

Message “Day of Pentecost” **Pastor Peter Choi**

Hymn of Response “Spirit Song” **UMH#347**

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Steve Younkin, & Sheila Anderson.

Happy Anniversary to Larry & Kim Snavely—24 years,

Mike & MaryJo Froid—24 years,

Clark & Jennifer Bauer—31 years.

Prayer List: Marjorie Hultquist, Larry Anderson, Fred Will,

Merlin Beahm, Kent Verbeck, and John Burnham.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord’s Prayer

Offertory Music

“Doxology” “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

Lord of wind and fire, set us fire this morning as we celebrate the explosion of your Holy Spirit coming into the world on the Day of Pentecost! May Your Holy Spirit keep us attuned to the voices all around us, to those who need us to be bearers of your love and compassion, and may these gifts we give help us, through your church, meet those needs. In the holy name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn “O Church of God, United” **UMH#547**

Benediction

So now we leave this space of worship, and while so much of the road ahead is uncertain, the path constantly changing, we know some things that are as solid and sure as the ground beneath our feet and the sky above our heads. We know God is love. We know Christ’s light endures. We know the Holy Spirit is there, found in the space between all things, closer to us than our next breath, binding us to each other, until we meet, we again, Go in peace.

Sending Forth

Postlude

Glen Haselbarth

United Methodist Church Minden, Nebraska



**Day of Pentecost
10:00 a.m.
May 28, 2023**

Prelude

Glen Haselbarth

Welcome and Announcements

1. Vacation Bible School will be June 25 through 29 from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm. The title of VBS is Super-Hero Hotline. Ages are from kindergarten to 5th Grades Kids. Meetings for VBS will be June 4 and June 11 at 5:30 pm with a meal. And we plan to decorate the church after worship on June 25. We need volunteers, helpers, and servers.
2. Confirmation Class will be Wednesday at 5:30 pm.
3. Bible Study, Threading the Bible, will be at 10:00 am Thursday.
4. The clipboards are in the back if you want to volunteer as a scripture reader, usher, greeter, or refreshment Host.
5. Join us for socializing and refreshments in room 300 following worship.

Call to Worship

L: Lord, our hearts are on fire this day!

P: Set the blazes of hope that burn away fear!

L: Lord, we come here to be empowered to serve you.

P: Cause the winds of change to blow away doubt and alienation!

L: Praise to God who has brought to us the Holy Spirit!

P: Let us worship and rejoice, for God is challenging and empowering us this day!

Opening Prayer

Spirit of wind and fire, come to us this day, freeing us from our fears. Lift us up when we have fallen. Dust us off and set us squarely on the path to hope you have set before us. Remind us that we are never far from your presence. Get us ready for the great adventure and opportunities that lie before us. Help us to be good and willing workers for you. In Christ's Name, we pray. AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn

UMH#500

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Apostle Creed (Ecumenical Version)

UMH#882

Scriptures

KayLyn McBride

Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

L: This is the Words of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.