



May 24, 2026—8:30 and 9:45 am
Sanctuary

If we function according to our ability alone, we get the glory; if we function according to the power of the Spirit within us, God gets the glory.

Henry Blackaby, "Experiencing the Spirit: The Power of Pentecost Every Day"

Prelude

Community Life Update

PRAISING THE CREATOR

*Call to Worship

I Peter 2:9

Leader: But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

All: Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.

Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymns of Praise

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy Word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

"Come, Thou Almighty King" Words: Anon., circa 1757; Music: Felice De Giardini, Public Domain, 1769

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

"Holy, Holy, Holy" Words: Reginald Herber, Public Domain, 1783; Music: John Dykes, Public Domain, 1861

* Please stand if you are able.

New Testament Reading

from Acts 2

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Choral Meditation

Spirit of God

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

Spirit of God, Spirit of God, descend upon my heart.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no op'ning skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh, teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heav'n-descended Dove. My heart an altar and thy love the flame.

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LAMENTING THE FALL

Confession of Sin

Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

All: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Leader: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

All: and cleanse me from my sin!

Leader: For I know my transgressions,

All: and my sin is ever before me.

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

All: and renew a right spirit within me.

Leader: Cast me not away from your presence,

All: and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Leader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

All: and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Moment of Silent Confession

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

CHERISHING REDEMPTION

Words of Grace and Peace

Romans 8:15-17

You did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

*Hymn of Worship

K4-K5 may leave for Kids Ministry.

8:30 am—One parent will need to escort the child to volunteers in the Commons Area for Kids Church.

9:45 am—One parent will need to escort the child downstairs to join Kids Sunday School.

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord, to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me; Give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin, in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,
Show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

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Global Partner Update

Pastoral Prayer

LONGING FOR RESTORATION

Scripture Reading

Psalm 108

Leader: This is the word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God!

Sermon

A Better King Than David

Andy Lewis

Time of Silent Prayer

*Song of Response

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battleshield, sword for my fight; Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r: Raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

"Be Thou My Vision" Words and Music: Trad. Irish, ca. 8th c.

*Benediction

*Postlude

The flowers this morning are given in memory of Emily Munn by her husband, children, and grandchildren

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Assisting in Worship Today:

Preacher: Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

Liturgist: Mark Reed, Executive Pastor

May Elective — Finding Peace: A Christian Perspective on Anxiety
Final class—Learning Commons today at 9:45 am

Tomorrow, Monday, May 25—The church office will be closed for the holiday

Next Sunday, May 31—Worship on the Field—One service at 9:45 am

We love when our whole congregation can worship together! This special service will include a commissioning service at the end to commemorate two of our long-time pastors, Curtis DuBose and Neel Skelton who are moving on to their next ministry callings. Neel will be preaching and Curtis will be our liturgist. We encourage you to write a note of appreciation for the Skeltons and the DuBoses and drop it in the bucket at the entrance when you come.

Afterwards, stick around! Bring your lunch and picnic with us for a relaxed time of community with friends new and old! Common Pops (popsicles) will be available for purchase. Kids, youth and adult Sunday School will not meet this day. Nursery and Kids Church (K4/K5) will be available for the service. Bring your chair, bring a friend, and come!

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