

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
June 8, 2025
Pentecost Sunday



Gathering As a People of God

Preparation: “In our social and political moment, we need Pentecost. Division, hatred, and pain mark our nation. Hearts must be transformed and attuned to practices of divine love. ... The joy of Pentecost is that it gives us a vision and hope for a community made possible through the work of the Spirit. This miracle involves being open to the shocking and surprising ways of the Spirit, which empowers us to reach across differences in order to experience radical and insurgent communions.” Dr. Keri L. Day, *Christian Century* 2018

Invitation to Our Shared Ministry

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Prelude

Come Down, O Love Divine
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Kristina Langlois
based on Down Ampney

*** Call to Worship (adapted from Acts 2)**

Jennifer Gordon, Liturgist

One: 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.

All: **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.**

One: Now there were devout Jews from every nation 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

All: **“Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? In our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”**

One: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

All: **The gift of the Spirit is present as we worship today!**

*** Hymn #289**

On Pentecost They Gathered, vs. 1-4
[Munich]

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: In the world, and in this season, there are many claims on our lives. We take this time to remember that in our baptism, Christ claimed us as his own. We acknowledge before God and one another that we have not followed Jesus Christ with all our heart and mind and strength. Trusting in God’s grace, let us pray together.

All: Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we can hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not always listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Silent prayer.* Amen.

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Friends, God is for us and not against us. For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world—not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

One: As a forgiven people, let us greet each other, sharing the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you. *Please greet your fellow worshippers in ways you feel comfortable.*

* Act of Praise #581

Gloria Patri

The Word

Prayer of Illumination

Jennifer Gordon, Liturgist

Holy God, you come to us in breath, and set us aflame with amazement and joy. Open our paths to new visions and guide our feet deeper into your wisdom. By the power of your Spirit, settle now into our hearts so we may walk together building a common life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon & Time of Wonder

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Lighting the Candles

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (repeat 3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, NO!, I'm gonna let it shine. (repeat 3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine (repeat 3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Old Testament Reading

Joel 2:23-28

Jennifer Gordon, Liturgist

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Acts 2: 37-47

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Common Life

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Responding to the Word

Special Music

This Little Light of Mine

Julie Boyer, piano

arranged by Mark Hayes

Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

Julie Boyer, piano

arranged by Lloyd Larson

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Jennifer Gordon, Liturgist

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

in 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sent Out As a People of God

* Hymn #282

Come Down, O Love Divine, vs. 1-3

[Down Ampney]

* Benediction

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude

Tongues of Fire

[Pentecost Dance]

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Alfred V. Fedak

* Please rise in body or spirit

Ushers: Jeff & Michele Arbour, Gary & Trudy Sturk

Flowers: The flowers beautifying our sanctuary this morning are from Wayne and Barbara Scott.

This Morning's Fellowship Team and Education Hour: All Church Picnic! Thank you to Mitch Marcus for taking care of the coffee.

Next Week: June 15, 2025

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

Education Hour: Education Hour is on summer break. Enjoy extended fellowship time.

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