



**CENTRAL WESTSIDE  
UNITED CHURCH**

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**PENTECOST  
SUNDAY**

**“ANOTHER  
PENTECOST,  
PLEASE”**

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## Welcome!

‘Come as you are to share in our friendliness, laughter, and tears, and be spiritually refreshed.’

### WE GATHER IN THIS PLACE....

**Organ Prelude:** *Holy Spirit* **Judy Pringle**

**Welcome and Life & Work of the Church:** **Ann Otterbein**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle & Fellowship Candles:** **Ann Otterbein**

*The Christ candle is a sign to us that Jesus Christ has come into this world as the Eternal Light. The Fellowship candles remind us that Jesus' people are called to be the people of Light in this world.*

*As we light the Christ candle, let us hear the voice of Jesus saying, "I am the Light of the world" and as we light the Fellowship candles, let us also hear the voice of Jesus saying, "You are the light of the world."*

**Land Acknowledgement:** **Ann Otterbein**

Long before those of us who are settlers and those who are descendants of settlers came to this land to live, there were people here. We acknowledge that many Nations of Indigenous people have lived in this beautiful place we all now call home. We give thanks to this land and the first peoples who cared for it. May we honour them by committing to the stewardship and respect of this land and the harmony of its people.

**Introit:** *Spirit of the Living God* **VU #376 v.2**

### ....APPROACHING GOD....

#### **Call to Worship:**

The day of Pentecost has come and we are gathered together in this place.

**Send your presence, O God, that we might see, hear and feel the Spirit at work.**

Creator God, rain down your Spirit that we too might prophesy.

**Praise God who sends forth the Spirit.**

Jesus Christ, rain down your Spirit that we too may see visions.

**May the glory of the Lord be upon us.**

Everlasting God, rain down your Spirit that we, too, may dream dreams.

**Let us praise God, praise the Son, and praise the Holy Spirit.**

Opening Prayer:

Thom McDonough

Opening Hymn:

*On Pentecost They Gathered*

VU #195

### Litany for Pentecost

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth  
The earth was without form and void,  
and darkness was upon the face of the deep;  
and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters.

**The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, upon many waters.**

The wind blows where it chooses,  
and you hear the sound of it,  
but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.  
So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.

**The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forest bare;  
and in God's temple all cry, "Glory!"**

When you send forth your Spirit all living things are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth.

**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world and those who live in it.**

John said, "I baptize you with water;  
but one more powerful than I is coming  
who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

**The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.  
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

May the Lord give strength to the people!

**May the Lord bless the people with peace!**

**A Time for All Ages: Wuppets**

**Something To Share**

Thom McDonough

...TO HEAR GOD'S WORD...

**Scripture:** (*New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition*)

God offers us through prophets' and apostles' words of life which in faith become the living Word. From birth to rebirth we are offered new beginnings. Let us receive and envision new meaning from the Word in these readings.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

Acts 2:1-21

**Response to God's Holy Word:**

God never stops speaking! May we always be listening and wondering.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Music Interlude:**

*Spirit of God, Abide with Me*

Judy Pringle

**Sermon:**

*Another Pentecost, Please*

Thom McDonough

**Sermon Response Hymn:**

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

VU #375

**Pentecost Affirmation of Faith - Unison**

**We sing of God the Spirit,  
who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation,  
animating all energy and matter  
and moving in the human heart.**

**We sing of God the Spirit,  
faithful and untameable,  
who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.**

**The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy  
not only in what is familiar,  
but also in that which seems foreign.**

**We sing of the Spirit,  
who speaks our prayers of deepest longing  
and enfolds our concerns and confessions,  
transforming us and the world.**

....AND RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL....

**Invitation to Offering:**

**Thom McDonough**

God has given God's self to us in Creator, in Christ, and in the Spirit. We now give back to God this money that seems so little, this worship that seems so small, these words that never quite get it right. Our offering will be received.

**Offering Response:**  
(Offering brought forward)

***Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands***

VU #537 v. 1

**Dedication of Our Offerings - Unison**

Holy One, receive what we offer and transform it  
by the power of your Spirit  
into enough money, sufficient praise, worthy words  
for proclaiming and enacting  
your peace, justice and love in the world.  
Amen

**Prayers of the Community:**

Thom McDonough

Response to "Loving God, hear our prayers"

**All respond: Send your Spirit among us still.**

**The Lord's Prayer:** (spoken)

On Screen

**Closing Hymn:**  
(stand as able)

***I Feel the Winds of God***

VU #625

**Sending Forth and Blessing:**

Thom McDonough

**Organ Postlude:**

***Voluntary in B Flat***

Judy Pringle

**Piano Postlude with Glen Eden**

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