

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

May 24, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

the Day of
Pentecost



PRELUDE

On Pentecost They Gathered

V. Pinkevicius

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Come, Holy Spirit

M. Foreman

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

On Pentecost They Gathered

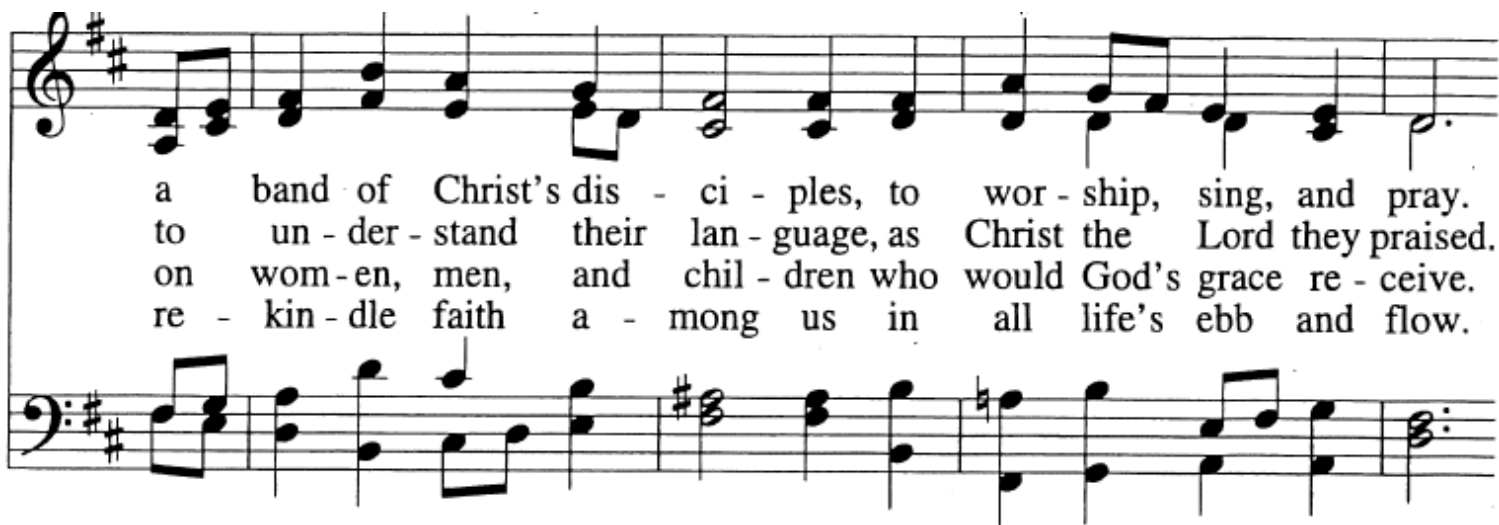
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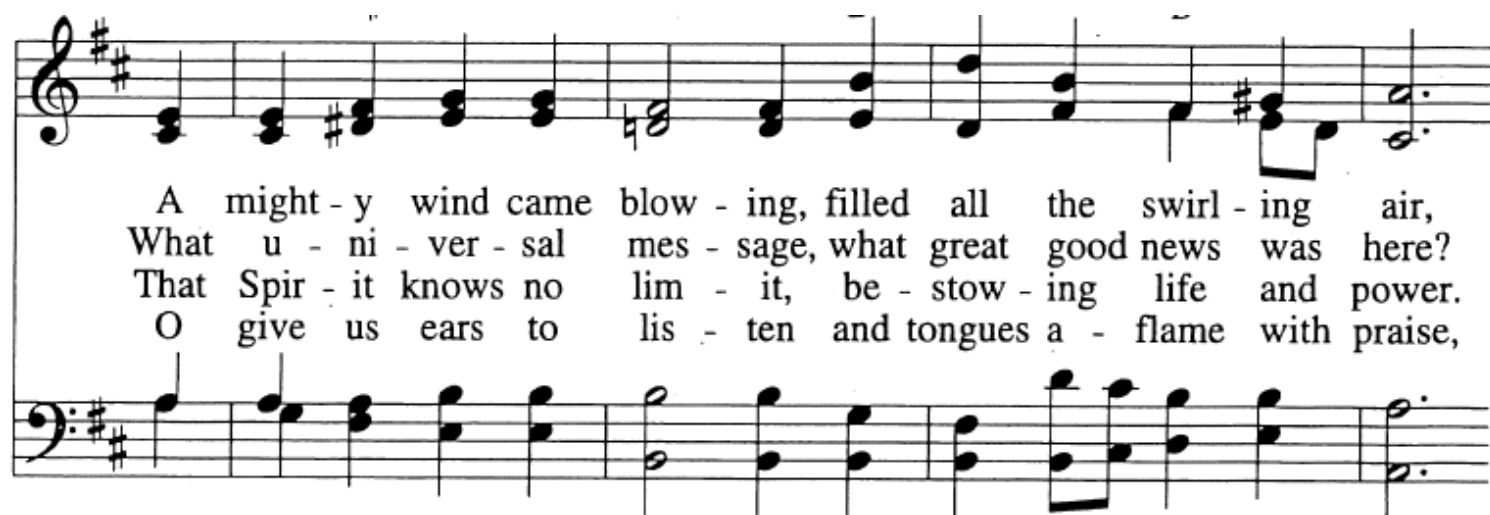
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1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a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



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 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,



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.

***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

**Living God,
Together we confess that even when you offer us your peace,
we continue to live in our angst.
When you say, "Peace be with you,"
we live as if peace is not really for us.
When you speak your words of comfort
we close our ears to the power of your words.**

**Even though you promise that you will always be with us
we forget that your presence is closer than our breath.**

**We acknowledge that we often don't take hold
of the gifts offered us by your Spirit.
We attempt to do life with our own strength and anxieties.
We confess that we need the gift of your Holy Spirit.
We confess that we need your gift of peace.**

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Numbers 11:24-30

Read from the NRSV Bible

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

ANTHEM

Spirit of God, Descend

arr. J. Helgen

LITANY

One: Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.

Many: Come Holy Spirit.

One: Spirit of the Living God, we need you every hour.

Many: Come Holy Spirit.

One: Spirit of the Living God, melt us, mold us, fill us, use us.

Many: Come Holy Spirit.

One: Spirit of the Living God, we receive you.

All: Come Holy Spirit, breathe on us.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Be Still, for the Spirit of the Lord

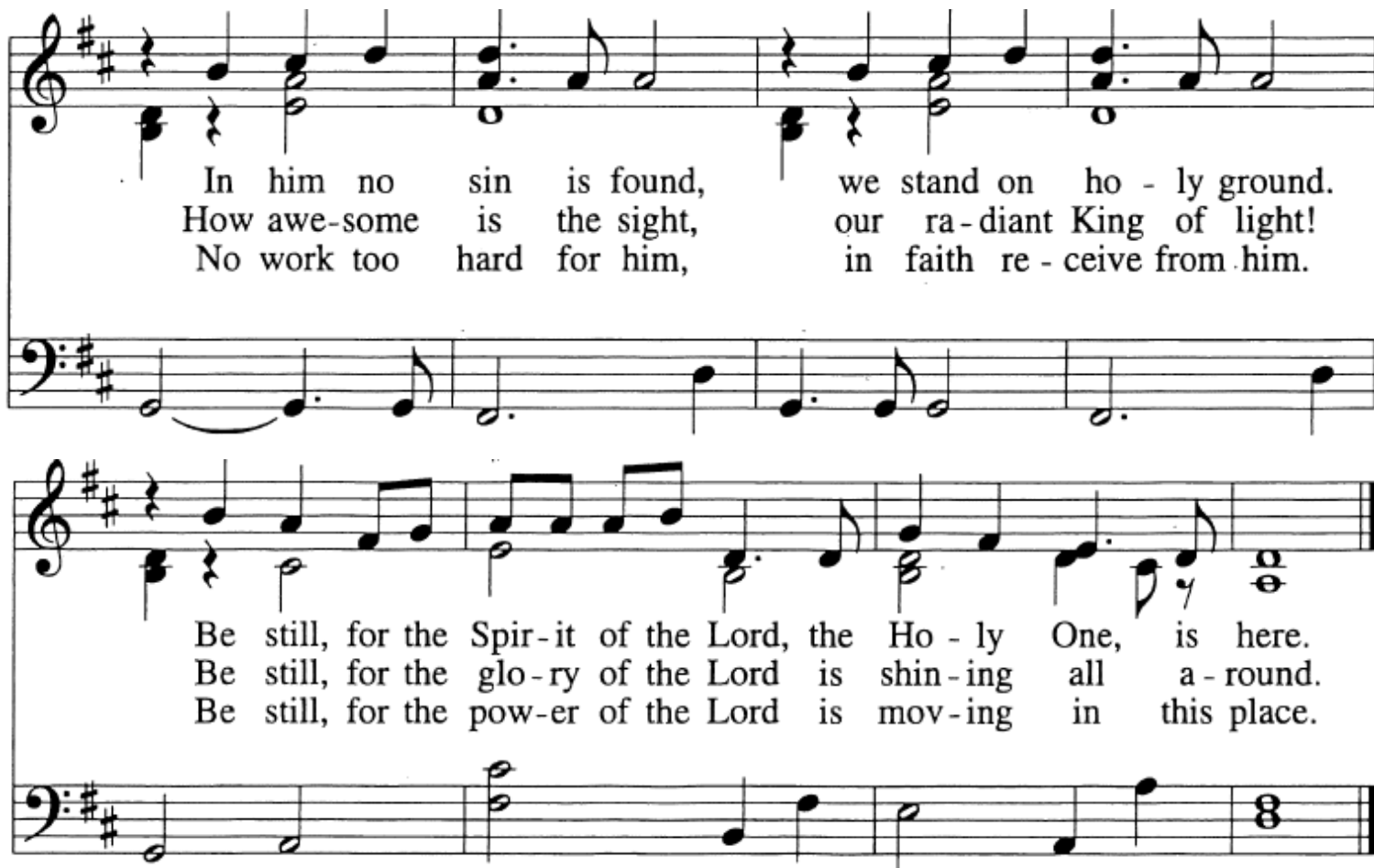
D. Evans

WORDS and MUSIC: David Evans (20th c.)

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1 Be still, for the Spir-it of the Lord, the Ho-ly One, is here.
2 Be still, for the glo-ry of the Lord is shin-ing all a-round;
3 Be still, for the pow-er of the Lord is mov-ing in this place,

Come, bow be-fore him now, with rev-erence and with fear.
he burns with ho-ly fire, with splen-dor he is crowned.
he comes to cleanse and heal, to min-is-ter his grace.



In him no sin is found, we stand on ho - ly ground.
 How awe-some is the sight, our ra-diant King of light!
 No work too hard for him, in faith re - ceive from him.

Be still, for the Spir-it of the Lord, the Ho - ly One, is here.
 Be still, for the glo-ry of the Lord is shin-ing all a - round.
 Be still, for the pow-er of the Lord is mov-ing in this place.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

Spirit of the Living God

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MUSIC: Daniel Iverson (1890-1977)

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1 Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;
 2 Spir - it of the liv - ing God, move a - mong us all;

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
 make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
 hum - ble, car - ing, self - less, shar - ing.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
 Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fill our lives with love.

SECOND READING

John 20:19-23

Read from the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: **“Thanks be to God”**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Allan Effa

(Silence for personal reflection)

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

Gregorian Chant

*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

We Have Seen God's Loving Kindness

D. Coleman & J. Vette

Text: Dan Coleman
Music: Joachim Vette

1. We have seen God's lo - ving kind-ness, a
2. And in times of tri - bu - la - tion when
3. We have joined in Yah - weh's bles-sing through
4. Praise to God; we sing the sto - ry of

ri - ver rol - ling full and strong,
bro - ken - ness is all we see,
this our faith com - mu - ni - ty.
Yah - weh's faith - ful con - stan - cy.

bring - ing hope, re - deem - ing sad - ness, and
 we have known our Lord's com pas - sion and
 Be - ing blessed, in our turn bles - sing, we
 Ga - ther - ing us all to - ge - ther here

set - ting hearts at li - ber - ty;
 we have felt God's hea - ling hand
 seek _____ jus - tice and har - mo - ny,
 in this bu - sy ur - ban heart,

e - ver - flow - ing al - ways con - stant,
 in our spir - its, minds, and bo - dies,
 ask - ing God for this our ci - ty,
 ce - le - brants of life a - bun - dant,

cur - rent of well - be - ing and peace.
 tou - ches of well - be - ing and peace.
 full - ness of well - be - ing and peace.
 bear - ers of well - be - ing and peace.

***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**

Send Me, Jesus

THUMA MINA

***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 and Leading Worship - Cheryl Krueger;
 Writing Prayers of the People - Grant McIntyre;
 Scripture Readers - Barbara Falk, Pam Beavan;
 Guest Conductor - Gord Adnams;
 Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families

Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music (on vacation)

Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

As we attempt to provide comfortable spaces for all and we have some members who 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