

St. Stephen's

United Methodist Church

SUNDAY, MAY 23RD • PENTECOST SUNDAY
IN-PERSON OUTDOOR SERVICE

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

Pastor Rob

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jiyeon

One: Listen, can you hear the wind?

All: Come, Holy Spirit; come!

One: Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

All: For God has done wondrous things for us.

One: For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!

All: We are now called to be people of the Pentecost.

One: We are called to boldly share the good news of God's love.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

OPENING SONG

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

CCLI# 99481

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Jiyeon

God of wind and fire, gather us and embolden us this day to receive your power. Help us to proclaim the wondrous things that you have done and continue to do in our lives. Give us strength and courage to share the Good News of your love and your presence. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

SONG

More Love, More Power

CCLI# 60661

More love, more power, more of you in my life,
more love, more power, more of you in my life;

and I will worship you with all of my heart,
and I will worship you with all of my mind,
and I will worship you with all of my strength,
for you are my Lord.

And I will seek your face with all of my heart,
and I will seek your face with all of my mind,
and I will seek your face with all of my strength,
for you are my Lord.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-8, 9a-21 NRSV

MESSAGE

Fire of Hope

Pastor Forrest

***WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS - CONFIRMATION**

Leah Marina Ogletree
Lucas Stephen Sewall
Jonas Alexander Vant

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

HOLY COMMUNION**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Pastor Rob

O God, we have failed as your church. You call us to live faithfully, to act justly and to bring peace to the earth. Instead, our lives and your church reflect more of our needs and worries and less of the needs and worries of all peoples. Move us beyond ourselves to hear the cry of the world and to respond with acts and deeds of kindness, mercy and justice. May your grace shine through a church that, even with its shortcomings, accepts the call of Christ to serve and care and love and bring peace. May we feel your forgiving Spirit now. Amen.

ASSURANCE

We know love by this, that Jesus laid down his life for us. Friends, hear the good news and believe: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

All: Alleluia! Amen.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Change My Heart, O God
CCLI#: 1565

*Regular and gluten-free elements are available.
All elements are pre-packaged by TrueVine.*

*We will partake of the elements of bread and fruit of the vine together
as a sign of unity in the Lord.*

BENEDICTION

Pastor Rob

POSTLUDE

Let It Breathe on Me

*Special thanks to our musicians for this Sunday:
Tim Anderson, Ed Baird, Tammy Lydon, Melissa Pampel, Lauri Snider, and Marcus Williams.*

Have a blessed week!