

# Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded

**Sunday, May 24, 2026**

Welcome to worship this morning!

Bulletin Cues:

**Bold** indicates congregational response,

\* indicates please stand, if able

An offering plate is placed near the door to the church to receive your offerings.



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Day of Pentecost is here! God's children have gathered in this place:

**We are transformed into God's family by God's Spirit joining with ours.**  
Come, Spirit of relationships, and open our hearts to our sisters and brothers:

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

Come, Spirit of peace, and calm our trembling hearts:

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

Come, Breath of God, and overturn our conventional lives:

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

Let us worship our God.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

With many voices we praise You, O God. In different ways we serve You. As we assemble before you today we pray that you would send your Spirit upon us and that you would take our diversity and mold it into a common theme of thanksgiving. We pray that you would weave us and the gifts that we offer into a whole cloth of service that will blanket the world with your love, your true goodness and your glory through Jesus Christ, our Living Lord. Dwell, we pray, within our worship and within our hearts that we may bless you and bring everlasting praise to your name. **Amen**

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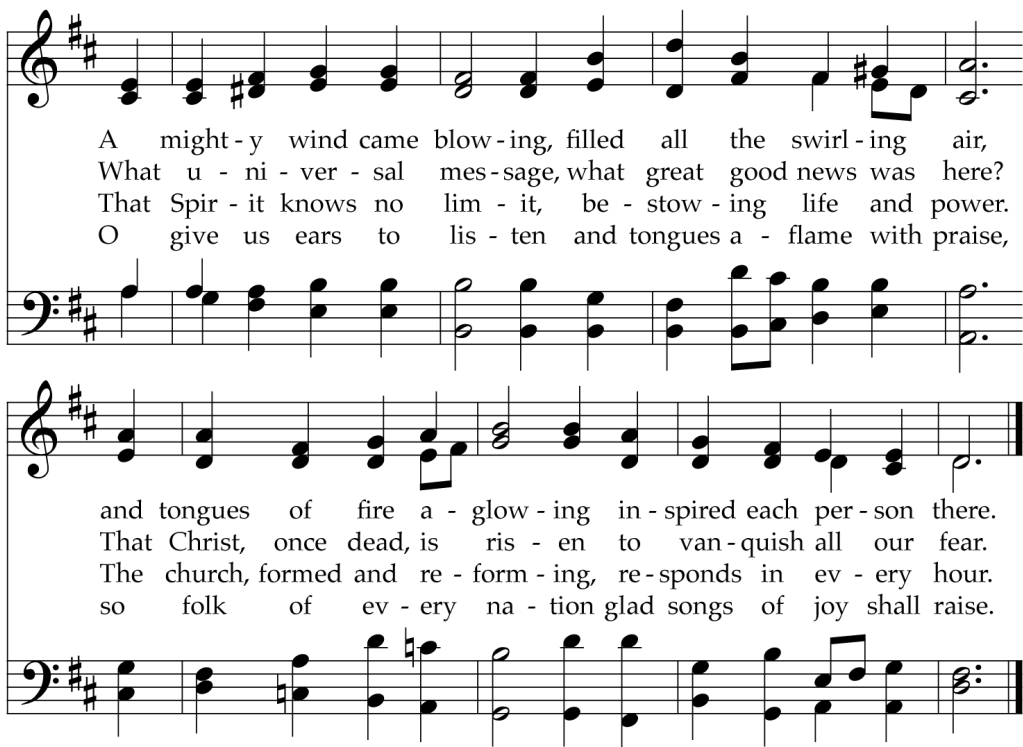
*"Prayers and Litanies for Pentecost" as sent to the PRCL-List, May 1999).*

## OPENING HYMN GTG 289

## On Pentecost They Gathered

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "On Pentecost They Gathered". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two sharps (D major) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

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.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

It is easy to assume we are on our own; Jesus has left us behind to take care of things. But if we rely only on ourselves, we quickly fall into lives that do not reflect faithfulness. Like the first believers, we can join our voices, praying that God's Spirit will come to us, bringing grace and hope. Join me as we pray together, saying,

**It is never easy for us to enter this time of confession, Abba God,  
 for we have trouble believing our failures, our lives, our sins  
 compare in any way to the evil and violence of our world.**

**Yet our hearts are troubled when we think of how we feast on the pain of others;  
 we are dismayed when we remember how we turn away from those in need;  
 we are afraid to be totally dependent on you.**

**Forgive us, Gracious God.**

**In your mercy, gather us up and embrace us with your love.**

**Open our hearts to receive you Spirit that we might live more faithful lives.**

**Fill us with the peace of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,  
 in whose name we pray. Amen.**

God's Spirit prays with us and for us;  
God's hope strengthens us in times of weakness;  
God's grace heals our brokenness.  
God's forgiveness restores us to new life and new service.  
Thanks be to God, to whom we sing our praises for ever and ever. Alleluia and Amen.

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of Mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. In the midst of the multitude of words in our daily lives, speak your eternal Word to us, that we may respond to your gracious promises with faithfulness, service and love. **Amen.**

### RESPONSIVE READING                      Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**There is the sea, great and wide; creeping things innumerable are there,  
living things both small and great.**

There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

**These all look to you to give them their food in due season;  
when you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

**When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground.**

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

may the LORD rejoice in his works--

**who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING                      Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to

one another, “Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.” The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth, and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

SPECIAL MUSIC

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EPISTLE READING

Acts 2: 1-21

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, 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.

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, “Are not all these 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, “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.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Happy Birthday to Us!*

Rev. Denise Dunbar-Perkins

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE**

\*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*Refrain*



Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the



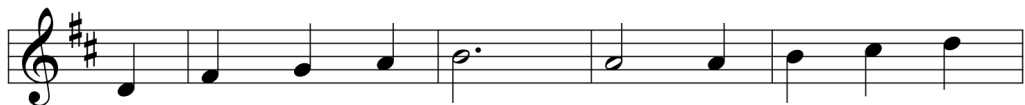
wil - der-ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,



spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id-ness,



wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
- 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
- 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient



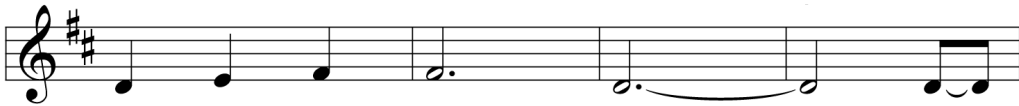
deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a  
 hill; then you whis - pered in si - lence when the  
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the



val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -  
 law and a land. When they were con - found -  
 whole world was still. And down in the cit -  
 cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -



ons you called to each thing, "A -  
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you  
 y, you called once a - gain when you  
 sions; our men clear their eyes. With



wake from your slum - bers and  
 spoke through your proph - ets to  
 blew through your peo - ple on the  
 bold new de - ci - sions your



rise on your wings."  
 o - pen their eyes.  
 rush of the wind.  
 peo - ple a - rise.

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

One of the ways that we witness to the resurrection and all that it means and does in our lives is to be generous. We give to show that Jesus is alive and new life has settled within us. In the spirit of Jesus, I invite you to make a generous offering.

DOXOLOGY GTG 647

Give Thanks

**Give thanks with a grateful heart;  
give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.**

**And now, let the weak say "We are strong."  
let the poor say "We are rich  
because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
Give thanks. Give thanks.**

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

From our present abundance, we offer our gifts to you, Generous Heart, so that the hungry might be fed, so that the broken might find healing, and so the grieving might be comforted. **Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / JOYS AND CONCERNS

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

\*CLOSING HYMN GTG 539

We Will Go Out with Joy

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539



- 1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.  
 2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.  
 3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.



We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.  
 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.  
 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*to Stanzas*

### \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Friends, seek out others, caring and accepting them in the name of Jesus

- and may Christ's holy, healing, and enabling Spirit be with you every step of your way,
- may it be your guide as your road changes and turns
- may it be your strength and your hope when you are assailed from every side
- and your comfort and your peace wherever you go;

With the power of the Holy Spirit, go forth in peace and love into the world, to fulfill our calling as the people of God, the body of Christ.

This both now - and forevermore. **AMEN**

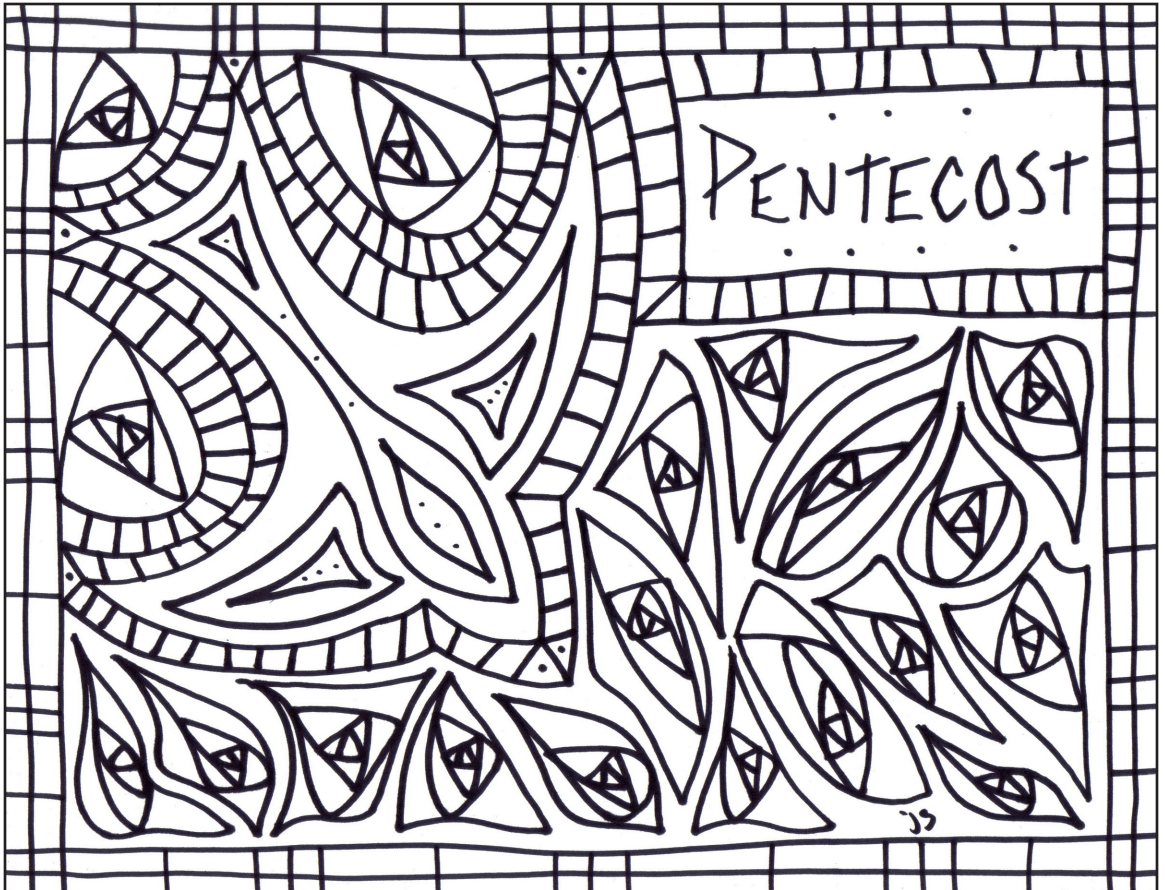
POSTLUDE

**The Annual Spring Fling is scheduled for  
Sunday, May 31 from noon to 4 pm.**



Tentatively the agenda will include (weather permitting): cleaning windows inside and out, kitchen deep clean, moving some file cabinets, trimming foliage near the mailboxes to expose the handicapped parking signs, tightening hardware on the great room chairs, cleanup of our area in the middle storage room, and re-install speed bumps.

**Come dressed for work!  
Many hands make light work!**



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**Sunday, May 24**  
**9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online**

Monday, May 25 Memorial Day  
 Office Closed

Tuesday, May 26  
 Office Closed  
 9:00 am Bulletin Items Due  
 7:00 pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Net.  
 7:30 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, May 27  
 8:00 am Prayer Group

Friday, May 29  
 10:30 am Bible Study for Beginners

Saturday, May 30  
 8:00 am Life Line Screening Event

**Sunday, May 31**  
**9:30 am Worship - Onsite and Online**



Judy Leal  
 Jane and Ed Burgstaler and family  
 Amy Ward and family  
 Sherrie Wilson  
 Jennifer Taylor  
 Kristy Giere  
 Sue Chipman  
 Shannon Cisewski

*To be added to the prayer list, please contact the office: 507-280-9291 or via email: [office@pcrochester.org](mailto:office@pcrochester.org).*



**Monday, May 25 is Memorial Day. The office will be closed on May 25 and Tuesday, May 26.**

## Serving in Worship Today

Guest Preacher	Rev. Denise Dunbar-Perkins
Liturgist	Dave Copeland
IT Support	Louis Bouchard & Bruce Felger

## Church Staff

Music Director	Jennifer Taylor
Pianist	Tianyao Xie
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch