



Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 24, 2026

10:00 am

Joint service New Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, Church of the Covenant & Church of the Master

Serving in Worship Today

Rev. Andrea McDonough Pastor Church of the Covenant
Dr. Blanton Harper Jr. Senior Pastor New Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church
Pr. Randall E. Hall Minister of Worship & Technology New Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church

Organist	Gerry Mass
Reader	Rick Anderson
Reader	Mark Gabor
Reader	Heidi Semijalac
Reader	Andrea Willis
Greeter	Gayle Adamek
Greeter	Carol Davidson
Greeter	Kimberly Davidson
Greeter	Deborah Haper
Greeter	Charlotte Zaranka
Usher	Jen Lasher-Dobush
Crucifer	Adrian Bernardo
Offering Bearer	Maggie Hernandez
Custodian	Vanessa Petrakos
Parish Administrtor	Jen Lasher-Dobush

*Sending Song and Recession

Blessed Assurance ELW # 638



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

Dismissal Please join us in the hall for a meal and fellowship with our service partners.

Postlude

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, we give you thanks for this meal shared across every difference that might have kept us apart. By the bread broken and the cup poured out, you have made us one body, one Spirit, one people. Send us from this table into the world you love — filled, fed, and ready to go. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Go to be witnesses of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead, who sits at the right hand of God in glory, and who sends the Holy Spirit to empower us for service in his name. May the God who created you and calls you by name, the Christ who gathers us from every tradition into one body, and the Holy Spirit — the rushing wind, the flame, the breath of new life — bless you and keep you, now and always. Bless the Lord! **Alleluia!**

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Prelude and Presentation of the Flags

The flags are posted in the sanctuary in recognition of the Memorial Day holiday.

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

On Pentecost, they all were gathered together. They came from different places, with different traditions, and different words for the same deep things.

They were there-- together. In one place.

We come from different places, with different traditions, and different words for the same deep things.

And we are here-- together. In one place.

On the day of Pentecost, they were all together.

And suddenly — wind. And fire. And a rushing that no one planned. And people who had no business understanding one another heard the mighty and amazing works of God in their own language, in their own voice, in their own heart.

The Spirit moves where the Spirit will.

Come, Holy Spirit, we invite you to speak to us in this place today.

We gather here together in one Spirit.

This is the day the Lord has made.

This is the place the Spirit has called us.

Let us worship our mighty God together!

*Gathering Hymn and Procession of the Cross

Come Thou Font of Every Blessing ELW # 807



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.
Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

Distribution of Communion

Let us Break Bread Together, ELW 471



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

***Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. **Amen.**

***Fellowship and Sharing of the Peace**

Sisters and brothers, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer for the Day Reader: Heidi Semijalac, Master

Holy and boundless God, you are the fount of every blessing — the source of every stream of mercy and every flame of love. On this day of Pentecost, you call us together from different places and different traditions, and you pour out your Spirit upon all of us. Come among us today. Move where you will. And let what happens here be your doing, not ours. Through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Children's Moment Rev. Andrea McDonough

Scripture Readings

Joel 2:28-32

Reader: Rick Anderson, Master

²⁸ Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

²⁹ Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days I will pour out my spirit.

³⁰ I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. ³² Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved, for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.
God's word for God's people. **Thanks for the word.**

Acts 2:1-21

Reader: Andrea Willis Jackson, New Cornerstone

¹ 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

through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

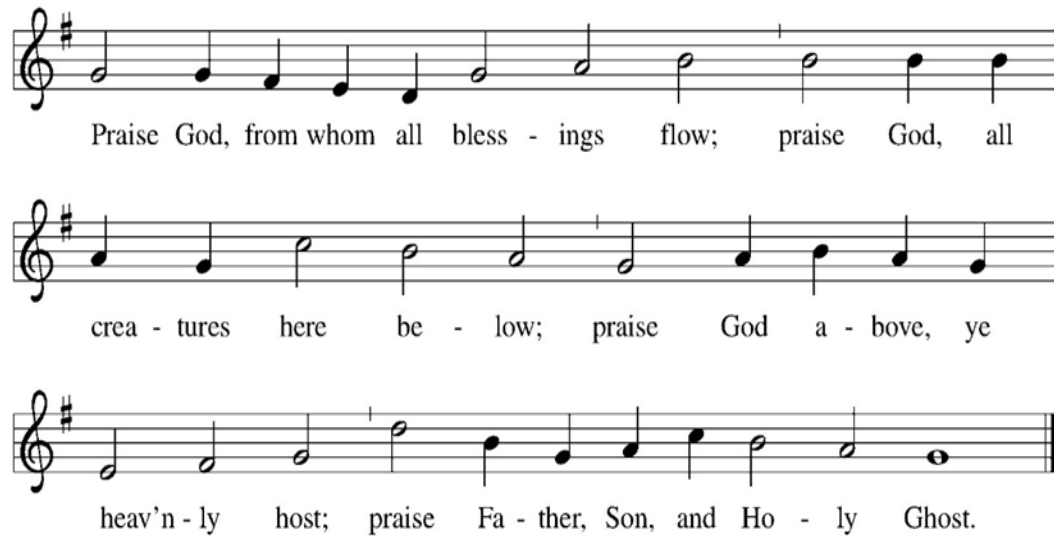
May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your breath and your fire.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

All praise and glory are yours,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
 crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.
 Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

Communion

Introduction: Rev. Dr. Harper Jr.

***Communion Liturgy:** Rev. McDonough

The Lord be with You.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God we thank you for your grace and praise you for your love.
 By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, cleanse our hearts so that we
 may share your grace and love, and worthily magnify your Holy name,

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 Jews 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.’

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks for the word.**

***The Lord's Prayer** Pastor Randall Hall, soloist

Sermon Rev. Dr. Blanton Harper Jr.

Sermon Reflection

Total Praise- Pastor Randall Hall, soloist

Prayers – Mark Gabor, Lutheran Church of the Covenant

Filled with the Spirit poured out on all flesh, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of wind and fire, on this day of Pentecost you gather your people from every tradition, every language, every corner of creation. Deepen the bonds between our congregations and between all your churches. Where we have let difference divide us, make us one. Where we have stayed in our own corners, draw us together. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creator of all, we give thanks for this earth and all its beauty. We pray for communities across Northeast Ohio and around the world facing drought, flooding, pollution, and the slow unraveling of the world you made and called good. Raise up stewards who will tend what you have entrusted to us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of every nation, on this weekend when we remember those who have died in military service, we pray for peace. For the families who carry grief that does not go away with the years. For veterans bearing wounds seen and unseen. For leaders with the power to choose war or peace — grant them wisdom, restraint, and the

courage to pursue reconciliation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, your Spirit is poured out on all flesh — which means no one is beyond your reach and no suffering is beneath your notice. We pray for all who are sick, all who are lonely, all who are afraid, all who are struggling in ways they cannot name out loud. Pour out your Spirit upon them. Let them know they are not alone and not forgotten. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of this community, we pray for the neighborhoods around this church — for families under financial pressure, for children without enough, for the hungry we serve at our community meals, and for all who have not yet found a place where they belong. Make us the kind of community that makes room for others. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Eternal God, we give thanks for all who have gone before us in faith — those who built these congregations, who sang these songs, who prayed these prayers before we knew how. Bring us at last with them into your eternal joy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, receive these prayers and all the prayers we carry in our hearts but cannot find words for. Use us — this unlikely, beautiful, gathered community — to proclaim your mighty works to the world. Through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Offering: Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow

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