



“A Strange Gift to
Bring to a Birthday
Party”



Pentecost Sunday

*May 023, 2021
10:00 a.m.*

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Rick Hobbs

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Mary Hurley

Leader: The day of Pentecost has come, and we are together. Will the works of God be known among us today?

People: We live in the valley of dry bones. Around and within us is emptiness.

Leader: God comes to us as a gentle breath or violent wind. Catch your breath, God's breath, and live.

People: There are stirrings deep within that give us hope. There is a Spirit linking us to one another.

Leader: The fires of love dispel life's shadows. God's Spirit comes to give us new life.

People: Surely God is in this place! May the glory of God be known amount us today!

*UNISON INVOCATION

Amazing God, how manifold are your works! The earth is full of life you have created, in forms too numerous to count. You have linked us, your people, to the earth and to all living things. We are interdependent. We can survive only if we have reverence for life. Come among us now to make your ways known. Help us to dream dreams and see visions of your intentions for this world and for your church. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN *"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"* (1, 4)

RECOGNITION OF SENIORS

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

MORNING PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And Also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

HYMN

"Spirit of the Living God"

(sing twice)

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Acts 2: 1-8, 12-13 (NRSV)

SERMON

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Pastor Mary

WORDS FOR OFFERING

Pastor Mary

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

How manifold are your works, amazing God! When there are dry-bones times in our lives, we can look to you for new breath and hope and renewal of life. Your Spirit comes, and we are lifted up and linked to one another. We bring our offerings as an expression of thanksgiving for all your gifts. May your glory be proclaimed in all we give and all we do, when we are together and when we scatter to do your will in other places. Amen.

*HYMN

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

(1,3,4)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE