

**PrairieLand Parish**

*As we unite in worship today, we extend a warm welcome to each one present.  
May we together experience the presence of God*

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**We Gather to Prepare Our Hearts to Meet Our Lord**



PENTECOST SUNDAY

**Prelude**

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Opening Meditation**

The day of Pentecost is upon us. May the Spirit of the Living God, dance with us on this day. Come, Whirlwind of Wonder! Sing to the groaning of creation. Come, still small voice of Hope! Enflame us with your passion for justice. Come, Liberator of the Least! Purify us of our grasping greediness. Come, Advocate of selfless living! Silence our gossiping tongues. Come, Harmony of God's Heart! Wind of God, blow through us; Fire of God, burn within us; Tongue of God, speak to us on this day of renewal and birth.

**A Call to Worship (Based on Acts 2:1-21)**

I feel something in this place!

**It feels like fire burning within!**

It feels fresh and exciting!

**It feels like fire burning within!**

It feels like uncontainable joy!

**It feels like fire burning within! It is fire burning within! We are on fire, and the world can't put it out!**

**COLLECT FOR PENTECOST**

**Gracious God, Living, Eternal Spirit, we thank you that you seek us in tender loving care, lest any be lost. Help us, in the same way, to reach out toward those who may feel alienated or excluded from the Christian community. Send your Spirit upon us that when we speak the word of your love, people may hear and understand in their own language as on that Pentecost day so long ago; for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Praise Hymn FWS #2237**

**"As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"**

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**1. As a fire is meant for burning  
with a bright and warming flame,  
so the church is meant for mission,  
giving glory to God's name.  
Not to preach our creeds or customs,**

**but to build a bridge of care,  
we join hands across the nations,  
finding neighbours everywhere.**

**2. We are learners; we are teachers;  
we are pilgrims on the way.  
We are seekers; we are givers;  
we are vessels made of clay.  
By our gentle, loving actions,  
we would show that Christ is light.  
In a humble, listening Spirit,  
we would live to God's delight.**

**3. As a green bud in the springtime  
is the sign of life renewed,  
so may we be signs of oneness  
'mid earth's peoples, many hued.  
As a rainbow lights the heavens  
when a storm is past and gone,  
may our lives reflect the radiance  
of God's new and glorious dawn.**

## **We Hear God's Word**

**New Testament Reading..... Acts 2:1-21**

### **The Coming of the Holy Spirit**

2 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."

### **Peter Addresses the Crowd**

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.'  
The word of God for the People of God, **Thanks Be to God**

### **Children's Message**

#### **Faith Hymn UMH #420. "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"**

*Author: Edwin Hatch (1878)*

*Composer: Robert Jackson (1888)*

**1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.**

**3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
till all this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.**

**4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.**

**\*Message\***

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**Joys/Concerns**

## **Prayer of Pentecost**

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill us with your love.

Open our eyes to see the presence of God all around us,  
in the stillness of this sacred space, in the busyness and noise of our city streets,  
in the joys and celebrations of our lives, in the tragedies and struggles that break our  
hearts.

Come, Holy Spirit, and comfort those who grieve.

Grant them the peace that only you can bring. Stir within us a trust in life beyond death,  
as we ponder the mysteries of Christ's resurrection and the hope we have in new and  
everlasting life.

Come, Holy Spirit, and bring wholeness to the sick.

Strengthen those who are weak; heal the wounded and broken; give rest to the weary.

Come, Holy Spirit, and ignite a fire in our bones, a passion for justice that cannot be  
quenched until all of your children are loved, until no one is marginalized or oppressed,  
until everyone has the opportunity to thrive, until the world is transformed and renewed.

Come, Holy Spirit, and revive your church.

Liberate us from complacency and apathy; inspire us with Christ's vision for a world  
reborn; help us to recognize our gifts for ministry and to use them in service of others;  
transform our hearts and our minds; fill us with love that overflows; remind us that there  
is no greater calling than to love you with all that we are and to love our neighbors as  
ourselves.

Gracious God, It is for your kingdom that we now pray, filled with your Spirit, using the  
words Jesus taught us. Our Father...

## **Offertory/Doxology/Prayer**

Living God, you are the Lord of all! Only you can send your Spirit to bring us new life. You  
graciously speak your word of hope in times of struggle and uncertainty and in times of  
joy and peace. We are grateful that you are continually at work in our lives and the world  
to fulfill your promises. May our giving today show our trust in you. We pray through  
Christ, our Lord. Amen. (Acts 2:1-21)

## **Departing Hymn FWS #2283**

## **"For All the Saints"**

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**For all the saints who've shown your love  
in how they live and where they move,  
for mindful women, caring men,**

**accept our gratitude again.**

**For all the saints who loved your name,  
whose faith increased the Savior's fame,  
who sang your songs and share your word,  
accept our gratitude, good Lord.**

**For all the saints who named your will,  
and showed the kingdom coming still  
through selfless protest, prayer, and praise,  
accept the gratitude we raise.**

**Bless all whose will or name or love  
reflects the grace of heave above.  
Though unacclaimed by earthly powers,  
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.**

**BENEDICTION:** Holy Spirit, pour out on us your love. Renew us in the strength of your might. Embolden us to be witnesses for your kingdom. Guide our steps this week so that our actions and words will be a demonstration of you peace and love. Amen.

**Postlude**