*Mountain Spirit Metropolitan Community Church*

*A spiritual community born out of LGBTQIA+ Appalachia*

*“I praise you for I am fearsomely and wonderfully made.”*

*Ps. 139.14*

**Pentecost Sunday**

June 8, 2025

**Prelude** Paul W., musician

**Welcome and Protocol Honoring Home** Rev. Pressley Sutherland, Liturgist

**All: We bless these mountains in which we gather, and all the animals, plants, and elements for whom this is home;**

 **We bless all who have walked this land and called this place home long before us;**

 **We bless and honor Congregation Beth Israel for sharing their home with us;**

 **And we pray that we will be a blessing in this place.**

 **May peace be among us. Amen.**

**Dance**  Kris W

**Communion Song Pass It On Rev. Pressley S., worship leader**

1. It only takes a spark to get a fire going

And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing

That's how it is with God's love

Once you've experienced it, you spread God’s love to everyone,

You want to pass it on

2. What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding

The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming

That's how it is with God's love

Once you've experienced it, you want to sing

It's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on

3. I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I've found

You can depend on Them, it matters not where you're bound

I'll shout it from the mountain top

I want the world to know, the Lord of love has come to me,

I want to pass it on

**The Story of Pentecost Hechos 2:1-13 Angel P.**

Cuando llegó el día de Pentecostés, estaban todos unánimes juntos. Y de repente vino del cielo un estruendo como de un viento recio que soplaba, el cual llenó toda la casa donde estaban sentados; y se les aparecieron lenguas repartidas, como de fuego, asentándose sobre cada uno de ellos. Y fueron todos llenos del Espíritu Santo, y comenzaron a hablar en otras lenguas, según el Espíritu les daba que hablasen.

Moraban entonces en Jerusalén judíos, varones piadosos, de todas las naciones bajo el cielo. Y hecho este estruendo, se juntó la multitud; y estaban confusos, porque cada uno les oía hablar en su propia lengua. Y estaban atónitos y maravillados, diciendo: Mirad, ¿no son galileos todos estos que hablan? ¿Cómo, pues, les oímos nosotros hablar cada uno en nuestra lengua en la que hemos nacido? Partos, medos, elamitas, y los que habitamos en Mesopotamia, en Judea, en Capadocia, en el Ponto y en Asia, en Frigia y Panfilia, en Egipto y en las regiones de África más allá de Cirene, y romanos aquí residentes, tanto judíos como prosélitos, cretenses y árabes, les oímos hablar en nuestras lenguas las maravillas de Dios. Y estaban todos atónitos y perplejos, diciéndose unos a otros: ¿Qué quiere decir esto? Mas otros, burlándose, decían: Están llenos de mosto.

Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos, Dios**

**Response Spirit of the Living God Paul W., musician**

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me

Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me

Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me

Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me

Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me

Holy presence, Love Divine, cast out my fear

Holy presence, Love Divine, cast out my fear

Shield me, free me, call me, lead me

Holy presence, Love Divine, cast out my fear

**Reading Acts 2:1-13** Rev. Pressley

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[a] 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.”

**Free Flowing Worship** Rev. Pressley S, worship leader

**1.**  **Let the glory of the Lord rise among us**

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us

Let the praises of our God rise among us

Let it rise

Oh-h-h, let it rise

Oh-h-h, let it rise

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us

Let the joy of the Lord rise among us

Let it rise

Oh-h-h, let it rise

Oh-h-h, let it rise

**2. There's nothing worth more, that will ever come close**

No thing can compare, You're our living hope

Your Presence God

I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves

Where my heart becomes free, and my shame is undone

In Your Presence God

(Chorus)

Holy Spirit You are welcome here

Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere

Your Glory God is what our hearts long for

To be overcome by Your Presence God

(Bridge)

Let us be come more aware of Your Presence

Let us experience the Glory of Your Goodness (3x)

God

**3. (Chorus)**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,**

**O my soul,**

Worship God’s holy name.

Sing like never before,

O my soul.

I'll worship Your holy name.

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes. (Chorus)

2. You’re rich in love, and You're slow to anger.

Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (Chorus)

3. And on that day when my strength is failing,

The end draws near, and my time has come;

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending:

Ten thousand years and then forevermore! (Chorus)

**4. I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough**

Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up

Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low?

Remind me once again just who I am, because I need to know

[Chorus]

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing

You say I am strong when I think I am weak

You say I am held when I am falling short

When I don't belong, oh You say that I am Yours

And I believe, oh I believe

What You say of me

I believe

V2. The only thing that matters now is everything You think of me

In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity, o-ooh [chorus]

V3. Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at Your feet

You have every failure God, and You'll have every victory, o-ooh

[chorus]

**5. This is how I fight my battles**

(repeat several times)

It may look like I’m surrounded,

But I’m surrounded by You

(repeat several times)

**Our Mother Community Prayer**

**Our Mother who lives within us, we celebrate your many names. Your wisdom come, your will be done, unfolding from the depths within us. Each day you give us all that we need. You remind us of our strengths, and we embrace them. You support us in our power, and we act with courage. For you are the dwelling place within us, the empowerment around us, and the celebration among us, now and forevermore. Amen**

**Offertory Every Time I Feel the Spirit**

(Chorus)

Every time I feel the Spirit

Moving in my heart, I will pray,

Oh, every time I feel the Spirit

Moving in my heart, I will pray.

V1. Upon the mountain when my God spoke

Out of God’s mouth came fire and smoke

Looked all around me, it looked so fine,

’Til I asked my God if it were mine (to chorus)

V2. Oh, I have sorrows and I have woe,

And I have heartaches here below

But my God leads me, Im in God’s care,

And I can feel God everywhere (to chorus)

V3. Oh there’s a new land, for which we’re bound,

Where there is freedom all around!

Will you come with me, to that new land?

We will walk bravely hand in hand (to chorus)

**Announcements** Rev. Pressley S, liturgist

* **New Book Group - “Jesus in Love: A Novel” by Kittredge Cherry, Intro-ch.4** Tuesday, June 10, 7:30pm on Zoom.
* Congratulations and gratitude to our **Hendersonville Pride team yesterday, organized by Christine W.**
* **New Mountain Spirit Video Series** being created by David R. Based on three questions:

 1. What makes Mountain Spirit different than other churches?

 2. What brought you to Mountain Spirit?

 3. Do you have an experience testimonial about something important/good that has

 happened with you while at Mountain Spirit?

**Closing Song There’s A Sweet, Sweet Spirit** Paul W., musician

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of God’s Love;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of God’s Love.

Refrain:
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you may now receive
and the burdens that you carry, Love relieves;
You’ll grow stronger with each passing day,
 when you walk with grace and mercy all the way.

*(Repeat refrain)*

**Benediction** Rev. Pressley S., liturgist

**All will be well; and all will be well;**

**And all manner of thing will be well;**

**All will be well, be well.**

 **Go out with peace. Go out with kindness. Go out with Love,**

 **In the name of the Creator, Christ, Comforter, and All that are Wise and Good. Amén/Amen**