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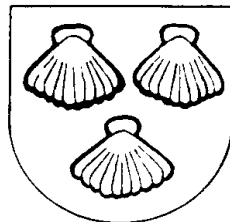
**Pentecost**

**“Dare to Move From Dreams to Reality with Power and Presence!”**

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# WE GATHER

## Welcome and Preparation

*Rev. Patricia Abell*

### Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision”

*Handbell Choir*

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### Call to Worship

*Edie Candee*

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come.  
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ALL: **We are ready and waiting.**  
ALL: **We yearn for your presence and power.**  
ALL: **Bring your gifts and your guidance.**

### Threshold

“Spirit of God”

*TFWS 2117*

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.  
Alleluia, Come Spirit Come! Alleluia, Come spirit come.

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### Opening Prayer

*Edie Candee*

**Holy God, empower us with your Holy Spirit, that as your daughters and sons,  
we may prophesy truth to power.  
Inspire within us the dreams of youth and the visions of age.  
Cause wonders to occur, not just in the heavens above,  
but on the earth below, that your justice may spring forth  
with tremors of righteousness and love.  
In the power of your mighty Spirit, we pray. Amen.**

### Opening Hymn

“Holy Spirit, Come to Us”

*TFWS 2118*

Holy Spirit, come to us.  
Veni Sancte Spiritus

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Music: Jacques Berthier

### Prayer of Confession

*Edie Candee*

**Come into our presence, Holy Spirit. Speak truth to our troubled hearts.  
Discomfort us in our complacency. Stir up a yearning within us for justice and love.  
Guide us away from paths of sin and sorrow onto paths of truth and righteousness.  
Come into our hearts, Holy Spirit, with your power and your love.  
Cleanse us and make us new. In your mercy and grace, we pray. Amen... (Silence).**

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

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**Children’s Message**

**Eddie Candee**

**Scripture**

**Ezekiel 37:1-12, 14 (CEB)**

**Eddie Candee**

**37** The LORD’s power overcame me, and while I was in the LORD’s spirit, he led me out and set me down in the middle of a certain valley. It was full of bones. **2** He led me through them all around, and I saw that there were a great many of them on the valley floor, and they were very dry.

**3** He asked me, “Human one, can these bones live again?”

I said, “LORD God, only you know.”

**4** He said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, Dry bones, hear the LORD’s word! **5** The LORD God proclaims to these bones: I am about to put breath in you, and you will live again. **6** I will put sinews on you, place flesh on you, and cover you with skin. When I put breath in you, and you come to life, you will know that I am the LORD.”

**7** I prophesied just as I was commanded. There was a great noise as I was prophesying, then a great quaking, and the bones came together, bone by bone. **8** When I looked, suddenly there were sinews on them. The flesh appeared, and then they were covered over with skin. But there was still no breath in them.

**9** He said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, human one! Say to the breath, The LORD God proclaims: Come from the four winds, breath! Breathe into these dead bodies and let them live.”

**10** I prophesied just as he commanded me. When the breath entered them, they came to life and stood on their feet, an extraordinarily large company.

**11** He said to me, “Human one, these bones are the entire house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope has perished. We are completely finished.’ **12** So now, prophesy and say to them, The LORD God proclaims: I’m opening your graves! I will raise you up from your graves, my people, and I will bring you to Israel’s fertile land. **14** I will put my breath<sup>[a]</sup> in you, and you will live. I will plant you on your fertile land, and you will know that I am the LORD. I’ve spoken, and I will do it. This is what the LORD says.”

## Acts 2:1-21 (CEB)

**2** When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. **4** They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

**5** There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. **6** When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. **7** They were surprised and amazed, saying, “Look, aren’t all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them?” **8** How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? **9** Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), **11** Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!” **12** They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, “What does this mean?” **13** Others jeered at them, saying, “They’re full of new wine!”

**14** Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, “Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! **15** These people aren’t drunk, as you suspect; after all, it’s only nine o’clock in the morning! **16** Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

***17** In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.  
Your young will see visions.  
Your elders will dream dreams.*

***18** Even upon my servants, men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.*

***19** I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.*

***20** The sun will be changed into darkness,  
and the moon will be changed into blood,  
before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes.*

***21** And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.<sup>[a]</sup>*

**Anthem**

“We Will Keep Our Faith Alive”

**Chancel and Handbell Choirs**

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## The Lord's Prayer

### Offering Invitation and Prayer

#### Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**UMH 94**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God All creatures here below  
Alleluia alleluia  
Praise God the source of all our gifts  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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#### Closing Hymn

"Living Spirit, Holy Fire"

**W & S 3109**

1. Living Spirit, holy fire  
Burning bright to light our way  
Blaze among us and inspire  
Lives that praise you day by day
2. Warm us, draw your people near  
When our love draws weak or cold  
Free our frozen hearts from fear  
That each story may be told
3. Melt away the masks we wear  
Hiding what we know and feel  
Risking growth we want to share  
Love in action, love that's real
4. Open hearts, affirm us all  
Many splended, one in you  
We embrace the work, the call  
You are making all things new

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Music: Lori True  
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#### Benediction

#### Postlude

"Breathe of Me, Breath of God"

**Handbell Choir**

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### **Questions for Reflection**

*In this coming week consider how many ways and through which persons you are shown a new path for your life. Watch for startling nudges or sudden epiphanies; listen for sighs that signal letting go of something pressing so that you can hear the Spirit's guidance.*

*What have you learned? How can you give thanks?*

### **Household Prayer: Morning**

*God of newness and delight,  
you greet your world again with light and life.  
I awaken to your presence behind, before, beneath, above, and within me.  
I thank you for another day  
and ask only that you keep me so firmly in your care  
that I can move gracefully through all I have to do.  
Guard my family, my friends, and all my brothers and sisters in faith.  
Let me be a peacemaker today; in Jesus' name. Amen.*

### **Household Prayer: Evening**

*Good and Holy One,  
you have led me through this day of many encounters  
to the time when I may close my eyes and dream.  
I thank you for the people you have sent my way today,  
for the work I have had to do, for the food, shelter, and safety you have given.  
I pray that people everywhere  
may have all necessary comfort and nourishment and that I may lie down in peace,  
resting in the trust that you are watching over all creation.  
I pray this in the name of the One who made Earth,  
called the children to come,  
and blows through our days with wisdom. Amen.*

### **RESOURCES:**

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