

**May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday**

PRELUDE (A Time for Quiet Meditation)

Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid

James Mansfield

WORDS OF WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #283**

Come, O Holy Spirit, Come

Wa Emimimo

Come, O Holy Spirit, come; Come, almighty Spirit, come;

Come, come, come.

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

***GATHERING SONG #301**

Let Us Build a House

Two Oaks

(verse 1)

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

(verse 2)

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

(verse 4)

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger: all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins:

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (repeat as in wedding vows)

We have been empty, let us be filled.

We have been lost, we need to be found fast.

We have been asleep, may we awaken soon.

We have been blind. Please! let us see.

We have sinned. We seek forgiveness.

We have been sinned against. Let us now forgive.

We have lived in silence about violence.

Let us create new community.

To bring healing and wholeness!

To all souls. Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.

(Time of Silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Through Jesus, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins. In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

***SONG OF RESPONSE #66**

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit
(refrain)*

Pentecost

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray. Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

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***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: Because we have peace with God through Christ, let us share this peace together. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And, also, with you.

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of power and grace, fill us with the wisdom and understanding, that we may be your church: people with dreams and visions, people at work in the creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Romans 8:22-27*

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Children Sing Amen

Mock & Sorensen

Children's Choir: Edie Stowers, Mina Stowers, Alice Timmins, Lucy Timmins

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Acts 2:1-21*

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 nation 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

*Please stand as you are able.

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.’ ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea 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 MESSAGE

“Wind, Fire, and...Groans?”

Rev. Dr. John Wahl

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING / INTRODUCTION OF PRAYER STATIONS

We take this time to reflect and recognize all contributions of time, talent, and treasure. A basket is available for making monetary donations.

During today’s offertory, you are invited to visit one or more of the three Pentecost prayer stations set up in front of the sanctuary. If you wish, you may also/instead join in the singing of Hymn #291 – *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* and #280 – *Come O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*:

OFFERTORY

HYMN #291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Spirit

(refrain)

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

(verse 1)

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, “Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”

(refrain)

(verse 2)

***You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand;
and you goaded your people with a law and a land.
When they were confounded with idols and lies, then
you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.***

(refrain)

(verse 3)

***You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill; then you
whispered in silence when the whole world was still.
And down in the city, you called once again when you
blew through your people on the rush of the wind.***

(refrain)

(verse 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.***

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HYMN #280 *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

Ebenezer

(verse 1)

***Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; come with Pentecostal
power; give the church a stronger vision; help us face
each crucial hour. Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus
Christ, the Cornerstone, still the church is called to
mission that God's love shall be made known.***

(verse 2)

***We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yester
years; for tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O Lord,
our humble prayers. In the church's pilgrim journey you
have led us all the way; still in presence move before us,
fire by night and cloud by day.***

(verse 3)

***Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and
flame. Help our feeble lips to praise you, glorify your holy
name. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: what
mystery! We would sing our loud hosannas now and
through eternity.***

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION (repeat as in wedding vows)

**Holy 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,
'Cross Planet Earth, this day, this hour.
Raise, renew the life we've lost,
Strong Spirit God of Pentecost.
Amen.**

***SENDING SONG #290** *O Day of Joy and Wonder!* Jonathan's Tune
(verse 1)

O day of joy and wonder! Christ's promise now fulfilled: the coming of the Spirit that holy love has willed. Our Lord in human body to mortal eye is lost, yet comes in flame upon us at blessed Pentecost.

(verse 2)

The world, in sheer amazement, the truth must now declare: that those who once were cowards are brave beyond compare; and tongues, which could not utter their faith in Jesus' name, defy all persecution God's glory to proclaim!

(verse 3)

We too may know your power; your courage makes us strong. Your love, your joy, your patience can all to us belong. Come now and dwell within us, O Comforter divine. Come to our hearts, and keep them; there let your brightness shine.

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***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Worthy is Your Name* Jernigan

POSTLUDE *The Glory of the Spirit* Lani Smith

*Please stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CFPCC Food Bank Needs

Please consider donating the following items to help stock the shelves at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center:



Ground beef, chicken, eggs, milk, fresh fruit and vegetables, macaroni & cheese, spaghetti sauce, pasta, Spaghetti O's, snacks, or anything you would like to donate.

CFPCC is receiving donations at your car. Someone will come out and retrieve donations. You can, also, leave them in the blue donation bin in the Narthex.



Flowers

The flowers today are given by Marilyn & Dave Rodenhausen in celebration of Pentecost.

North Presbyterian Church ART GALA

Saturday, May 30

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

The Sanctuary will be transformed into an art gallery, music hall, and silent auction space to support music ministries at North Presbyterian Church.



Faith Garden

Summer Garden Workdays

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
June 3 and 17, July 1, 15, 29

Vacation Bible School – #KidsConnect

Tuesday June 9 – Friday, June 12
9:30 a.m. – noon

Ages 3 – entering 5th grade
Older children and teens welcome as helpers.



Let's build a better world filled with the love and peace of God!

#KidsConnect Vacation Bible School is where children can use their brain power as they connect with Jesus, family, and friends of all ages! As children learn and create together, they will find a place: of belonging, to relate to trusted adults, to make new friends, and to follow Jesus' example of making room for all and loving one another. Each day includes worship and drama, Bible study, art and science explorations, brain-building challenges, and active games.

A link to register is on the Church website, in the May Valley Voice, or in the weekly e-mail.

Pass-it-on Resale Store



The **store will be open** on:

Friday, June 19 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Saturday, June 20 (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Pass-it-on is accepting donations. Please contact Brenda Wahl at 440-829-7841 or passitonamissionoflove@gmail.com.

Knitting For Others

Inviting all folks from 12-100 years of age, who like to knit or who would like to learn, to be a part of Valley's Knitting Group.



The group will meet on Sunday, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.:
June 21

This group has been busy knitting prayer blankets and shawls for members of our congregation. It takes a lot of yarn to knit or crochet these items. Many of us have made items in the past but have not used quite all the yarn. Knitting for Others can use the leftover yarn to make items to share with others. We are currently making items for babies and young children. If you have any size-3 or 4 yarn that you will not be using and could share with Knitting for Others, we certainly would appreciate your donation. Yarn can be left in the box marked "yarn" in the Library. Thank you so much for your help.

For questions, please call one of our Co-Chairs, Beverly or Bev:

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502-553-7255

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Donations – Credit Card or Zelle

Credit card donations are available on-line at the Valley Presbyterian website below:

<http://valleypresbychurch.org>

Look for “Give Now” button. Can only be used for donations.
Can not pay for holiday flowers, VBS, books, etc. at this link.

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