



Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

June 8, 2025 3:00 p.m.

the Day of
Pentecost



PRELUDE

On Pentecost They Gathered

C. Callahan

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Come, Holy Spirit

M. Foreman

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

D A7 F# E D Bm A C# Em F# Bm D F# G Asus A7 D

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A A G B7 F# Em Bm Em B Bm Bm D E7 A

A - might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
 What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
 O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

A7 C# D D C G B D7 A G D F# G B G Asus A7 D

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
 so peo - ple of all na - tions glad songs of joy shall raise.

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MUSIC: Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, 1693; harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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***INVOCATION AND 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Creator God,
you made each of us in your image,
but we failed to see your image in our Indigenous brothers and sisters.
Your created order is rich in cultures and diversity,
but in our arrogance, we put ourselves above them all.
We made treaties, covenants before you, that we failed to uphold.
We pushed our Indigenous brothers and sisters
to corners of the land where they could not and cannot thrive.
We took their children from their families
so that we could make them like us,
and in so doing, caused harms that continue to this day.**

**We did not understand or respect their relationship with you,
Creator God.
We did not understand, or care, that their culture and language
grew out of their relationship with the land,
and we broke faith with them and the Earth.**

**Merciful God,
we are all in need of healing,
we as much as our neighbours:
First Nations, Inuit, and Métis.
Forgive us, heal us, and lead us into reconciliation.**

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ANTHEM

Come, Holy Spirit (African Spirit Song)
Music based on a Congolese Folk Song

arr. V.C. Johnson

FIRST READING

Genesis 11:1-9

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

RESPONSIVE READING

One: In ancient times, in our hubris, we built the Tower of Babel to reach the heavens.

Many: At Babel, God scattered us and confounded our language.

One: But now Jesus has come to repair our broken relationships.

Many: His sacrifice makes way for the healing work of the Spirit.

One: When the Holy Spirit descended at Pentecost,

Many: God's message of reconciliation was made clear in every language and to every people.

One: Now in Christ a spirit of adoption has made us one.

Many: We are all heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

All: Let our love for one another and our welcome for the stranger be the mark of our service to God.

*HYMN OF ASPIRATION

Help Us Accept Each Other

BECK

Unison
G

A7
G

Cdim
G

Am7(b5)
G

Gmaj7 G6

A7

1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
3 Let your ac - cept - ance change us, so that we may be moved
4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

Bm Em Emsus2 Em Cmaj7 Bm7 Am7 D7sus2 D7

teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for right - eous - ness and bread,

Bm7 Emsus2 Em Em(#7) Em7 Am9 Bm7 C $\frac{D}{C}$ C#dim7

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cept - ance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:

$\frac{G}{D}$ C#dim7 $\frac{Am7}{D}$ $\frac{Bm}{D}$ $\frac{Am}{D}$ $\frac{C}{D}$ G

we are *our - selves* ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

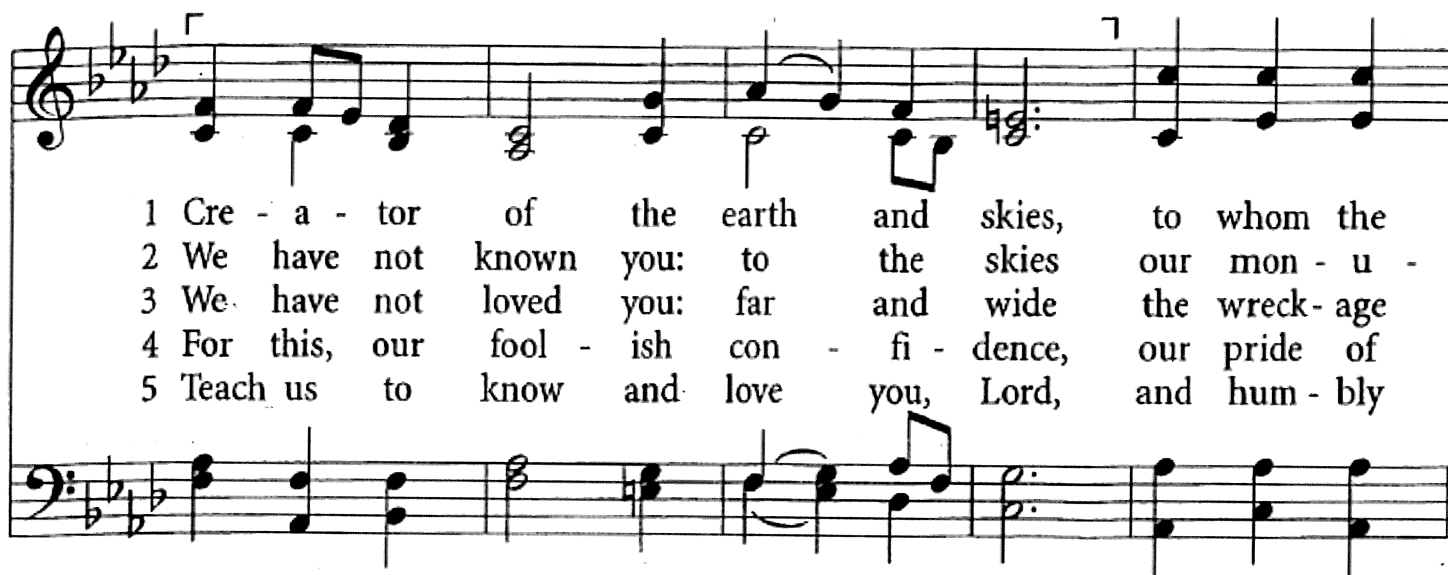
CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

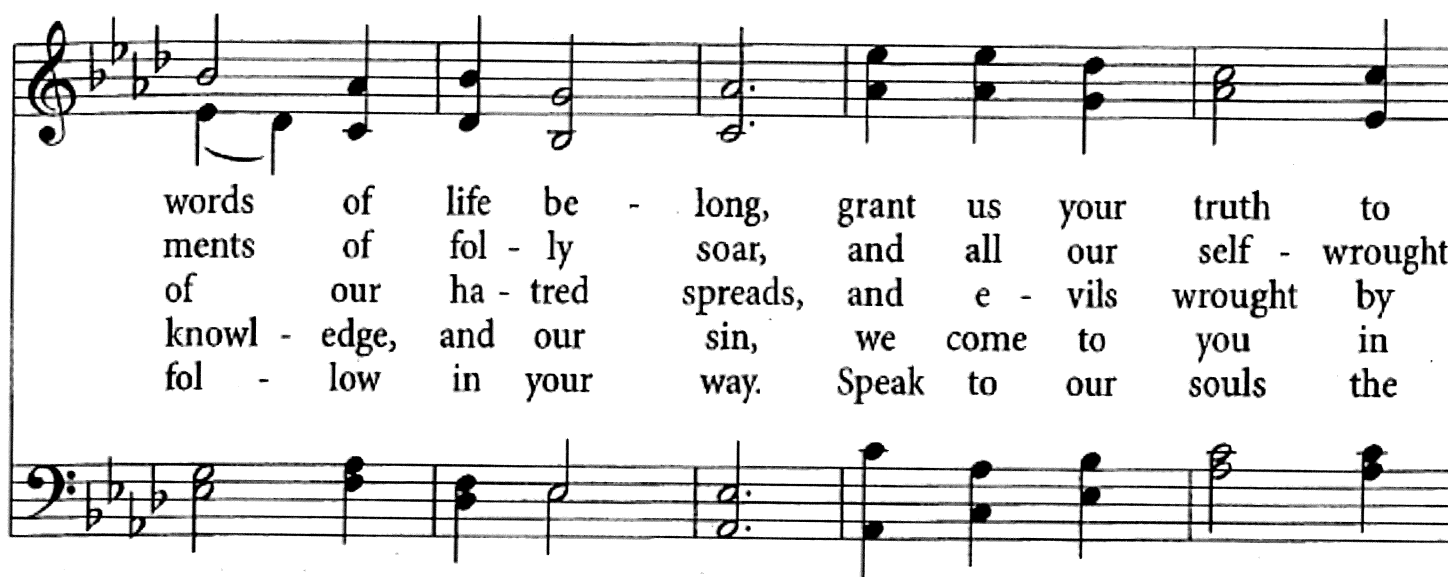
*HYMN OF MEDITATION

#173 Creator of the Earth and Skies

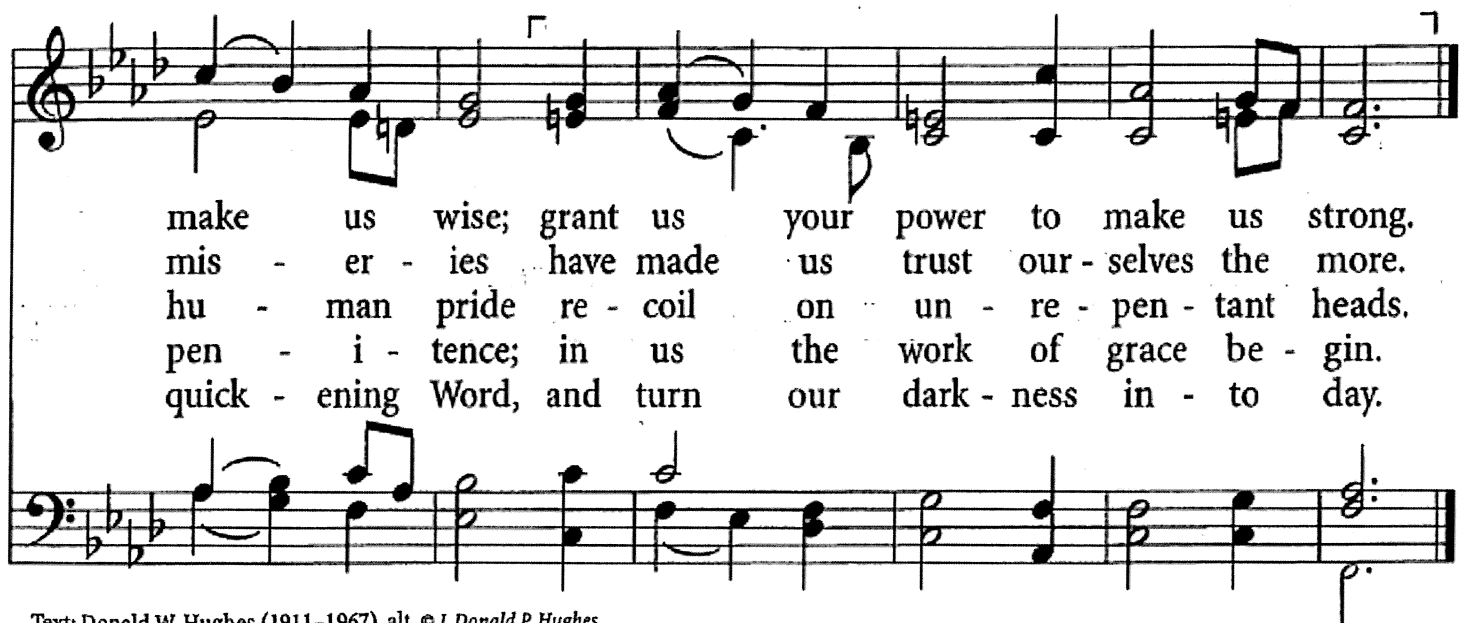
UFFINGHAM



1 Cre - a - tor of the earth and skies, to whom the
2 We have not known you: to the skies our mon - u -
3 We have not loved you: far and wide the wreck - age
4 For this, our fool - ish con - fi - dence, our pride of
5 Teach us to know and love you, Lord, and hum - bly



words of life be - long, grant us your truth to
ments of fol - ly soar, and all our self - wrought
of our ha - tred spreads, and e - vils wrought by
knowl - edge, and our sin, we come to you in
fol - low in your way. Speak to our souls the



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 Music: Jeremiah Clarke (1673?–1707).

SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-13

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

SERMON

Rev. Harold Roscher

(Silence for personal reflection)

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Meditation on "Veni Creator Spiritus"

G. Hamilton

*New Doxology

M. Adria

Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three Persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

*Prayer of Gratitude

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us

AURELIA



1 The love of Je - sus calls us our joy - ous praise to sing;
2 The love of Je - sus calls us, that we may al - ways be
3 The love of Je - sus calls us to go where he would go,
4 The love of Je - sus calls us in swift - ly chang - ing days,

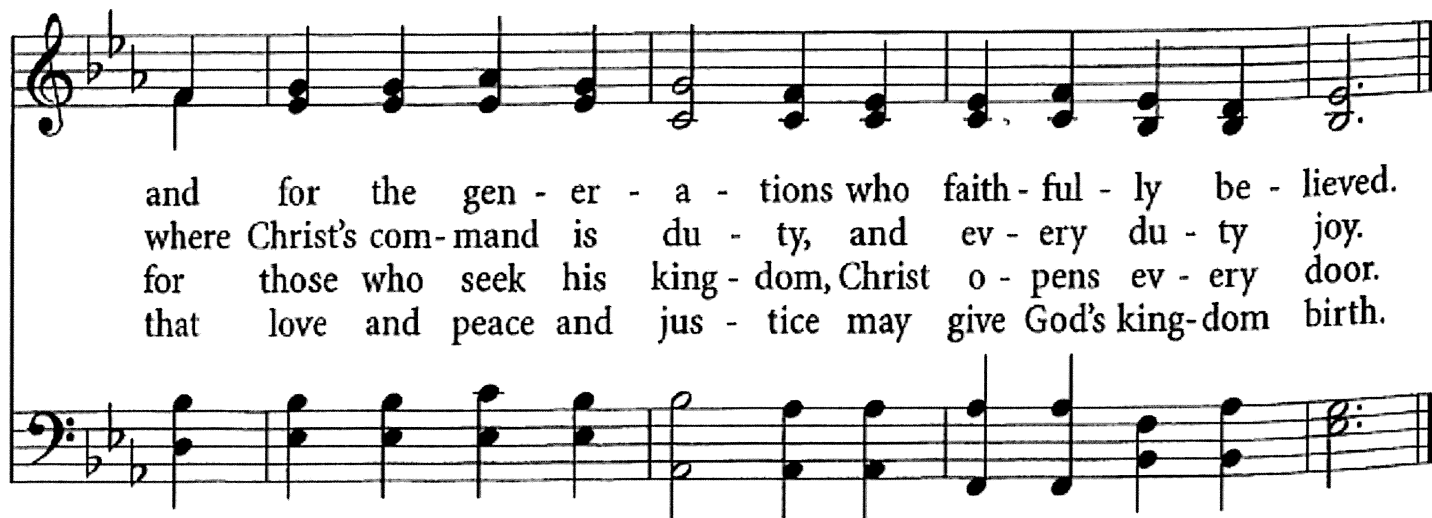


our deep - ly felt thanks - giv - ings we now to - geth - er bring,
com - pan - ions on a jour - ney, where all the world may see
to chal - lenge all that lim - its, to change, to learn, to grow,
to be God's co - cre - a - tors in new and won - drous ways;



for all God's man - y bless - ings, un - asked yet still re - ceived,
that serv - ing Christ is free - dom which time does not des - troy;
to know that Christ has freed us, that pris - ons are no more;
that God with men and wom - en may so trans - form the earth,





Text: Herbert O'Driscoll (1928-) ©.

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876).

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

God Sends Us the Spirit
Ghanaian Folk Song

NATOMAH

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world -- begins again this week

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Veni Creator Spiritus"

P. Fey

***Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Writing Prayers & Leading Worship - Gordon Dinwoodie;

Writing Prayers of the People - Becky Bonham;

Scripture Reading - Cory Seibel, Nick Bargeman;

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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have severe scent sensitivities, we ask that people refrain from wearing perfumes and
colognes on Sunday morning to church. Thank you for helping us care for one another.*

— FBC Council