

May 24, 2026 + 10:30 A.M.

Day of Pentecost

We Join in Worship

Liturgist: Vimary Couvertier Cruz

*If you need extra space for a wheelchair or walker, or if you have young children with you, please feel free to make use of our Prayground, the extra space across the aisle from the sound booth.*

**PRELUDE** *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart with O Breath of Life*  
Frederick C. Atkinson/Joel Blomquist, Arr. Cindy Berry

**WELCOME**

**PENTECOST INTROIT**

**Siyahamba (We Are Marching)**

Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos',  
Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos',  
Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos',  
Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos',  
Siyahamba, siyahamba, oh,  
Siyahamba ekukanyen' kwenkos'.  
Siyahamba, siyahamba, oh,  
Siyahamba ekukanyen' kwenkos'.

Caminamos en la luz de Dios,  
Caminamos en la luz de Dios,  
Caminamos en la luz de Dios,  
Caminamos en la luz de Dios,  
Caminamos, caminamos, si,  
Caminamos en la luz de Dios,  
Caminamos, caminamos, si,  
Caminamos en la luz de Dios,

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from *Psalms* 104)

Leader: Bless the LORD, O our souls. O LORD our God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent.

**ALL: You set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.**

Leader: You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

**ALL: O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.**

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in these works— who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

**ALL: We will sing to the LORD as long as we live; we will sing praises to our God while we have being.**

Leader: May our meditations be pleasing to the LORD, for we rejoice in the LORD!

**ALL: Bless the LORD, O our souls! Praise the LORD!**

**\*OPENING HYMN:** “Spirit of the Living God” (322) Sing twice!

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION:**

Leader: In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes, “Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.” Together let us confess how we have harmed this body.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**God our Mother and Father, we come to you with our confession, trusting in your tender care. We confess that we have lost the power of Pentecost and sought to dismember the body of Christ. You have always taught us to embrace diversity in our unity. Your Kingdom is full of different languages, races, genders, and ways of loving, all reflecting the beauty of your image. And yet we tacitly accept walls, prisons, and policies that segregate us and mandate uniformity. All too often our houses of worship reflect these same impulses. Forgive us. Fill us once more with your life-giving Spirit! In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

**KYRIE:** Glory to God, No. 579 (unison)

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! The Holy Spirit filled those gathered in Jerusalem, ensuring the presence of our forgiving God in our midst.

**ALL: God is with us, and we are forgiven! Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!**

**GLORIA PATRI** (577)

**Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**STATEMENT OF FAITH:** (From *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls people to all ministries of the church.**

<b>We Hear God's Word</b>
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**EMBODIED WORD FOR DISCIPLES OF ALL AGES**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.**

**HEBREW BIBLE LESSON:** *Numbers* 11:24-30

**EPISTLE LESSON:** *1 Corinthians* 12:4-13

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:** *Acts* 2:1-21

SERMON: InSpiration

SECOND HYMN "Spirit" (319)

**We Respond in Faith**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**OFFERING INVITATION:**

Leader: "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." Let us give the gifts of our tithes and offerings as we dream new dreams and seek to make them reality. If you are here in person, please place your offering in the plate as it is passed. If you are worshiping from home, please mail in your checks or use our online giving option on the website. Now let us practice stewardship as we listen to today's offertory.

**OFFERTORY** *Spirit Song*

John Wimber

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures high and low;**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known;**

**Creator, Word, and Spirit one;**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (Unison)**

**God of wonders, we dedicate these gifts to you and to the Church that was born on the day of Pentecost. Fill us with your Spirit of Wisdom, that we might use our resources with creativity and effectiveness. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

**We Go Into the World**

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" (315)

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *The Church's One Foundation* Samuel S. Wesley, Arr. Cindy Berry

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## **PEEK AT THE WEEK:**

SUNDAY 5/24:	Worship in Person & Online – 10:30 AM Fellowship Hosts: Deacons
MONDAY 5/25:	MEMORIAL DAY GA – 6:30 PM Al-Anon – 7:00 PM
TUESDAY 5/26:	Private Flute Lessons 2-8 PM (Sanctuary) Prayer Shawl – 1:00 PM AA – 7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY 5/27:	Private Flute Lessons 2-8 PM (Sanctuary) GA – 7:00 PM
SATURDAY 5/30:	Sackurday – 12:00 PM AA – 6:30 PM
SUNDAY 5/31:	Graduate Sunday Faith Development – 11:45 AM

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **WE WILL BE CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES ON MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>!** Be sure to show up and show your love!
- **MINISTRY OF MISSION'S 2026 FLOWER VOUCHER SALE** The Ministry of Mission's Annual Zandstra Flower Voucher Fundraiser is here! The vouchers are \$17.00 each, and as you know they are worth \$17.00 at Zandstra's Greenhouse. Vouchers will be available to purchase in Fellowship Hall each Sunday after church, and you can also reach out to Tracy Oprea @ (219) 616-7181 to purchase the same. Tracy will deliver them to you at no extra charge. Mission greatly appreciates your support. Spring Blessings to All.
- **THE BIBLE IN TODAY'S WORLD AND BYOB ARE ON SUMMER BREAK** Keep an eye out for these opportunities in the Fall!
- **FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!** If you don't already follow us on Facebook and Instagram, please start doing so @firstpchighland on both Facebook and Instagram.
- **INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF FPCH?** You are always welcome here, whether a member or not! If you are interested in joining as a member, though, we would love to have you! Please talk to Pastor Tyler if you would like to learn more.

## **Opportunities to serve as the HEART, HANDS, and FEET of Jesus Christ:**

- **BLESSING BOX** Please continue to place items in the Blessing Box and take items if you are a person in need! Items most commonly donated: Canned goods with pull tabs, socks, toilet paper, non-perishable foods, small snacks, toiletries, baby wipes and diapers. Please check expiration dates!
- **HELP STOCK OUR PANTRY!** Please pick up a beautifully decorated grocery bag in the narthex and fill it to help the church's food pantry.

## Prayer List

Anthony	Flora R.
Brady Vanes	Tyler Gall
George Griner	Phil
Guy Hendricks	Luana Sulkowski
Bill and Anettia Holmes	Sonny Buono
David Markley	Robin
David Kingen	Eunice
Diana and Ray Mendoza	Betsy
Janet Orem	David
Cindy Waltz and Sister	Joe & Kathy
Yvonne Suroviak	Breanne Polan
Georgette and Garry Sknerski	Tammy
Jakob Holden	Alex
Denise Matthys	Ben
Jan Oprea	Mike Kelly
Florance Cody	Sue Heth
Kathy & Chuck Pumnea	Ron Toren
The Windstrups	Tony
Rick Parker	Mildred
Gary Everhart	Neal
Darlene O'Brien	Rita
Doug & Sue Matthews	Carolyn
Janet Terpstra	Oscar Ochoa
Glen Nahler	Tony and Sharon Nevers
Tom	Caroline
David Hamblin	Jean and Clara
Jana Tolley	Suzanne
Larry & Bonnie Perryman	Dave Shelborne
Delta Rose	Kali Rosalia
Winnie Owen	Nick B.
Breeanne	Carlito
Mom Bechtler	Don
Victor	Donna
Marian Clayton	Phyllis
Ella P	Diane
Rita Stroncsek	Marly
Keren, Zuriel, and Gedeon	Jeff
Edna Cruz	Linda
Charlie	Sandy
Jerry & Rena Martinez	Bill
Nicole	Debbie
Greg	Marie Smith
Mary Ellen Edeus	Bruce Marshall
Jane and David	

### **Numbers 11:24-30**

<sup>24</sup> So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup> Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup> Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup> And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup> And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” <sup>29</sup> But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!” <sup>30</sup> And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

### **1 Corinthians 12:4-13**

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, enslaved or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

### **Acts 2:1-21**

<sup>2</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> ‘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.

- <sup>18</sup> Even upon the enslaved, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,  
and they shall prophesy.
- <sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
- <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

### InSpiration

*Numbers 11:24-30; 1 Corinthians 12:4-13; Acts 2:1-21*

In the time of Moses, God visited a tent meeting of elders. In the midst of that meeting, God took some of the spirit that was on God and put it on those gathered. When that spirit rested upon them, they began to prophesy. I am fascinated by the mechanics of it. The spirit is described as something *on* God, as though the spirit were a garment God was wearing or a substance attached to God. Then God removed a portion of it, not all of it, and put it on those gathered. I am reminded of Elisha asking for a double portion of Elijah's spirit and then receiving Elijah's mantle upon his shoulders. The more I think about it, the more I consider other passages about God's spirit in the Hebrew Bible. And the more I consider the passages, the more I realize that the spirit is described as something that hovers over, comes upon, or is placed upon. God's spirit *hovered over* the waters at Creation as a wind. God's spirit was *placed upon* the elders gathered in the tent with Moses. God's spirit *came upon* various judges like Gideon and Samson, prophets like Isaiah, and kings like Saul. In this understanding, God's spirit is thus something that can also be taken off. We see it with those seventy elders. After the tent meeting they were no longer able to prophesy because God's spirit was no longer upon them. Eldad and Medad were apparently able to keep their portion of God's spirit on—now those are some names to file away for Bible Trivia night!

This mechanism of God's spirit coming upon a person continued into the New Testament. At Jesus' baptism, God's spirit descended *upon* him like a dove. But then it all changed at a fundamental level. As Jesus lived his life and went about his public ministry of living love, or maybe it was during those three days of death, the Holy Spirit moved from this external dwelling place to an internal dwelling place. For, as we heard several weeks ago, when Thomas was out and about and thus had reason to doubt, when the resurrected Jesus visited the disciples huddling in fear in the Upper Room, the Holy Spirit was within his very lungs. And then he breathed the Holy Spirit into those gathered in the Upper Room. It was like a reenactment of that tent meeting in the time of Moses. Only, this time God's spirit was breathed *into* rather than placed *onto* the elders. It was inhalation of the Spirit. It was inSpiration.

Aha! It is time for us to do some Word exploration, and you know how much I love that! The word "Spirit" comes from the Latin word *spirare*, which means, "to breathe." That S-P-I-R in "Spirit" is all about breathing. "Inspiration," of course, has that same S-P-I-R. It means, "breathed into." Jesus breathed the Spirit of the living God *into* the disciples. Inspiration of the Spirit! Breathing in the breath of God! Wow! Ah yes, now I am *inspired* to keep playing with words! Again, you know me. In the biblical languages, the word for "spirit" is the same word for breath, wind, and life force—that which gives us life. And, by the way, in the biblical languages the word is decidedly not masculine. *Ruach* in Hebrew is feminine. *Pneuma* in Greek is neuter, encompassing all genders. And that makes sense given the indefinable, uncontainable nature of air! But I digress. I guess such is the nature of Holy Spirit moving! Back to inSpiration.

With that inbreathing, the Spirit became part of them just as she, just as they, had become part of Jesus. This was not just a monumental change; it was a fundamental transformation! It was a change that would forever change the course of history. It was a change that would forever change the world. It was a change that would forever change all of us. For, this inSpiration was not limited to the disciples in that Upper Room. As we hear last week, right before he journeyed back to Heaven Jesus said to his disciples, "This is what you have

heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

He was referring, of course, to the day of Pentecost. *Pentecost* is a Greek word for the Hebrew *Shavuot*, the Festival of Weeks—called that because it marks seven weeks after the Passover. Part of the observance of this festival that carried so much weight was a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. People from all over the diaspora made their way to Jerusalem. And so, seven weeks after the Passover—seven weeks after the Last Supper—the city of Jerusalem was teeming with people from Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Middle East. There would have been countless different skin colors, different languages, different perspectives on the world, and different ways of worshiping. As they were gathered together in one place, a tiny group of twelve Galileans, with Matthias now in their number, began to speak.

“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 and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability...at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? If so, how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?...All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’”

What does this mean? It means that the wind that had hovered over the waters at Creation, the breath that Jesus had breathed into the lungs of those huddled in the Upper Room, the source of Wisdom for the prophets of old, the Spirit of the living God had blown *into* all of those gathered in Jerusalem. It was *inSpiration!* And so they saw tongues of fire. And so they spoke each their own language and were able to understand each other. The beautiful, necessary diversity of their languages and contexts was maintained and honored. The harmful walls built up along dividing lines of languages and contexts were demolished in their newfound understanding of each other. For, now they shared something in common that at once embraced diversity and transcended divisions. Now they shared the Holy Spirit in their very essence. They represented that vast beauty of difference, the multiple nature of God’s image, and they represented the deep power of unity in the Spirit. And what could be more inspiring than that?!

Thus they heard and understood that little group of Galileans, led by Peter, as they spoke of the Law fulfilled and the Word made flesh, as they spoke of a new covenant, as they spoke of the bountiful providence of God—in other words as they honored and observed this *Shavuot*, this *Pentecost* that they all shared. That day 3,000 people were baptized in water. And so the Church was born—with 12 poor fishermen and laborers from the Galilean countryside, the many unnamed women who had been there through it all, and 3,000 Jews and proselytes from Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East speaking the many different languages of specific contexts within those regions. So, at its birth the Church was a multi-racial, multi-lingual, multi-gender, multi-religious, multi-economic class, multi...movement—representing the beautiful multiple-ness of the image and likeness of God. On that day of birth, when the Church took its first breath, all who were gathered were baptized with the Holy Spirit, empowered to carry on the work that was begun by this Jesus of Nazareth who had just ascended to heaven—to spread the good news of God’s love in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth, not as conquering, colonizing missionaries, but as people going home. And on that day of birth God also adopted all of them, choosing them as heirs and claiming a bond of Spirit that is more powerful than blood. God said, “Gotcha!” And so all of those gathered in all of their multiple-ness became siblings with a shared Spirit and a shared Parent.

Holy Spirit, of course, was in the world all along, ever since the universe came into existence. And before that she existed. She was always there hovering over the waters, guiding refugees, and whispering to the prophetesses and prophets. But on that day they manifested in a way that could leave no doubt that something new was being born. On that day it became clear that they were entering the people gathered, filling them up, becoming part of them, not just working externally. From then on, she would hover *within* the people as a constant presence. From then on they would guide the people with the purpose that we feel in our guts. From then on she would be that still, small voice inside of everyone, speaking the truths of love and rightness.

And that was just one event of birth and adoption and baptism! Over the many centuries since then, she has continued to inspire. She has inspired more and more prophetesses and prophets who have spoken truths of

love and rightness into constantly changing contexts. They have inspired power in voices that the systems of this world function to silence. She has been there inspiring joy for every birth, every adoption, and every baptism. They have been there for every disaster, every illness, and every death, inspiring comfort and grieving alongside of us. She has inspired revivals of people all over the world—often the outcast and oppressed—giving rise to charismatic and Pentecostal movements and renewing gifts of prophecy and healing and speaking other languages and understanding other languages. They have inspired the movement of the followers of the way of Jesus of Nazareth—as it spread like wildfire in the time of the first disciples and as it continues to spread like wildfire in the global South. She has sung with us and read with us, inspiring us to embrace the richness of our traditions. They have inspired us to break free of confining walls that we have built—spiritually and physically—in order to grow with creativity because we are to be dynamic just as she is. She has inspired us to be the body of Christ in the world today, in the fullness of our diversity and in the power of our unity. In short, they have inspired us to be the Spirit-filled Church that was birthed and took its first breath in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost.

I often reflect on what it means to be an inspired, Spirit-filled Church. I know that there are very particular ideas out there of “Spirit-filled” only defining charismatic churches with prophesying, faith healing, and speaking in heavenly tongues. Such churches very well may be Spirit-filled, but that is not the only way to be so. For, to be Spirit-filled means to love all and welcome all, embracing the fullness of the diversity of God’s image. To be Spirit-filled means to share a unity of purpose, namely the purpose of sharing God’s love with the world. To be Spirit-filled means to be open to the winds of new life and creation. To be Spirit-filled means to be not afraid, for God is with us always, God’s Spirit is within us always.

And I have good news, First Presbyterian Church of Highland, for we are a Spirit-filled Church! Over the past several years this beloved community has had people connecting in person and online who speak:

English, Spanish, French, Serbian, Polish and Portuguese

Mandarin, Malayalam, Hindi, Sinhala and Tamil

Krio, Creole, Q’eqchi’, Korean, Arabic, Afrikaans, and Wolof

Bemba, Tumbuka, Chewa, Nyanja, Shona, and Swahili

This beloved community has people connecting in person and online who represent the prismatic spectrums of gender, race, sexual orientation, age, income level, ability level, and even religion. This beloved community is filled with people passionate about our united purpose of sharing God’s love with the world. Oh yes, we are a Spirit-filled Church indeed!

So, in this Pentecost moment, I urge all of us to take a deep breath and receive all that Holy Spirit has to inspire within us for such a time as this. Come on, fill those lungs all the way up! Let her oxygenate every cell of your body. Envision this happening. Feel this happening. Now, with that breath of Spirit making its way into our brains, let us see visions and dream dreams of the possibilities that we can create after we go through this re-birthing—possibilities for building a world based on the love and rightness of God who chooses and claims ALL of us across that world. With the expansion of our lungs, let us also expand our hearts and minds so that we can break free of the walls we have built and then connect at the deepest levels with our family members in every context of this world. With every cell tingling with new life, let us prophesy and speak truth with our passion and power.

And then let us breathe out...well, let us *blow* out as though there are candles in front of us. For, we have a birthday to celebrate! Happy Birthday, Church! *Happy birthday to us! Happy birthday to us! Happy birthday, dear Church! Happy birthday to us! Amen!*

# Spirit of the Living God

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LIVING GOD Irregular

Daniel Iverson, 1935; adapted

Daniel Iverson, 1935

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a - fresh on me;

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a - fresh on me.

James K. Manley, 1975

James K. Manley, 1975



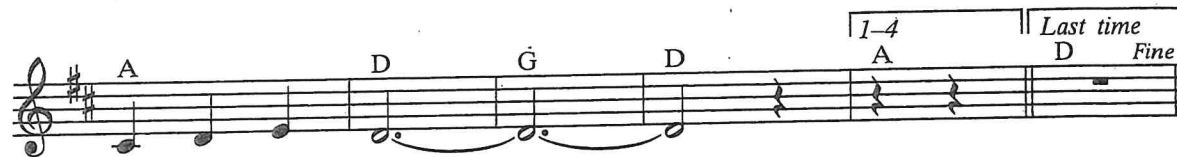
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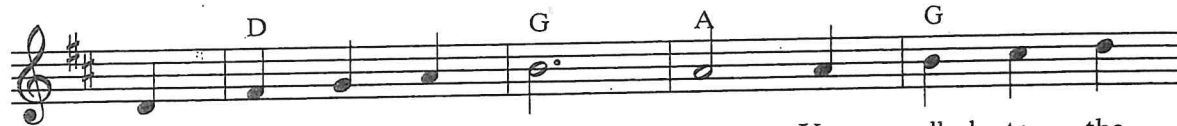
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3. You sang in a sta - ble, You cried from a
4. You call from to - mor - row, You break an - cient



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 sand, And You gift - ed your peo - ple With a  
 hill, Then You whis - pered in si - lence When the  
 schemes, From the bond - age of sor - row The

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 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi -

A G D

ons You called to each thing, "A -  
 ed With their i - dols and lies, Then You  
 y You called once a - gain When You  
 sions, Our men clear their eyes. With

Bm G

wake from your slum - bers And  
 spoke through Your proph - ets To  
 blew through Your peo - ple On the  
 bold new de - ci - sions Your

A D G/A D A D.C. al Fine

rise on your wings."  
 o - pen their eyes.  
 rush of the wind.  
 peo - ple a - rise.

# Every Time I Feel the Spirit

PENTECOST Irregular

African-American spiritual  
Arr. Joseph T. Jones (1902-1983)  
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African-American spiritual  
*Refrain*

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my

heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the

Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray.

*Fine*

1. Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, Out of God's  
2. Jor - dan riv - er, chil - ly and cold, It chills the

mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me,  
bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train

The first system of the musical score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written in a treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are: "mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me, bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train". The piano accompaniment is written in a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with the same key signature. It features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, with some chords and rests.

it looked so fine, Till I asked my Lord if all was mine.  
up - on this track; It runs to heav - en and then right back. D.C.

The second system of the musical score continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line lyrics are: "it looked so fine, Till I asked my Lord if all was mine. up - on this track; It runs to heav - en and then right back. D.C.". The piano accompaniment continues with the same musical style, including a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The system concludes with a double bar line and the marking "D.C." (Da Capo).