

Worship Planner for Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

[Lucknow- Lighting Christ Candle]

Responsive Call to Worship

Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,
and transform our thoughts and actions.

Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,
and fill us with your wisdom.

Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,
**and refresh our commitment to serve
 in repentance, love and renewal.**

Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,
as we worship and witness to God's love.

Opening Hymn #471 We are one in the Spirit

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

. . . . we are moved to confess to you our sins:

God of wind and flame;

at Pentecost your Spirit inspired Jesus' followers to speak,
 in his name, what was needed
 in ways that all who heard could understand.

But we confess that we have ignored your guidance
 and kept to our own words and understandings
 rather than letting your Spirit speak through us.

We have not always attended to the lessons of that first Pentecost
 when the Spirit demonstrated that all cultures, all languages
 can speak your love.

We ask your forgiveness for when our witness has been false;
 when what we have said and done in your name
 came not from your Spirit or from love for you,
 but from love of ourselves or of power and control.

Forgive us for the sins we have committed by our actions
 and the sins we have committed by failing to act.

Send your Spirit to inspire our faith
 and energize us in repentance and transformation

for just mission and loving ministry, praying as Jesus taught us,

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 and ever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Music Ministry

Family Focus

Hymn #293 Come, thou almighty King

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Responsive Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Lord, you have done so many things!

You made them all so wisely!

The earth is full of your creations!

**And then there's the sea, wide and deep,
 with its countless creatures—
 living things both small and large.**

There go the ships on it,

and Leviathan, which you made, plays in it!

**All your creations wait for you
 to give them their food on time.**

When you give it to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand, they are filled completely full!

**But when you hide your face, they are terrified;
 when you take away their breath,
 they die and return to dust.**

When you let loose your breath, they are created,

and you make the surface of the ground brand-new again.

Let the Lord's glory last forever!

Let the Lord rejoice in all he has made!

He has only to look at the earth, and it shakes.

God just touches the mountains, and they erupt in smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I'm still alive.

Let my praise be pleasing to him;

I'm rejoicing in the Lord!

Let my whole being bless the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

Acts 2:1-21 Pentecost

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak. There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. They were surprised and amazed, saying, “Look, aren’t all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!” They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, “What does this mean?” Others jeered at them, saying, “They’re full of new wine!” Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, “Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! These people aren’t drunk, as you suspect; after all, it’s only nine o’clock in the morning! Rather, this is what was spoken through 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 will see visions.

Your elders will dream dreams.

Even upon my servants, men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.

The sun will be changed into darkness,

and the moon will be changed into blood,

before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes.

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.¹

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: A language everybody understands

Hymn #389 Breathe on me, breath of God

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven and is seated
at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Communion Liturgy

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology #79

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Prayer of Dedication

Mission Moment

Closing Hymn #399 Spirit, Spirit of gentleness

Benediction

Benediction Song

Musical Postlude