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Spirit Unbound

God Poured Out – Pentecost Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship



**** P – Pastor **Bold – C: Congregation responds** ****

P: Beloved, the Spirit of Truth gathers us here to receive and discern God's good news working among us.

C: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

P: The Spirit of Love draws us together to receive and restore life-giving relationships with God and one another.

C: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

P: The Spirit of Freedom knits us together to receive and renew the bonds of empathy, justice, and peace that bind us together in the work for liberation and wholeness.

C: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

P: Beloved, the Holy Spirit is here, moving and working among us. Will you come and receive all the Spirit has to give?

C: We come to receive the Spirit's abundant and gracious gifts that we may be a people who live out God's truth, love, and freedom in our neighborhood, community, and throughout all creation. Amen.

Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed

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**** All to recite in unison ****

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by

the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Gloria Patri

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

Opening Hymn – God of Grace and God of Glory

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Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Offering – Ushers come forward

Doxology

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!*

Old Testament Lesson – Numbers 11:24-30 (NRSVue)

²⁴ 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. ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ 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.²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸ And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹ 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!” ³⁰ And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Hymn – I Love Thy Kingdom Lord

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Gospel Lesson – Acts 2:1-21 (NRSVue)

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 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^[a] 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.’”

Sermon – Spirit Unbound

Closing Hymn: O Spirit of the Living God

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Benediction & Commission

Family of God, go now in the blessing of the Spirit who inspires you to seek God’s truth, empowers you to share God’s love with empathy and compassion, and emboldens you to live in the

freedom of the Spirit who binds us to God and one another that we may be truly free. Amen.

Readings for the week beginning May 25, 2026

- Genesis 1:1-2:4a
- Psalm 8
- 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
- Matthew 28:16-20

Announcements

- Jackie Seats, Susie Seats-Edwards, and Randy Edwards made a memorial to the glory of God and in memory of Carolyn Disher.

Prayer List

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner
Frank Dalton
The Family of Carolyn Disher
Johnny Disher
Sherry Doub

Wanda Needham
Barbara Perryman
Frances Sisk
Peggy Willard

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost
Tammy Seats Boyd
Jimmy & Deborah Branch
Jane Bullin
Leisha Carpenter
Mack Edwards
Mary File
Garry Harbin
Kathy Harbin
Lynda Harper
Ronald Howell
David Joyner
Charles Kurfees
Kevin McBride
Kevin McDaniel

Mark Megela
Ronnie Mudd
Jay D. Prevette
Vivian Royal
Hal Seats
Phillip Seats
Mary Ellen Smith
Kim Triplette
Mark Wall
Ann Wallace
Robert and Susan Warren
Tracy Webb
Jeremy Wilson
Savannah Wooten

May Birthdays

Susan McBride	1	Connie V. Bolen Wood	13
Lissa Seats	1	Hayden Potts	18
Ashley Snow Perryman	5	Linda Southern	19
Johnny Disher	6	Kaye Lynne Parker	21
Frances Sisk	7	Melanie Perryman	26
Chelsea Manring	13	Wayne Bumgardner	31

Wesley Covenant Prayer (Adapted from Rev. Jeremy Smith on HackingChristianity.net.)

I am not my own self-made, self-reliant human being. In truth, O God, I am Yours. Make me into what You will. Make me a neighbor with those whom You will. Guide me on the easy path for You. Guide me on the rocky road for You. Whether I am to step up for You or step aside for You; Whether I am to be lifted high for You or brought low for You; Whether I become full or empty, with all things or with nothing; I give all that I have and all that I am for You. So be it. And may I always remember that you, O God, and I belong to each other. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

- Where did you hear God speaking to you in today's message?
- What main thought(s) can you use this coming week?
- Did you hear anything new and/or different from the scripture or the message today?
- What reaffirmed or challenged you?
- Additional thoughts and/or ideas?