



*“Continuing the work of Jesus.  
Peacefully. Simply. Together.”*



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**Pentecost Sunday**

## Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude**

*Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide*

arr. Marcus Wells

## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

### \* Call to Worship

#877, Voices Together

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,**

**One: enter our silences.**

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,**

**One: into the depths of our longing.**

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,**

**One: unmask our pretending. Enter our trusting, enter our fearing, enter our letting go, enter our holding back.**

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,**

**One: embrace and free us.**

### \* Opening Prayer

#858 Voices Together

Come, Holy One, work upon us, set us on fire and clasp us close; be fragrant to us, draw us to your loveliness; let us love, let us run to you. Amen

### \* Opening Hymn *Joys are flowing like a river* (vv. 1, 3, 5) #301

I Joys are flowing like a river  
since the Comforter has come,  
who abides with us forever,  
makes the trusting heart a home.

*Blessed quietness, holy quietness  
what assurance in my soul!  
On the stormy sea speaking peace to me  
how the billows cease to roll!*

- 3 Like the rain that falls from the heaven,  
like the sunlight from the sky,  
so the Holy Ghost is given,  
coming on us from on high. *[Refrain]*
- 5 What a wonderful salvation,  
where we always see God's face!  
What a perfect habitation,  
what a quiet resting place!

## CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

### Congregational Prayer

#### Song

#### *People Need the Lord*

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- 1 Ev'ry day they pass me by,  
I can see it in their eyes;  
empty people filled with care,  
headed who knows where.
- On they go through private pain,  
living fear to fear.  
Laughter hides their silent cries;  
only Jesus hears.

*People need the Lord, people need the Lord.  
At the end of broken dreams, He's the open door.  
People need the Lord, people need the Lord.  
When will we realize people need the Lord?*

2 We are called to take His light  
to a world where wrong seems right.  
What could be too great a cost  
for sharing life with one who's lost?  
Through His love our hearts can feel  
all the grief they bear.  
They must hear the words of life;  
only we can share. *[Refrain]*

## Time with Our Children

### Old Testament Reading

Genesis 11:1-9 *(NVSRLUE)*

#### The Tower of Babel

11 Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup> And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup> Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." <sup>5</sup> The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup> Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." <sup>8</sup> So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup> Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth, and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

# WORSHIP IN GIVING

## Special Music

*Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire*

arr. L. Leatherman

## Offering Thoughts

La Donna Nkosi, director of Intercultural Ministries

On the day of Pentecost, the church that Jesus commissioned was birthed as followers of Jesus came together from many cultures, locations, and languages. By the Spirit of God, each was able to understand in their own language. By God's grace, we as Brethren come from various locations, backgrounds, nations, cultures, and languages. What we each share in common is that we are following Jesus. Intercultural Ministries of the Church of the Brethren gathers Brethren for opportunities to learn about various cultures of our sisters and brothers throughout the church as well as our neighbors in our local communities. These opportunities include equipping, training, workshops, and resources as together we seek God's racial justice, peace, healing, and restoration. It also includes celebrations and community-building gatherings like the Intercultural Ministries gathering at Annual Conference this year. Congregations, members, and friends have participated in book discussions, journaling workshops, and training and equipping sessions as we celebrate, respect, and learn about cultures and our cultural diversity as we seek to follow Jesus locally and globally—peacefully, simply, together.

# LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

## Scripture Lesson

Acts 2:1-4 (NRSVUE)

### The Coming of the Holy Spirit

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.<sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

**Song**

*Holy Spirit, come with power*

# 26

- 1 Holy Spirit, come with power, breathe into our aching night.  
We expect you this glad hour, waiting for your strength and light.  
We are fearful, we are ailing, we are weak and selfish too.  
Break upon your congregation, give us vigor, life anew.
- 2 Holy Spirit, come with fire, burn us with your presence new.  
Let us as one mighty choir sing our hymn of praise to you.  
Burn away our wasted sadness and enflame us with your love.  
Burst upon your congregation, give us gladness from above.
- 3 Holy Spirit, bring your message, burn and breathe each word anew  
deep into our tired living till we strive your work to do.  
Teach us love and trusting kindness, lend our hands to those who hurt.  
Breathe upon your congregation and inspire us with your word.

**Sermon**

“Are We Speaking the Same Language?”

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

**\* Closing Hymn**

*Come thou fount*

# 521

- 1 Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace.  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unchanging love.

- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
 hither by thy help I've come,  
 and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
 safely to arrive at home.  
 Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
 wand'ring from the fold of God.  
 He, to rescue me from danger,  
 interposed his precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
 daily I'm constrained to be!  
 Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
 bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
 prone to leave the God I love.  
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
 seal it for thy courts above.

**\* Benediction**

La Donna Nkosi, director of Intercultural Ministries

Go forth to follow the Spirit who makes room for all who seek to follow Jesus and pause at the foot of the cross, gaze into the emptiness of the tomb, and feast lavishly together at Jesus' welcoming table. cross, gaze into the emptiness of the tomb, and feast lavishly together at Jesus' welcoming table. Be ready to be moved about, all together, here and there and every place that the Spirit sends you. Go on now, get going!

**Postlude**

*Everytime I Feel the Spirit* arr. William Farley Smith

\* Please stand as able and led



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