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**Fairlawn Avenue United Church  
Sunday, June 8, 2025 10:30am  
Pentecost Sunday**

**Rev. Rob Metcalf  
Eleanor Daley, Director of Music  
Fairlawn Avenue Senior Choir**

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\*Indicates when the congregation is to stand, as able.

Congregational responses, singing and readings in unison are indicated in **bold text**.

## Welcome and Acknowledgement

**\*Processional Hymn** Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

VU #196

**Wind who makes all winds that blow,  
gusts that bend the saplings low,  
gales that heave the sea in waves,  
stirrings in the mind's deep caves,  
aim your breath with steady power  
on your church this day, this hour.  
Raise, renew the life we've lost,  
Spirit God of Pentecost.**

**Fire who fuels all fires that burn,  
suns around which planets turn,  
beacons marking reefs and shoals,  
shining truth to guide our souls,  
come to us as once you came:  
burst in tongues of sacred flame!  
Light and Power, Might and Strength,  
fill your church, its breadth and length.**

**Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame,  
move within our mortal frame.  
Make our hearts an altar pyre,  
kindle them with your own fire.  
Breathe and blow upon that blaze  
till our lives, our deeds and ways,  
speak that tongue which every land  
by your grace shall understand.**

**\*Gathering Prayer**

**\*Introit** Lo, I am With You Always

E. Daley

Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you always,  
to the close of the age."  
(Matthew 28:20)

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

Christ our light!

***Thanks be to God!***

## Sharing Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

***And also with you.***

**Scripture** Acts 2:1-21 (Good News Translation)

Reader: Sue Metcalf

When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious people who had come from every country in the world. When they heard this noise, a large crowd gathered. They were all excited, because all of them heard the believers talking in their own languages. In amazement and wonder they exclaimed, "These people who are talking like this are Galileans! How is it, then, that all of us hear them speaking in our own native languages? We are from Parthia, Media, and Elam; from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia; from Pontus and Asia, from Phrygia and Pamphylia, from Egypt and the regions of Libya near Cyrene. Some of us are from Rome, both Jews and Gentiles converted to Judaism, and some of us are from Crete and Arabia—yet all of us hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things that God has done!" Amazed and confused, they kept asking each other, "What does this mean?"

But others made fun of the believers, saying, "These people are drunk!"

Then Peter stood up with the other eleven apostles and in a loud voice began to speak to the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, listen to me and let me tell you what this means. These people are not drunk, as you suppose; it is only nine o'clock in the morning. Instead, this is what the prophet Joel spoke about:

'This is what I will do in the last days, God says:

I will pour out my Spirit on everyone.

Your sons and daughters will proclaim my message;

your young men will see visions,

and your old men will have dreams.

4. Yes, even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will proclaim my message.  
I will perform miracles in the sky above  
and wonders on the earth below.  
There will be blood, fire, and thick smoke;  
the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will turn red as blood,  
before the great and glorious Day of the Lord comes.  
And then, whoever calls out to the Lord for help will be saved.'

**Anthem**

Peace I Leave with You

Allen Pote (b. 1945)

Peace I leave with you,  
not as the world gives, give I unto you;  
but my peace I leave with you.  
Let not your heart be troubled,  
neither let it be afraid.  
Believe in God, believe also in me.  
(Based on John 14:27)

**Reflection**

The Spirit Moves

Rev. Rob Metcalf

**\*Hymn**

We Are Marching (Siyahamba)

VU #646

**We are marching in the light of God;  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God;  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, oooo,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, oooo,  
we are marching in the light of God.**

**Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',  
siyahamb' eku khanyen' kwenkhos'.  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',  
siyahamb' eku khanyen' kwenkhos'.  
Siyahamba, oooo,  
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.  
Siyahamba, oooo,  
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.**

**We are marching in the light of God;  
 we are marching in the light of God.  
 We are marching in the light of God;  
 we are marching in the light of God.  
 We are marching, oooo,  
 We are marching in the light of God.  
 we are marching, oooo,  
 we are marching in the light of God.**

## Introduction of Offering

**Offertory Anthem** Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost

F. Filitz/P. Maurice/E. Daley

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,  
 taught by you, we covet most  
 of your gifts at Pentecost,  
 holy heavenly love.

Love is kind and suffers long;  
 love is humble, thinks no wrong;  
 love than death itself more strong,  
 therefore give us love.

Prophecy will fade away,  
 melting in the light of day;  
 love will ever with us stay;  
 therefore give us love.

Faith will vanish into sight;  
 hope be emptied in delight;  
 love in heaven will shine more bright;  
 therefore give us love.

Faith and hope and love we see  
 joining hand in hand agree;  
 but the greatest of the three,  
 and the best, is love.  
 (Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885)

**\*Presentation of the Offering**

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,  
 to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.  
 O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son,  
 teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

Our Father and Mother, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed by 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 let us not fall into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil;  
 for thine is the kingdom,  
 the power, and the glory  
 forever and ever. Amen.

**\*Recessional Hymn O Breath of Life**

VU #202

O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,  
 revive your church with life and power;  
 O Breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us  
 and fit your church to meet this hour.

O Wind of God, come bend us, break us  
 till humbly we confess our need;  
 then, in your tenderness remake us,  
 revive, restore – for this we plead.

O Breath of love, come breathe within us,  
 renewing thought and will and heart;  
 come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,  
 revive your church in every part.

**\*Blessing****\*Choral Commissioning**

E. Daley

(The choir will sing through once, and then the congregation is invited to join in.)

**May God's love surround you,  
 may God's wisdom guide you,  
 may God's light shine upon you,  
 until we meet again.**

**Postlude**

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