

**Offertory Anthem:** “How Firm a Foundation” American Folk Hymn, arr. by Dan Forrest (b.1978)  
The text may be found at UMH# 529

**Doxology** UMH #94

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:** – *Ministry Matters*

Holy Spirit, breathe into us and fill us with your peace. Let your presence be known in every life touched by this church’s ministries. Receive these offerings as the outpouring of grateful hearts and use them to fan the flame of your love throughout the world. In the name of the Giver of the Spirit, we pray. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** “In Christ There Is No East or West” UMH# 548

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** “Toccata in C Major” Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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**Music Notes:** Dietrich Buxtehude, the composer of today's prelude, was the most important North German musician of the 17<sup>th</sup> century. He worked at the Marienkirche in Lubeck for nearly 40 years. His compositional style influenced both J. S. Bach and Georg F. Handel. Bach, as a young man, walked 250 miles from Arnstadt to Lubeck to hear Buxtehude's instrumental and vocal music.

**We thank those who participated in today’s service:**

**Accompanist:** Vera Baker

**Acolytes:** Audrey Crawford and Felix Everett

**Altar Ministry:** Julie Calhoun

**Altar Flowers:** In memory of their parents, Dorothy & Irving H and Mary & Charles G, from Beverly & Charles G

**Carillonneur:** Thomas St. Marie

**Fellowship Hour:** Administrative Council and volunteers

**Liturgist:** Mark Wing

**Ushers:** Head Usher; Lisa Bakowski, Asst. Head Usher; Sheila Womble, Rita Auchy, Holly Blair, Ray Miller

**Video Team:** Brian and Samuel Crawford, Eric Mazzarella, Nic Odell, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

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**Please Pray for:** Bridget B, James B, Janet B, Meri B, Natalie B, Mary C, Pat D, David F, Sophia G, Donna G, Courtney H, Dave J, Pete L, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Ellen L, Arlene M, Diane M, Carlos M, Pat N, Les P, Rev. Dr. Bob P, Catherine Ann R, Gerald R, Shawn R, Jen R, Jim S, Carl S, Lynn T, the T family during this difficult time of several extended family losses, Allie W, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.

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*Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.*



**Celebrate** God's love

**Nurture** relationships with God and one another

**Serve** our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

## Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026

10:30 a.m.

### WELCOME

We worship using this liturgy & two songbooks: The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) & The Faith We Sing (TFWS). Please silence your electronic devices. Nursery care is downstairs for children birth - 4 years.

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit. Items in bold are read in unison. Items italicized are sung by the choir.*

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE FOR A TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

“Without Pentecost the Christ event – the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus – remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now.” – Henri Nouwen

### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude:** “Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott, BuxW 199 - Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)  
“Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God”

**Introit:** “Holy Spirit With Us Dwelling”

Holy Spirit with us dwelling, gift of ever present grace, go before us ever guiding, leading to our Savior's face. Dwell within us Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Triune God. Compass of our soul's own searching for the Word that leads to love.

**\*Call to Worship:** – *Discipleship Resources*

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

**People: The wind of God, the breath of Life.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

**People: Our Advocate, our Counselor.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

**People: Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

**People: Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit.

**People: May we feel God breathing through our worship.**

Leader: May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** “God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH# 577

**\*Unison Prayer of the Morning:** - *From the Baptist Union of Great Britain*

Ever living and ever loving God, we praise you for your loving presence with us.

**Come, Holy Spirit, take and transform our societies- that broken people find healing; that lonely people find love; that bitter people find peace; that fearful people find hope.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, take our world's leaders and governments and bring renewal- that communication can be open; that relationships between hostile people and hostile nations will evaporate; that a hunger for justice addresses the hunger for food felt by so many.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill your church—that our worship will be ever more pleasing to you; that prayers will change our minds instead of trying to get you to change yours; that our lives will make a real difference to real people in the real world.** (continued)

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill our lives with your presence—so that more and more every day, all that we do and say and hope will be an act of worship to you and an expression of love to others, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**\*Response:** “Come Holy Ghost” (vv. 1 & 4) UMH# 603

**Verse 1:** Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire, Let us Thine influence prove; Source of the old prophetic fire, Fountain of light and love.

**Verse 4:** God, through Himself, we then shall know, if Thou within us shine, and sound, with all Thy saints below, the depths of love divine.

**Anthem:** “If Ye Love Me” text, John 14:15-18, music by Peter Aston (1938-2013)

*If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever. Even the Spirit of truth; ye know Him: for He dwelleth in you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.*

### Passing the Peace of Christ

### Children's Moment

### Pastoral Prayer, Joys and Concerns

### The Lord's Prayer:

**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.**

**Prayer Response:** “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

*Hear our prayer, O Lord; hear our prayer, O Lord; Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.*

**\*Hymn:** “In the Midst of New Dimensions” TFWS# 2238

*(Note: Chapel Kids is over for the season. It resumes mid-September.)*

**New Testament Scripture Reading:** Acts 2: 1-21 (NRSV) p. 111

### Response to the Word:

**One:** The Word of God for the People of God.

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** “Pentecost” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

### RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT'S PROMPTINGS

**Invitation to Offering:** - *Discipleship Resources*

Holy God, thank you for sending your Spirit, the Spirit of the risen Christ, from heaven. Help us to be like the early disciples, praying patiently as we wait for your guidance and power. Fill our hearts and minds with your gifts of faith, hope, and love. May our conversations with people of every language and culture around us witness to your grace and mercy. We dedicate ourselves and our offerings to your good purposes in the world through our church's mission by the power of your Spirit. We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**