



**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day  
Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023  
8:30 and 10:45 am  
(Livestream 10:45)**

# PENTECOST



† *Indicates a time to stand, if you are able*

## **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE PRELUDE**                      *“Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ” ~ arr. Healey Willan*

† **CALL to WORSHIP** *(responsively)*

Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow!

**The day of Pentecost has come, and we have gathered together!**

We are nothing without You, O Lord.

**Send forth Your presence and grant us Your mercies and love.**

**O Lord, reign down Your Holy Spirit that we may prophesy!**

Praise the Lord who sends forth His Spirit!

Praise the Lord who renews the face of the earth.

**Jesus Christ, reign down Your Holy Spirit that we may see visions!**

May the glory of the Lord endure forever!

May the Lord rejoice in His works!

**Everlasting Father, reign down Your Holy Spirit,  
that we may dream dreams!**

† **HYMN of PRAISE**                      *“God of Grace and God of Glory”*                      **UMH 577**

† **A LITURGY for PENTECOST** *(responsively)*

Spirit of life, Your breath of life fills the whole world and holds all things together. If You withdraw Your breath, everything turns to dust.

**Breathe on me, breath of God!**

You are the source of life that brings life to the world,  
whole life, full life, unhindered, indestructible everlasting life.

**Fill me with life anew.**

The life of Your spirit which Christ sends into the world is the power  
of the resurrection which brings us new life.

**Breathe on me, breath of God!**

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The sending of Your Holy Spirit is the revelation of Your indestructible affirmation of life and marvelous joy in life.

**Fill me with life anew.**

Jesus, where You are, there is life; where You are, sick people are healed, sad people are comforted, marginalized people are accepted, and the demons of death are driven out.

**Breathe on me, breath of God!**

Where Your Holy Spirit is present there is life; the power of eternal life is known and experienced.

**Fill me with life anew.**

The mission of Your Holy Spirit is a movement for life and also a movement for healing, which spreads consolation and the courage to live, and raises up what wants to die.

**Breathe on me, breath of God!**

We affirm and love life so much that we protest against death, and all the powers that disseminate death.

**Fill me with life anew.**

Help us to join with Your comforting of the sad, healing of the sick, welcoming of strangers, and forgiving of sins.

**Breathe on me, breath of God!**

Send Your Holy Spirit so that this world should not perish but live.

**Fill me with life anew.**

Spirit of the new creation, break into the here and now, bringing foretastes of the age to come when all things are made new, and creation is set free from the powers of death.

**Breathe on me, breath of God!**

Spirit of God, renew the face of the earth.

**Fill me with life anew.**

Replace our hearts of stone with hearts of hope and love, that we may love as You would love, and do what You would do.

**This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen!**

†**GLORIA PATRI** ~means “Glory be to the Father” (*sung in unison*)

**UMH 70**

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!***

***As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:***

***world without end! Amen! Amen!***

**A READING from the OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 16:10-17 NIV**

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**MINISTRY in MUSIC** (10:45)

**Chancel Choir**  
**“Holy Spirit, Descend on Us”** ~Allen Pote

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**MINISTRY in MUSIC**

**Bonnie Ross Ringers Bell Choir**  
**“Spirit in the Wind”** ~Lee Afdahl

**PASTORAL and LORD’S PRAYER** (*unison*)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen!**

†**HYMN of PRAYER**

**UMH 500**

**“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”**

**A READING from the NEW TESTAMENT**

**Acts 2:1-21** NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**THE MESSAGE** “Do You Love Birthdays?” **Pastor Kevin Haley**

**SHARING of HIS TITHES and OUR GIFTS**

**THE OFFERTORY**

**“In Memoriam”** ~Robert J. Powell

†**THE DOXOLOGY** ~means “Praise be to God” (*sung in unison*)

**UMH 94**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!**

**Praise God all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

†**PRAYER of DEDICATION**

†**HYMN of COMMITMENT** “O Spirit of the Living God” **UMH 539**

†**DISMISSAL with BLESSING**

†**THE POSTLUDE**

**“Come, Oh, Come, Thou Quickening Spirit”**  
~arr. Timothy Albrecht

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**TECH TEAM:** Nevaeh Hirst

**ACOLYTE:** Elijah Miller

# Welcome home to First United Methodist Church!

Sunday morning Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:45 in the Sanctuary

*(Livestream worship continues at 10:45)*

We are glad that you are with us in worship today! Greensburg:First is a church where you can come to learn that God loves you just the way you are, but that God also loves you too much to let you stay this way. God wants you to become more like Jesus! If you do not have a church home of your own, we hope that you might prayerfully consider becoming a part of our church family, as we reach out with love and in the name of Jesus Christ! **Also, please help us get to know you,**

**or to be able to contact you in the case of an emergency/cancellation,**  
**by filling out an Attendance Information Card (inserted in this bulletin).**

## Adult Bible Study

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. *(Library)*

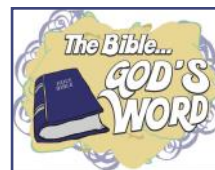
Join Pastor Kevin as he continues a 12-week study that will help you stand on the definitive declarations of our mighty and loving God, who governs the world according to His great and precious promises.

This world has a tremble to it, for there are things that seem unsteady in this life. But when we follow Jesus, choosing to be people of the promise, that allows us to filter our problems through and build our lives on these promises of God, not the circumstances of life.



### Session Topics

8. Death has been defeated (May 30)
9. Joy is coming soon (June 6)
10. You will have power (June 13)
11. There is no condemnation in Christ (June 20)
12. Justice will prevail (June 27)



### Find us on FACEBOOK:

First United Methodist Church—Greensburg

### Regular Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

*(may change without notice... thank you for your understanding & patience)*

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