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Weekly Worship

love all • live spiritually • rejoice in hope • show hospitality

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Community Prayer

Perplexing, Pentecostal God, you infuse us with your Spirit, urging us to vision and dream. May the gift of your presence find voice in our lives, that our babbling may be transformed into discernment and the flickering of many tongues light an unquenchable fire of compassion and justice. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: All together in one place;

Many: they heard the rush of a violent wind;

One: it filled the entire house.

Many: Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared and rested on each of them;

One: they were filled with the Holy Spirit

We Welcome Rev. Dr. Jane Holtzclaw to the Pulpit

This week our guest preacher is The Reverend Dr. Jane Holtzclaw: Reverend Holtzclaw is an ordained pastor in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and serves as a chaplain at St Elizabeth Hospital. She is also a physician and a retired Air Force officer. She enjoys cross country skiing, running, backpacking, and plays flute in the Lincoln Community Concert Band.

Sermon

From The Rev. Jane Holtzclaw
Acts 2:1-15; 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

Today is Pentecost – the time in the church calendar when we celebrate the birth of the church. It is the story of a diverse people coming together to form a church community which would grow to be much stronger than any individual. Our readings this morning tell the story – a story of diversity and inclusion.

Our passage from Acts tells the story of the events we know as Pentecost – the time when the Holy Spirit appeared to the disciples in a rush of wind and fire and each member of the crowd heard the disciples speaking in their own language. Our second passage from 1 Corinthians reminds us that the Holy Spirit brings gifts to everyone – gifts which are individualized for the needs of the individual and the community. The story of Pentecost is not about a single event. The story of Pentecost is about the coming together of God's people, all people from all nations. It is a story of God's presence in and amongst us. It is a story of God's love and care for the entire world through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

~Jane



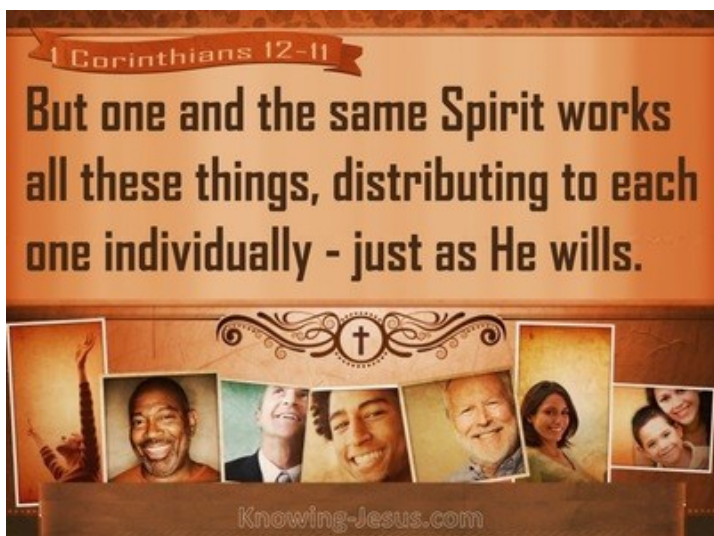
Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-13

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”

Acts 2:1-15

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.’”



Prayers & Praises

May 24, 2026



Song of the Week

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Cec Burkhart
- Joan Dietrich
- Monte Dietrick
- Polly Putney
- Bob Throop
- Marvin Thurber
- Phyllis Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek
- Roger Vocasek

Prayers for Monte Dietrick, who had a fall and broke 3 ribs.

Prayers for Cec Burkhart, who continues to recover from a broken hip after several falls.

Prayers for Bob Throop for continued healing and strength.

Prayers for Roger Vocasek as he looks for a job.

Prayers Jessica Stehlik-Vocasek for her health issues.

Prayers for Katelyn Long for continued healing and strength.

Friends:

- Ron Collamore, *prayers for his health.*

Our Timothy:

- Rev. Bruce Frogge, *Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX*

In the Nebraska Region: Humboldt Christian Church - Howard Blecha

Our Global Ministries Missionaries in: Chile

“Dear God, we pray for the Shalom Center, that it may continue to be a source of life, care for creation, and holistic restoration. And especially, let us pray for each person who comes to this place, that they may be profoundly transformed, healed, and restored by God’s love, and that this river of life may continue to flow in them and through them. Amen.”

Like the murmur of the dove’s song, like the challenge of her flight, like the vigor of the wind’s rush, like the new flame’s eager might: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ’s body, to the branches of the Vine, to the church in faith assembled, to our midst as gift and sign: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer, with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare: Come, Holy Spirit, come.



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Call to Confession

One:

Called to proclaim repentance, we are reluctant to look at our own fail-
ings. Invited to witness to God's forgiveness of sins, we would rather not
speak aloud of our own. Let us trust in the One who offers us hope and
healing, as together we confess our struggles in following Christ, pray-
ing,

Prayer of Confession

Many:

You call us to proclaim a gospel we find difficult to practice, God
Most High. We confess we want to spend more time with ourselves
than with you. We are hesitant to speak of your power to others, as
we doubt its presence in our own lives. Forgive us, God of Mercy.
Fill us with your Spirit, that, having been transformed by it, we may
boldly proclaim your Good News to all who wait for it with eager
longing.

Good News of God's Grace

One:

Do not be afraid of God. In love, God forgives us; in grace, God redeems
us; in hope, God sends us forth to share the Good News.

Many:

Through Christ's Resurrection, we are a new people. The old has
gone, the new has begun. Thanks be to God! Amen.