



Valley United Methodist Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 28, 2023

**PENTECOST**

*Thank you for joining in this worship service! We hope you will enter in the spirit of worship from wherever you are, and whenever you join. We'll follow this order of worship. You'll have to decide whether to stand (\*) and sit when invited! If you're joining in real time, you can add your comments and/or prayer requests in the comments on our livestream [at this link](#). Words in **bold print** are read together. Words from our United Methodist Hymnal (UMH), The Faith We Sing songbook (FWS) and other sources will appear on screen. We're so glad you're here!*

Gathering Music

*Aria Tranquillo*  
*Cantabile*  
*Elegy, Op. 55, No. 3*

Vivaldi  
Locatelli  
Guilmant

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

When the world divides us:  
**Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.**  
When the world calls us orphaned:  
**Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.**  
When the world leads us astray:  
**Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.**  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.  
**Come and fill this place.**

adapted from *Worship & Song Leader's Edition* (2011), 36

\*Opening Hymn

*Spirit of God* (FWS 2117)

1-Spirit of God, bright Wind,  
breath that bids life begin,  
blow as you always do;  
create us anew.

Give us the breath to sing,  
lifted on soaring wing,  
held in your hands,  
borne on your wings.

*Refrain:* Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

2-Spirit of God, bright Dove,  
grant us your peace and love,  
healing upon your wings  
for all living things.

For when we live your peace,  
captives will find release,  
held in your hands,  
borne on your wings.

*Refrain:* Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

3-Spirit of God, bright Hands,  
even in far off lands  
you hold all the human race  
in one warm embrace.

No matter where we go,  
you hold us together so,  
held in your hands,  
borne on your wings.

*Refrain:* Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

4-Spirit of God, bright Flame,  
send us in your holy name,  
the power to heal,  
to share your love everywhere.

We cannot fail or fall,  
or know defeat at all,  
held in your hands,  
borne on your wings.

*Refrain:* Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

5-Spirit of God in all,  
we gladly hear your call,  
the life in our hands that sings,  
the power of your wings.  
Born of your grace we rise,  
love shining in our eyes,  
held in your hands,  
borne on your wings.  
*Refrain: Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!*

\*Opening Prayer      **Holy Spirit, blow through our gathering  
as you blew through that Pentecost gathering  
so many centuries ago.  
Breathe in us your new creation,  
that we may be renewed and revived  
to be your people once more.  
Speak through our differences and our diversity,  
and bind us together in unity and love.**

*Abingdon Worship Annual 2023, 101*

\*Peace                      The peace of Christ is with you.  
**And also with you.**

Special Music              *America the Beautiful*

The Back Row

First Reading              Acts 2.1-21

<sup>1</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 nation 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, “Men of Judea 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 my slaves, 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.’

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Time with Children

Second Reading      1 Corinthians 12.3b-13

<sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. <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 miracles, 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, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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Message                      The New Wine

Call to Prayer              *Spirit of the Living God* (UMH 393)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Time of Prayer

A Prayer for Memorial Day and for Peace

Let us pause for a moment of silence as we remember and honor those who died while serving their country in the armed forces.

*silence*

Merciful God, we recognize those who made the ultimate sacrifice, putting the welfare of others ahead of their own safety. We are grateful and humbled by their actions. Strengthen and comfort their friends and family members as they remember and grieve.

God of Love, it is your will for the nations to seek you and to know you. It is your will for us live together in peace, provision, and equity.

Forgive us our warring ways.

End the selfishness and corruption.

End the mistrust and misinformation.

End the violence.

Bring wholeness and hope to every system, relationship, and person broken by war, violence, and vengeance.

Show us where we can join you in your great work of peace.

Give us the courage to act and your wisdom to know what to do.

We ask this in the strong name of Jesus

The Savior of the World,

The Lord of All,

The Prince of Peace,

in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Creator, 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.**

Time of Offering

Offertory

*Adagio, from Organ Concerto No. 1*

Handel

Offering Prayer

**Holy God, we give you ourselves, captive and free,  
shaped by forces beyond our control,  
open to the power of your Spirit.**

**Through us, and our gifts, may others know  
that when anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation,  
and that the old way ends, and new life begins  
for everyone. Amen.**

*Worship & Song Leader's Edition (2011), 111, adapted*



**June 2023 Valley Views and Calendar:** Be sure to check out the June 2023 Valley Views and calendar attached to Thursday's email or on our church website: [www.valleyumc.org](http://www.valleyumc.org) under the Events tab.

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