



**May 24, 2026**  
**Sunday Gathering**

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**-PRELUDE-**

*“Sweet Sweet Spirit” – arr. S. Wilson*  
Brenda Gardiner

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**-ACKNOWLEDGEMENT-**

*We acknowledge that the place where we are gathered today is the ancient and ancestral homeland of more than twenty Indigenous tribes. We mourn the loss of their lives, livelihoods, homes, and cultures, and acknowledge the legacy of violence against them.*

*We acknowledge that the space where we worship today was established and built by those whose Black ancestors were also abused and mistreated - some even bought and sold as enslaved people right here in our city.*

*We acknowledge the women who’ve faced unfair treatment and misogyny throughout the ages, and we acknowledge those who identify as LGBTQ or other who’ve been mistreated and misunderstood.*

*We acknowledge our role and responsibility as professed followers of Christ to stand for and alongside all of these and others who have been and continue to be oppressed.*

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**-SPECIAL MUSIC-**

*“Heal” & “Child of God”*  
Daniel Beasley

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**-WELCOME-**

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**-OPENING PRAYER-**

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**-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.

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Love Has Broken Down the Wall"*  
LOVE HAS BROKEN DOWN THE WALL,  
LOVE HAS BROKEN DOWN THE WALL.  
LET US JOIN OUR HEARTS AS ONE.  
LOVE HAS BROKEN DOWN THE WALL.

WE'RE ACCEPTED AS WE ARE,  
WE'RE ACCEPTED AS WE ARE.  
THROUGH LOVE'S POW'R WE'RE RECONCILED.  
WE'RE ACCEPTED AS WE ARE.

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**-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-**

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Come Spirit, Dwell Among Us"*  
COME, O SPIRIT, DWELL AMONG US;  
COME WITH PENTECOSTAL POWER;  
GIVE THE CHURCH A STRONGER VISION;  
HELP US FACE EACH CRUCIAL HOUR.  
BUILT UPON A FIRM FOUNDATION,  
JESUS CHRIST, THE CORNERSTONE,  
STILL THE CHURCH IS CALLED TO MISSION  
THAT GOD'S LOVE SHALL BE MADE KNOWN.

WE WOULD RAISE OUR ALLELUIAS  
FOR THE GRACE OF YESTERYEARS;  
FOR TOMORROW'S UNKNOWN PATHWAY,  
HEAR, O LORD, OUR HUMBLE PRAYERS.  
IN THE CHURCH'S PILGRIM JOURNEY  
YOU HAVE LED US ALL THE WAY;  
STILL IN PRESENCE MOVE BEFORE US,  
FIRE BY NIGHT AND CLOUD BY DAY.

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**-SCRIPTURE-**

Acts 2:1-15 (MSG)

*When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a*

*sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.*

*There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were blown away. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?"*

*Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene; Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; Even Cretans and Arabs!*

*"They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"*

Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?"

Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."

*That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk—it's only nine o'clock in the morning.*

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**-THE MESSAGE-**

*"A Little Like Heaven"*

Pam Lee-Miller as the fictional character Grace Ellen

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Spirit of the Living God"*

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD,

FALL AFRESH ON ME,

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD,

FALL AFRESH ON ME.

BREAK ME, MELT ME, MOLD ME, FILL ME.

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD,

FALL AFRESH ON ME.

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**-SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS-**

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**-PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE-**

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"For Everyone Born"*

FOR EVERYONE BORN,

A PLACE AT THE TABLE,  
FOR EVERYONE BORN,  
CLEAN WATER AND BREAD,  
A SHELTER, A SPACE,  
A SAFE PLACE FOR GROWING,  
FOR EVERYONE BORN,  
A STAR OVERHEAD.

AND GOD WILL DELIGHT  
WHEN WE ARE CREATORS OF JUSTICE  
AND JOY, COMPASSION AND PEACE:  
YES, GOD WILL DELIGHT  
WHEN WE ARE CREATORS OF JUSTICE,  
JUSTICE AND JOY!

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**-INVITATION TO COMMUNION-**

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**-COMMUNION MEDITATION-**

*"Spirit Song" -J. Wimber*

Brenda Gardiner

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**-OFFERING-**

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**-IN GRATITUDE-**

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**-ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

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**-INVITATION TO RESPOND-**

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"*

LIKE THE MURMUR OF THE DOVE'S SONG,  
LIKE THE CHALLENGE OF HER FLIGHT,  
LIKE THE VIGOR OF THE WIND'S RUSH,  
LIKE THE NEW FLAME'S EAGER MIGHT:  
COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME.

TO THE MEMBERS OF CHRIST'S BODY,  
TO THE BRANCHES OF THE VINE,  
TO THE CHURCH IN FAITH ASSEMBLED,  
TO HER MIDST AS GIFT AND SIGN:  
COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME.

WITH THE HEALING OF DIVISION,  
WITH THE CEASELESS VOICE OF PRAYER,

WITH THE POW'R TO LOVE AND WITNESS,  
WITH THE PEACE BEYOND COMPARE:  
COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME.

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**-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-**

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**-SINGING TOGETHER-**

*"Rain Down"*

FAITHFUL AND TRUE IS THE WORD OF OUR GOD.  
ALL OF GOD'S WORKS ARE SO WORTHY OF TRUST.  
GOD'S MERCY FALLS ON THE JUST AND THE RIGHT;  
FULL OF GOD'S LOVE IS THE EARTH.

RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,  
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE ON YOUR PEOPLE.  
RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN,  
RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.