

May 19, 2024

# !!Pentecost!!

## Greeting and Announcements

**Welcome Statement** (Printed on the bulletin insert)

**Into the Silence** Acts 2:1, 2

“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...”

## Prelude and Bringing in the Light

\* **Call to Worship** (AnneMarie Kneebone)

L: Come, sing a new song of worship.

**P: Come, sing a new song of praise.**

L: Today is a day of a promise fulfilled.

**P: With joy we celebrate Pentecost.**

L: Pentecost – a day when power and comfort flowed.

**P: Pentecost – a day of hope and inspiration.**

L: A day when the Holy Spirit was revealed in flaming glory

**P: and the glory was given to the people.**

L: The fire of the Holy Spirit lives on in us. Sing praises!

**All: We sing praises, indeed!**

• **Hymn** *Sound the New World Rising* (Tune: NCH #238)

• **Morning Prayer**

Gracious One, if your Spirit began to shake this building, pushing a Holy Wind through our closed doors, we would not know what to make of it. Our ears are not tuned to your voice. Our bodies are not accustomed to your touch. We are not sure what it means to be the Spirit-enlivened Body of Christ in our own time. Forgive us. By your Spirit on this Pentecost Sunday shake us, rattle us,

awaken us to this new life in this new age. Bring your dream for this world alive in us and around us we pray. Amen

\* **The Promise** *Anyone!!*  
*Thanks be to God!*

• **Sung Response**

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!*

*Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices the Lord is near.*

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## Invitation to the Table

**Choir Anthem** *Jesus Paid It All*

**Kid's Time**

**Offering** *A prayer in the dark*

Let the Pentecost Flame burn...

## Offertory

• **Sung Response** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow...*

• **Gratitude Prayer (Unison)**

May your Spirit shake us free to give generously, to love extravagantly, and to live abundantly through whatever trials and blessings lie ahead. We are your people by your grace, and for this and all your gifts we are grateful. Amen.

**1st Scripture Reading** Acts 2:1-13

**2nd Scripture Reading** Acts 2:16-21

**Sermon** *...a Mede, an Elamite and a Christian walk into a bar...*

## Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

• **Closing Hymn** *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* (NCH #63)

• **Benediction**

Today the Wind blows and the house shakes. On this Pentecost Sunday go from this place carrying the Holy Spirit's flame, the warmth of God's love and the cleansing heat of Jesus' grace. Let your lives be shaped and guided by this gift. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Liturgist:** Tammy Young

**Radio Sponsors:** Tammie Huerth in memory of her parents, Les and Dorothy Reuter's Anniversary.

**If you would like to sponsor** a radio broadcast call the church office at 608-643-8387 to check on available dates. Cost is now at \$90.00/week. Your support of this important ministry is much appreciated. Our next available dates are June 23, 30 and July 7.

**Address Changes**—If your phone number, mailing or email address changes please send the new address to the church office so we can keep our records up to date.

**From our Stock the Schools campaign—suggested donations for May:** Food items: Granola Bars; Personal items: Toothbrushes and full size toothpaste. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated. Please drop your donations off in the red tote outside the educational doors during office hours (Monday-Friday 8am–Noon) or inside during Sunday worship. Thanks for your help.

**The Communion Table at First Church is set** with home made bread on the plate and grape juice in the cup. We welcome absolutely everyone to share in this meal. Whoever you are, whatever brought you here this morning, if you are even a little bit hungry, come and taste.

### **Welcome Statement from Plymouth Cong. UCC—Madison**

Plymouth is a community of faith that seeks to respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed. We are an Open and Affirming, Immigrant-Welcoming, Just Peace, Dementia-Friendly congregation. We welcome people of all ages, races, spiritual

backgrounds, sexual orientation, and gender identity. We promise to join with you in making our community and our world a more loving, peaceful, and kind place to live.

*“Wind finally gets where it was going  
through the snowy trees, and the river, even  
when frozen, arrives at the right place.*

*And sometimes you sense how faithfully your life  
is delivered, even though you can't read the address.”*

Thomas R. Smith (from the poem “Trust”)

### **1st Scripture Reading**

Acts 2. 1-13 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 and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And 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? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

### **Second Scripture Reading**

Acts 2. 14-21 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"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.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.  
<sup>1</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
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."