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**PENTECOST // IN-PERSON & ONLINE SERVICE**

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**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

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PRELUDE

Patricia Hammer  
Accompanist

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONGS

“Let It Rise”

(Chicago Church of Christ Virtual Choir; video [CC])

“He Has Made Me Glad”  
(I Will Enter His Gates)

TFWS #2270

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart  
I will enter his courts with praise  
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made  
I will rejoice for he has made me glad!

He has made me glad, he has made me glad  
I will rejoice for he has made me glad!  
He has made me glad, he has made me glad  
I will rejoice for he has made me glad!

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, November 2022.*

Like the disciples, we gather in this space, united by our relationship with the Risen Christ.

**We come ready to receive what God has to give.**

Just as tongues of fire descended on the disciples,

**We receive the gift of the Spirit's power and inspiration.**

Just as the resurrected Christ breathed the Spirit onto the disciples,

**We receive the gift of the Spirit's peace and wisdom.**

As the lifegiving and peacemaking Holy Spirit blazes through us today,

**We receive the gift of the Spirit's fire that unites us as the Body of Christ. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Spirit of wind and fire, come to us this day, freeing us from our fears. Lift us up when we have fallen. Dust us off and set us squarely on the path to hope you have set before us. Remind us that we are never far from your presence. Get us ready for the great adventure and opportunities that lie before us. Help us to be good and willing workers for you. In Christ's Name, we pray. AMEN.**

SCRIPTURE READING #1

Acts 2:1 – 21

ANTHEM

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”  
(Traditional Spiritual; arr. William L. Dawson)

SJU Chancel Choir

**Refrain:**

*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*

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke  
Out of His mouth came fire and smoke  
Looked all around me, it looked so fine  
Till I asked my Lord if all was mine

**Refrain**

Jordan river is chilly and cold  
It chills the body but not the soul  
There ain't but one train upon this track  
It runs to heaven and right back

**Refrain**

SCRIPTURE READING #2

1 Corinthians 12:3b – 13

TIME WITH CHILDREN

“I’m Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says SING!”

Ingrid Sampson

MESSAGE

“BREATHE ON US”

Rev. Mary Ka Kanahan

OFFERTORY SONG  
OF REFLECTION

*Spirit of the Living God*

GTG #288

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.  
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

CALL TO GENEROSITY

God of wind and flame: set us on fire this morning as we celebrate the explosion of your Holy Spirit coming into the world on the Day of Pentecost! Remind us that the gift you gave that day was not just the gift to speak in different tongues, but also the gift of hearing and comprehension. May your Holy Spirit keep us attuned to the voices all around us, to those who need us to be bearers of your love and compassion, and may these gifts we give help us, through your church, meet those needs. In the holy name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

*There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

GTG #408

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord  
There are sweet expressions on each face  
And I know they felt the presence of the Lord

**Refrain:**

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove  
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
When we shall leave this place*

There are blessings you cannot receive  
Till you know him in his fullness and believe  
You're the one to profit when you say,  
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way"  
*Refrain*

## BENEDICTION

Go forth in the joy of the Spirit. Feel the power of the holy wind and fire in your lives.  
**We go forth into God's world as God's own children, emboldened and encouraged by this power!**

## POSTLUDE

Patricia Hammer  
accompanist

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*Readings are NRSV unless otherwise noted. CEB=Common English Bible; CEV=Contemporary English Version; KJV=King James Version; MSG=The Message; NIV=New International Version; NLT=New Living Translation; TIB=The Inclusive Bible*

## **Acts 2:1 – 21**

2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

2:2 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.

2:3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

2:4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

2:5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

2:6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

2:7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

2:8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

2:9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

2:10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

2:11 Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

2:12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

2:13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

2:14 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.

2:15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

2:16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

2:17 '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.

2:18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

2:19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

2:20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

2:21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

### **1 Corinthians 12:3b – 13**

12:3b No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

12:4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

12:5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;

12:6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

12:7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

12:8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

12:9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

12:10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

12:11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

12:12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

12:13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

