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PENTECOST

Welcome and Announcements:

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Music to Prepare Our Hearts:

Michael Snyder

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

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Call to Worship: *

Bev Svoboda

Leader: Like the disciples, we gather in this space, united by our relationship with the Risen Christ.

People: We come ready to receive what God has to give.

Leader: Just as tongues of fire descended on the disciples,

People: We receive the gift of the Spirit's power and inspiration.

Leader: Just as the resurrected Christ breathed the Spirit onto the disciples,

People: We receive the gift of the Spirit's peace and wisdom.

Leader: As the lifegiving and peacemaking Holy Spirit blazes through us today,

People: We receive the gift of the Spirit's fire that unites us as the Body of Christ. Amen.

Opening Hymn: * **“I'm Goin' to Sing When the Spirit Says Sing”** UMH #333

Opening Prayer *

Bev Svoboda

Holy One, ignite within us a fiery passion for your mission in the world today. Warm us by the Spirit's dancing tongues of flame, that we may feel your kindling blaze within, urging us to do your greater good. Make us wholly present to experience a new birth, and awaken possibilities within us to share your love in the world. In this love and abundance, we come to celebrate your harvest—a harvest bearing the first fruits of the Spirit within us. Show us how to use these gifts, as we listen for your truth in the gentle breeze of your Spirit. Amen

A Time of Prayer

Pastoral Prayer
Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

Pastor Philip

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21

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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 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 them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own 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 wonder 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." Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you: listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: " 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people, Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

