

**Downtown Presbyterian Church  
Order of Worship for May 31, 2020  
Day of Pentecost**

**Opening Voluntary**                      Chorale Prelude on *St. Agnes*                      Wilbur Held  
Melody used for hymn "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**                      "Our Mother-tongue Is Love"                      Malcolm Guite  
A Sonnet for Pentecost

*Today we feel the wind beneath our wings  
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays  
Today the church draws breath at last and sings  
As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.  
This is the feast of fire, air, and water  
Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.  
The earth herself awakens to her maker  
And is translated out of death to birth.  
The right words come today in their right order  
And every word spells freedom and release  
Today the gospel crosses every border  
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace  
Today the lost are found in his translation.  
Whose mother-tongue is Love, in every nation.*

**Hymn**                      "On Pentecost They Gathered"  
Amy Finka

, cantor

**Gathering Prayer**                      Rev. Thom Shuman

*O Pentecost's Spirit – if only we could tell of your wonders in our lives,  
yet social media and other ways we communicate are filled with  
anger, bitterness, and political arguments.  
If only we could share how you have transformed our lives,  
but we are stuck in our living spaces,  
keeping distant from what is seeking to do us harm.  
If only we could pour you out on all those who are  
lonely, and afraid, and worried about tomorrow,  
but we are hesitant to venture too far.  
Yet even in our quarantine, you continue to move, to live,  
to breathe upon us with your mercy and your grace, God of this day.  
Now, in this moment, breathe your peace, upon us and a fearful world,  
so that we might be the balm for all the anger around us.*

*Now, on this day, breathe your hope upon us, and a desperate world,  
so that we might drop it off on the porches of all huddling in their homes.  
Now, in the moments and days to come, continue to breathe your love upon us,  
and an uncaring world, so that we might transform  
grudges into generosity, foolishness into common sense,  
and rejection into being as welcoming as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.*

### **Assurance of God's Grace**

*May the peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.*

### **Announcements**

### **Children's Message**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scripture**

Acts 2:1-21

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

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

*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! These people aren't drunk, as you suspect; after all, it's only nine o'clock in the morning! Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:*

*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.  
Even upon my servants, men and women,*

*I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.  
I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.  
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.  
And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

**Sermon**

Rev. Mike Wilson

**Anthem**

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me  
*Adoro te devote*, Processionale, 1697

arr. K. Lee Scott

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;  
Help me now Thy grace to see, I would be like Thee;  
And with words that help and heal Thy life would mine reveal;  
And with actions bold and meek, for Christ my Savior speak.*

*Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;  
Help me now Thy truth to see, I would be like Thee;  
And, with wisdom kind and clear, Thy life in mine appear;  
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.*

*Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;  
Show Thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like Thee;  
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,  
And whatever I can be give Him who gave me Thee.*

*Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;  
Help me now Thy pow'r to see, I would be like Thee;  
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be Thou my strength and shield;  
Let Thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.*

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like Thee!*

— vs.1-3 Thomas T. Lynch, vs.4 K. Lee Scott

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn**

"Loving Spirit"  
Amy Finka, cantor

**Benediction**

**Closing Voluntary**

Fanfare

Gordon Young

**Anthem Notes:**

The original text of this morning's anthem, as written by Thomas Toke Lynch, is based upon scripture from the books of Ezekiel and Galatians. The text has been set to music by several composers. The version we sing this morning is based upon Lynch's text but arranged and expanded to fit a melody written by contemporary composer Keaton Lee Scott, whose works are found in eight hymnals, including our current hymnal, Glory to God, and some 300 published compositions.

Thanks to the choir members for practicing alone, figuring out technology, and for their voices. Special thanks to Ryan Norris and Emlyn O'Regan for excellent procedures, producing the final video from a myriad of files and 'hero' powers for syncing us..

## **This Year's Graduates**

### **Edward Cardona, son of Nina and Chuck Cardona**

Edward graduated both with district and state Honors, with state Distinction, Distinguished Scholar, top 10%, he is also a graduate of the School for Science and Math at Vanderbilt. He is attending the University of Alabama in Huntsville. He will pursue a degree in Aerospace Engineering. He also earned a Charger (the mascot) Distinction scholarship which pays for full tuition for 4 years.

### **Diego Enriquez, son of Rachel Hayes and step-son of Rob Benshoof**

Diego graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Loyola University in Chicago. His parents are very proud of him. Consistent with his good character and persistent ability to do what is expected of him, he graduated in 4 years without changing schools or majors or losing his scholarship. To the best of our knowledge, he avoided suspensions, failing grades, arrests, treatment for addiction or serious mental illness, or unplanned pregnancies. Most recently, he even survived COVID-19 infection with few symptoms, which he is hoping will make him an even more qualified new graduate nurse. He is currently waiting to take his nurse licensing exam and is seeking employment. He has enjoyed many summers at NaCoMe and regrets that he will not have the opportunity to spend one more there as a camp counselor.

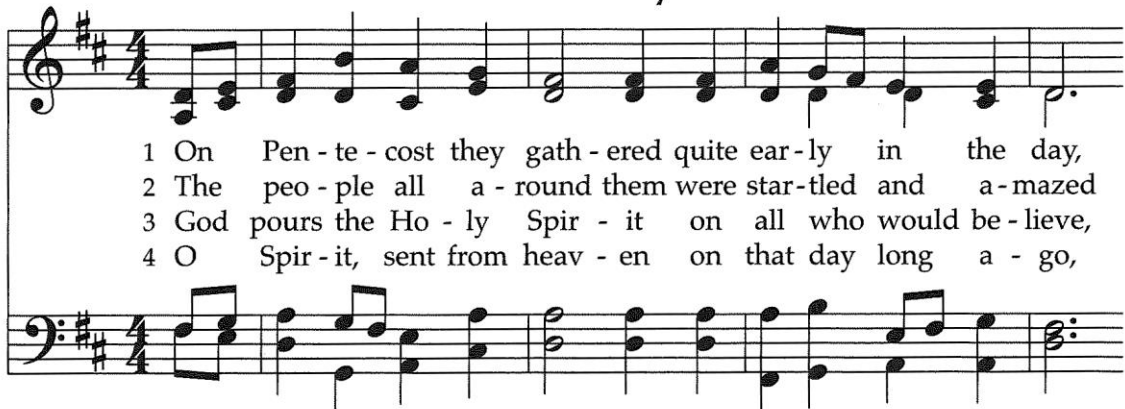
### **James Dickson and Will Dickson, grandchildren of Faye & Jim Dickson**

*Faye & Jim write:*

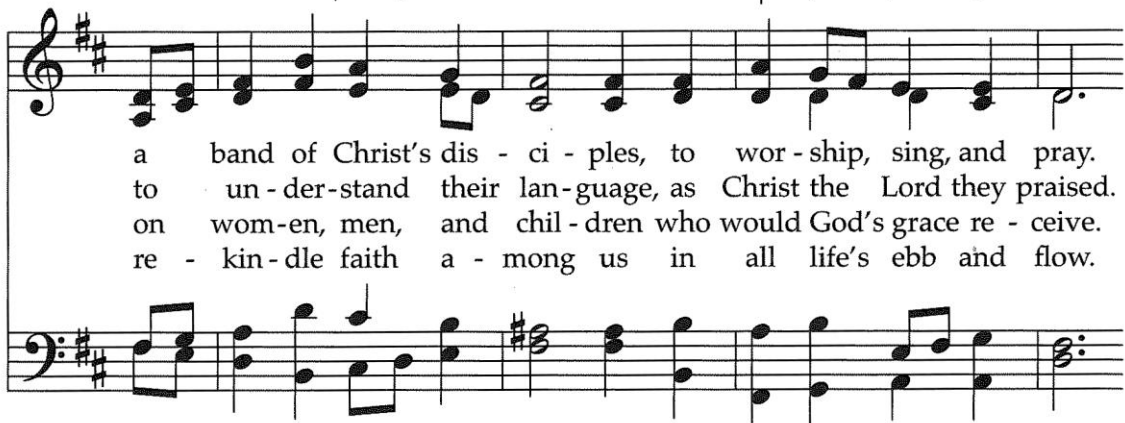
First, we have James Dickson graduating from the University of Kentucky. He is going into the Teach for America program in Colorado Springs, CO in the fall. He is spending two years there before going to law school following the careers of our son Chad and our daughter Christi.

Second we have Will Dickson graduating from White Station High School in Memphis. He will be attending LSU in the fall Both of these young men attended First Presbyterian Church in Memphis their entire lives. They both also were employed at Pinecrest Presbyterian Summer Camp in west Tennessee every summer for the past six years. James was also the Senior supervisor in the UK recreation department this past year after working his way up the system.

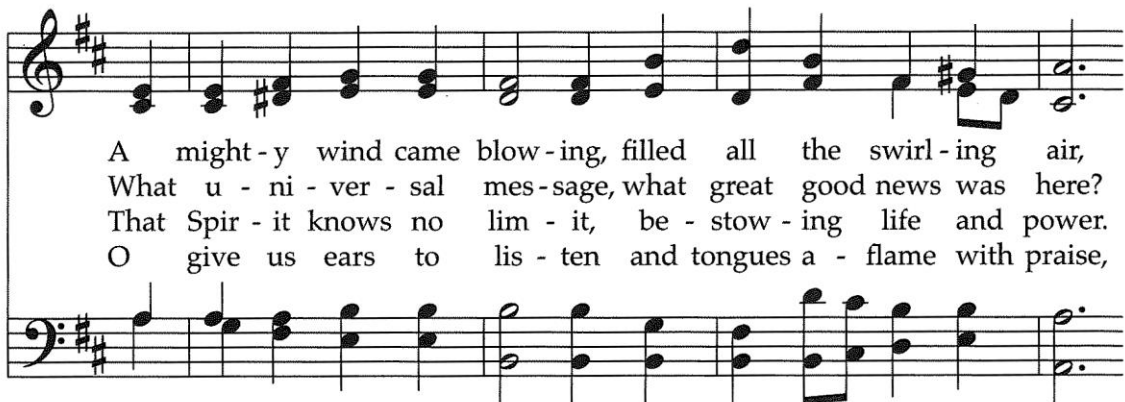
# On Pentecost They Gathered



1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,  
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed  
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,  
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,



a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.  
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.  
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.  
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.



A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,  
 What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?  
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.  
 O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,



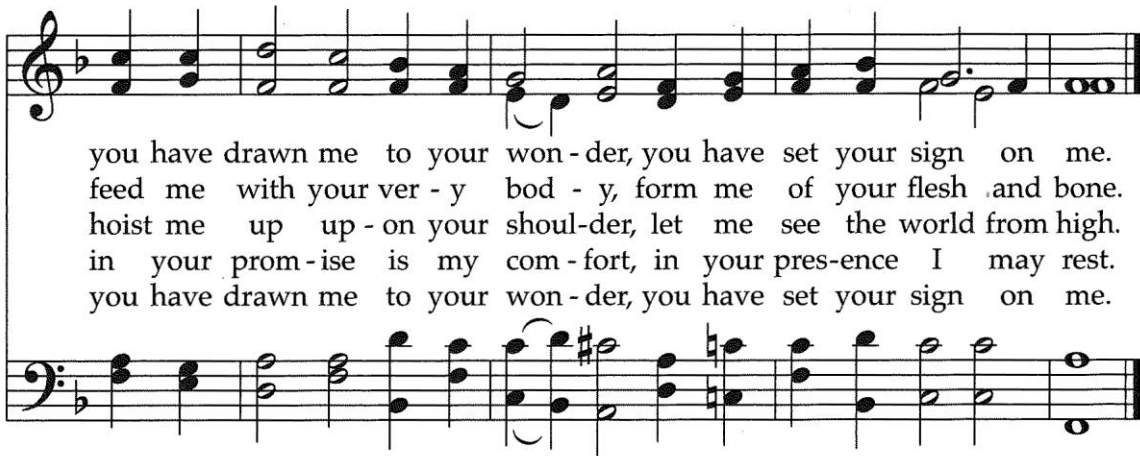
and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.  
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.  
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.  
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

This narrative and interpretive text was written to fill what the author perceived as an unfortunate gap in available hymns concerning the Holy Spirit in general and Pentecost in particular. The setting of a 17th-century German tune is from Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*.

# Loving Spirit



1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,  
2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,  
3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,  
4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:  
5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.  
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.  
hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.  
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.  
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

A gift to the whole church, the Holy Spirit is also experienced by individuals in meaningful ways such as those described in this reflective (and structurally circular) consideration of the relational aspects of the Spirit. The tune may have originated in a folk melody.

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