

A CELEBRATION OF GRADUATION & HOLY COMMUNION
With Prayers for the Day of Pentecost

PRELUDE **"Come Holy Spirit"**

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WELCOME

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INTRODUCTION

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CALL TO WORSHIP

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
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.
Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.
All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:1-4a)
Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts, and kindle in us the fire of your love.

A PENTECOST MOMENT

Look for the Spirit in the midst of chaos,
the light that sparks hope and pierces the drag of evil.
**The flame comes and touches each one,
opening our ears to listen to each other.**
It comes in the wind and leaves in a breath,
over every head its rests and warms each soul.
**The Spirit is that flame,
and it comes to show the way to peace and love
and all that is between.**

A LITANY TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, you are the Lord, the giver of life;
with the Creator and the Christ we worship and glorify you.
Come to us now, Spirit of God.
Holy Spirit, you were there at creation before time began;
your presence fills the whole universe.
Come to us now, Spirit of Life.
Holy Spirit, you have spoken through the prophets of old;
by their witness the Word of God has never been silent.
Come to us now, Spirit of Wisdom.
Holy Spirit, you surround the waiting church with the wind of Pentecost;
you gave life and breath to announce Christ's gospel.
Come to us now, Spirit of Love.
Holy Spirit, you came upon the first Christians as a holy fire;

you set their hearts ablaze with love for the risen Lord.
Come to us now, Spirit of God, and renew Christ's holy church.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, on the day of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples with wind from heaven and tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel. Send us out in the power of the same Spirit to witness to your truth and bring others to know your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG "Spirit of Gentleness" **TFWS 2120**

SCRIPTURE **Luke 24:13-35**

MESSAGE	“A Walk, a Talk, and an Epiphany”	Dr. Chuck Gutenson
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SONG "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" **UMH 420**

CELEBRATION OF GRADUATION

GREETING COSSO Director, Rev Dr Joon-Sik Park

RESPONSIVE READING

Director: Beloved in Christ, the Church is the Body of Christ, and we are God's holy people, called by name and guided by the Holy Spirit.

All: We are received into the Church at baptism, and called to proclaim the mighty acts of God in the name of Jesus Christ, to serve him in the Church and the world.

Director: God sent us a Savior and called the apostles to witness to his words and deeds. Through him, the Church was formed. Now God has called you into ministry with The United Methodist Church.

All: We honor this tradition and celebrate our call to ministry, as servants of the Church, as pastors, preachers, teachers, and bearers of God's word.

Director: In all things, God's grace is sufficient to strengthen you, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: By the same Spirit, God has called each of us. We stand with joy to honor these graduates, and celebrate their completion of the Course of Study.

Director: May God increase in you the gifts of grace for your life and ministry.

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

Director: Who is presented for graduation from the Course of Study?

COS Coordinator: I present these candidates for graduation:

William Lawler (Western Pennsylvania)
Benjamin "Ben" Webster (West Ohio)

BLESSING *(each candidate receives a blessing)*

Director: In the name of Almighty God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we celebrate your graduation from the Course of Study. We commend you to your ministry as a Local Pastor in The United Methodist Church and pledge our continued prayers.

Spiritual Director: May the Holy Spirit strengthen you and guide you, that in all things you may do God's will in service to the church, in the name of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PRAYER

COS Coordinator: Our congratulations and prayers go with you all. Your certificates will be sent to you. Let us pray together:

Director: We offer our virtual blessings as a sign of our connection in the body of Christ; please send your blessings in the Chat box which will be sent to the graduates.

COS Coordinator: Gracious God, we thank you for calling faithful servants to be Local Pastors in your Church. We humbly place these graduates in your care. Give them courage, patience, and vision, and bless them with caring communities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Director: And now, remember your call. Preach the Good News. Shepherd the flock of Christ. And in all things, give God the glory, now and always.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare that you have graduated from the Course of Study.

Please unmute to cheer as we congratulate our graduates.

GRADUATION HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" **UMH 593**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR DAY OF PENTECOST

adapted from Great Thanksgiving, Church of England and UMC

The Eucharistic Prayer

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord. This day we give you thanks for your promise to pour out your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth, and uniting

people of all cultures and traditions from all corners of the world. Your Spirit gives us grace to turn to you, to proclaim your gospel to all nations and to serve you in all times and places.

Therefore, we join our voices to praise the glory of your name, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

On the night before he died, he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended, he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, we remember all that Jesus did, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Look with favor on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table.

Send your Holy Spirit on us gathered far from each other and on this
bread and juice.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

(The Lord's Prayer may be said)

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body in Christ.

(all break and eat the bread)

We drink this cup to share in the love of Christ.

We share in the love of Christ.

(all drink from the cup)

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, you fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal.

Open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG

“We are the Church”

UMH 558

BLESSING

Beloved, go out into this world filled with the Holy Spirit.
Let the Spirit give you words when you have none.
Let the Spirit stop your tongue when listening is the answer.
Let the Spirit strengthen you when the way ahead is hard.
Let the Spirit enfold you and comfort you and keep you until we meet again.
Go in peace and bring the peace of Christ with you wherever you go.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Holy Spirit, You Are Welcome Here”

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SOME RESOURCES:

<https://shilbottlechurch.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Pentecost.pdf>
<https://stedscathedral.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-05-23-Pentecost-All-Age-Eucharist>
<https://www.beswick.info/rcresources/PDA9699OS.htm>
<http://www.textweek.com/yeara/pentecda.htm>
<https://lectionarypage.net>
Uniting in Worship, People's Book
UMC, Book of Worship