whom We Love", Alleluia Amen

Listen here: <https://youtu.be/DOVdPIAw6KY>

BENEDICTION - [Nathan Nettleton LaughingBird.net]

Go out into the world, and labor to bring forth new life.

Dream dreams, pursue visions and speak of God's goodness

in the words of those who would hear.

And may the God who breathed life into creation be your delight.
May Christ Jesus give hope to your dreaming,
and may the Holy Spirit, your advocate and supporter,
.....set your hearts ablaze with a passion for peace.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, . . . **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

NOW GO AND PASS CHRIST'S PEACE!

Please make notes of this news and invitations:

- **The 174th Session of Annual Conference, June 10th - 13th** - Please do note that P. Emily will be at Annual Conference in Sacramento this upcoming weekend. Please hold this gathering of our UMC's in prayer. We give thanks for **Rev. Judith Pruess-Mellow** who will be preaching on June 12th.
- **Celebrating Our Fathers** - We'd like to lift up our fathers (by blood, by faith, or by action) who have made a difference in our lives on June 19th. To contribute, please upload a photo of your father/father-figure [here](#), or via email or text. Please do so by Sunday, June 12th.
- **The Wesley Bell Ringers...in Concert, June 13th** - We're hosting a wonderful group of young bell ringers next Monday at 7:30 p.m. for a free concert! Plan to come and invite a friend!
- **Grow, Grow, Grow** - How have you grown in faith and love over the last season? Over our time together? Would you give this some thought and jot an idea or two down? On June 19th, we will lift up and celebrate the ways the Holy Spirit has enabled our growth!
- **NEW Worship Time: 9:30 a.m. Launches June 19th** - Please make special note that we are looking to shift back to our pre-pandemic worship time in 2 weeks!
- **Showing Up for July 4th!** Our little town is well known for hosting the longest July 4th parade in the entire nation, a fun, family-oriented event. This year, we plan to join the parade with our sibling UMC's - Embrace and Buena Vista. Please save the date!