

# Trinitarian: The Holy Spirit and Pentecost

Trinitarian | Pentecost Sunday  
May 19, 2024 | 9:00 am

+ Please Stand

**Bold Text = Congregation speak or sing**

## Chancel Flowers

*Diana Schilling gives flowers in loving memory of  
Phillip Schilling and his daughter, Suzanne, and Carl Rueter.*

## Worship Attendants

*Rev. Jonathan Heifner, Lead Pastor*

*Rev. Ryan Roth-Klinck, Associate Pastor of Discipleship*

*Rev. Daniel Niyonzima, Associate Pastor, African Nationals*

*Dr. Mark Baumann, CAGO, Coordinator of Music Ministries*

*Dr. Michael Sauer, Director of Sanctuary Choir*

*Billy Clymer, Isaiah Poe, Ute Adams, Liturgists*

*DeJong Family, Scripture Reading*

*Brian Azelborn & Don Wilson, trumpets;*

*David Law, horn; Austin Peiffer, trombone; Connor DeJong, tuba*

*Dave Radack, Slide Presenter*

*Wes Nygren, Videographer*

*Selenthia Jeffers, Audio*

*Keith Williams, Video Streaming*

## The Roundtable Team

*Cynde Clymer*

*Carol Curry*

*Bill Daylong*

*Cindy Edge*

*Stan Vandersall*

## GATHERING

### Welcome

### Prelude

*Let All Things Now Living*

arr. Cathy Moglebust

Carillonneurs

### Call to Worship

**Billy:** Today is Pentecost!

**Isaiah:** Pent-a-what?

**Ute:** No, no, not Pent-a-what,  
Pent-e-cost.

**Isaiah:** You adults are  
just making up words.

**Billy:** No, look, it's all right here  
in the Bible. "When the day of  
Pentecost had come, they were  
all together in one place.  
And suddenly..."

**Isaiah:** This is really boring.

**Ute:** You know he does have a point;  
it should be read with more pizzazz!

**Isaiah:** Now I know you  
are making up words.

**Ute:** It is a word! Let me show  
you and read it with some pizzazz  
"When the day of Pentecost had  
come, they were all together  
in one place. And suddenly..."

**Isaiah:** Oh, I know this part! This is  
when the guy's head catches on fire!

**Billy:** Wait, what?

**Isaiah:** You know, when the tongues  
of fire rest on people's heads,  
just like this guy on the screen.

**Billy:** Ha! That's hilarious!  
I love *Home Alone!*

**Ute:** But Billy, I'm not sure  
that's how that happened.

Isaiah: Well, then, how did tongues  
of fire rest on people's heads?

Ute: You know, that's an excellent  
question. Sometimes, adults don't  
understand how God works, even  
though we often act like it.

Isaiah: It's okay, Ute and Billy;  
I have good news for you.

**All: We are called to be a church  
that wrestles with the mysteries  
of God, the Holy Trinity!**

Billy: Whether you think we are just  
making up words, you're skeptical  
about people's hair catching on fire  
during Pentecost, or if you don't  
know what to think about all of this,  
you are welcome here.

**All: You are embraced, loved,  
and called by God. Let's worship  
God together! Amen!**

Ute: Please rise in body or spirit as  
we sing our first hymn,  
*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*.

**+ Hymn of Praise to the Triune God**

*O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*

UMH 57 (stanzas 1-4, 7)

congregation, St. Paul's Brass & organ

**O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth  
abroad the honors of thy name.**

**Jesus! the name that charms our  
fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life, and health, and peace.**

**He breaks the power of canceled  
sin, he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest  
clean; his blood availed for me.**

**In Christ, your head, you then  
shall know, shall feel  
your sins forgiven;  
anticipate your heaven below,  
and own that love is heaven.**

### **Passing of the Peace**

We believe God truly desires peace for all creation, so we take time as a congregation to bless each other with the peace of Christ.

A blessing is a way to wish for wholeness in someone's life, so please ensure everyone has peace passed to them, regardless of their generation.

We also encourage you to venture out, meet someone you don't know well, and learn their name.

If you are online, you can pass peace to each other in the comment section.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

## **FORMING**

### **A Pentecost Presentation**

*A New Helper Comes*

various authors

Sunday School and Youth Music

### **Life of the Community**

### **The Greatest Commandment**

*The Greatest Commandment*

Paul Zach

Michael Sauer, song leader

Song leader: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.

**All: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.**

Song leader: Let us be known, let us be known, by the way we love.

**All: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.**

Song leader: Love, Love, love, the greatest commandment is love, love, love, the greatest commandment is love, love, love, the greatest commandment is love.

**All: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.**

### **Prayers of the People**

This past Thursday evening, our church's Early Learning Center held a graduation ceremony here in our sanctuary for the children moving on to kindergarten next fall. Their graduation was such a joyful and fun celebration for the kids and their families, and we pray God continues to watch over all of them as they grow. We also thank our excellent Early Learning Center staff for their outstanding and vital work.

And the people said,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

We often do not get to celebrate Pastor Jonathan and all he does for our congregation. He has worked tirelessly over the past year to help our church chart a new and powerful direction. So, we are thankful he took off this past week as he and his family moved into their new home. We pray God blesses their home, creates space for new memories, and makes it a safe and sacred place of rest.

And the people said,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Our church has had some genuinely energizing events over the past few weeks. Over forty people gathered in our sanctuary two weeks ago to converse with people from different generations. Then, the following Wednesday, the same thing happened with our youth and some of the elders in our congregation. Then, just yesterday, our church hosted a plant and garden tool swap in our parking lot where neighbors, friends, and church members shared out of their abundance. There have been so many beautiful opportunities to connect, and we thank God for the ways we are building relationships and community with each other.

And the people said,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

God in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those**

**who trespass 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.**

### **+ Hymn of Preparation**

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

TFWS 2120 (stanza 1)

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness  
calling and free;**

**Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.**

**You moved on the waters,  
you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the  
mountains from  
the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you  
called to each thing:  
wake from your slumbers  
and rise on your wings.**

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness  
calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.**

**+ Scripture Lesson**

*Acts 2:1-20*

adapted from the NRSV

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...

**All: (Make wind noises)**

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.

**All: (Say any words you know in languages other than English.)**

Now there were devout Jews from every people 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,

**All: “Are not all those 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,

**All: “What does this mean?”**

But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

“Fellow Jews 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.

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.

For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen!**

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*  
TFWS 2120 (stanza 4)

**You call from tomorrow,  
you break ancient schemes,  
from the bondage of sorrow the  
captives dream dreams,  
our women see visions,  
our men clear their eyes,  
with bold new decisions  
your people arise.**

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness  
calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.**

### Sermon

#### Act of Praise

*I'm Gonna Sing*  
*when the Spirit Says Sing*  
arr. Howard Helvey  
Sanctuary Choir

I'm gonna sing  
when the Spirit says sing.  
I'm gonna sing  
when the Spirit says sing.  
I'm gonna sing  
when the Spirit says sing,  
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.

I'm gonna sing  
when the Spirit says sing.  
I'm gonna sing  
when the Spirit says sing.  
I'm gonna sing  
when the Spirit says sing,  
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.

I'm gonna preach  
when the Spirit says preach.  
I'm gonna preach  
when the Spirit says preach.  
I'm gonna preach  
when the Spirit says preach,  
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.



I'm gonna pray  
when the Spirit says pray.  
I'm gonna pray  
when the Spirit says pray.  
I'm gonna pray  
when the Spirit says pray,  
And obey the Spirit of the Lord;  
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.

I'm gonna shout  
when the Spirit says shout.  
I'm gonna shout  
when the Spirit says shout.  
I'm gonna shout  
when the Spirit says shout.  
And obey the Spirit of the Lord;  
And obey the Spirit,  
obey the Spirit of the Lord,  
The Lord.

### Offering Invitation

## SENDING

### + Sending Hymn

*God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*  
(see slides)

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle

Tune: CWM RHONDDA

*(God Me, O Thou Great Jehovah)*

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**God of tempest, God of whirlwind  
As on Pentecost descend!  
Drive us out from  
sheltered comfort  
Past these walls your people send!  
Sweep us into costly service  
There with Christ to bear the cross  
There with Christ  
to bear the cross!**

**God of blazing, God of burning  
All that blocks your purpose,  
purge!  
Through your church, Christ's  
living Body  
Let your flaming Spirit surge!  
Where deceit conceals injustice  
Kindle us to speak your truth  
Kindle us to speak your truth!**

**God of earthquake,  
God of thunder  
Shake us loose from lethargy!  
Break the chains of sin asunder  
For earth's healing set us free!  
Crumble walls that still divide us  
Make us one in Christ our Lord  
Make us one in Christ our Lord!**

**God of passion, God unsleeping  
Stir in us Love's restlessness!  
Where the people cry in anguish  
May we share your heart's distress  
Rouse us from content with evil  
Claim us for your kingdom's work  
Claim us for your  
kingdom's work!**

### **Invitation to Gather**

### **Blessing**

### **Going Forth**

### **Postlude**

#### *The Lord God Reigns*

Johann Pachelbel, arr. Gary Olson  
St. Paul's Brass & organ

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# welcome

## ALL

**We gather to worship God, whose nature is love.  
And because God's love knows no bounds,  
All are welcome here.**

**All**

**ages**

**races**

**abilities**

**ethnicities**

**life circumstances**

**gender identities, expressions, and sexual orientations.**

**We joyfully celebrate the diversity of All God's children  
as we are inspired by the Holy Spirit to love as Jesus loves.**

**Welcome to God's extravagant, inclusive love!**

**Welcome to St. Paul's!**



# What's Happening

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2:00-3:30 P.M.

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5300 OTIS RD SE, CEDAR RAPIDS



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## MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER & HONOR

Building & Office Closed Monday, May 27



June 10-13, 2024  
9:00 am-12:00 pm

Open to ages 4 years old-5<sup>th</sup> grade

\$25 registration fee per family  
\*financial assistance available\*  
Extended Care available from 12:00-3:00pm  
(lunch included) \$75 per child.

To register contact Julie Hanlin  
([jhanlin@stpaulsumc.org](mailto:jhanlin@stpaulsumc.org))

## MINI GOLF | Intergenerational Event

June 12 | 6:00 pm | \$12/person

Mini Pines (3800 42nd St NE, Cedar Rapids)



Register Here



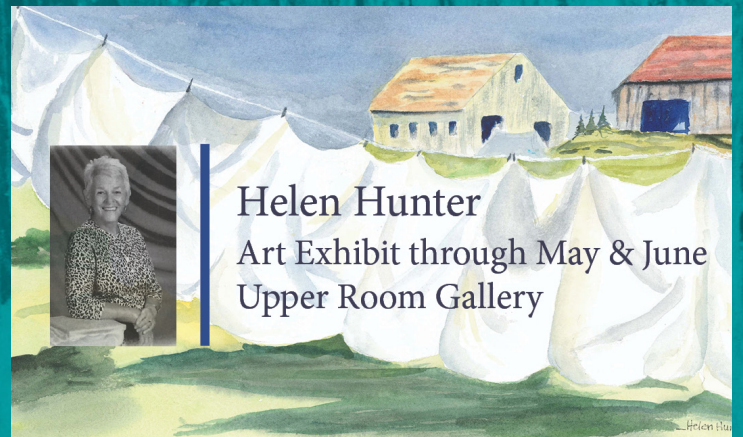
## KERNELS | Intergenerational BASEBALL GAME | Event

June 27 | 6:35 pm | \$12/person

Veterans Memorial Stadium (950 Rockford Rd SW, Cedar Rapids)



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Helen Hunter  
Art Exhibit through May & June  
Upper Room Gallery



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