



**Pentecost**  
**May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 11:00am**

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## Quote of the Week

Someday, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love, and then, for a second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

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## ✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

*You are invited to speak the bold text. Please stand as you are able whenever an asterisk (\*) precedes a heading.  
Restrooms (including gender-neutral accessible & children's facilities) are located in the basement.*

### Prelude | Tania Jones

*The prelude is an integral part of worship, as we open ourselves to the wonder and mystery of God's presence.  
Please enter quietly, being sure to silence your cell phone and other electronic devices.*

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### Welcome | Liz Sweeney

*If you are new to our church, we encourage you to fill out a visitor card, found in the pew in front of you or online at [paumcnyc.org/visitor](http://paumcnyc.org/visitor).*

### \*Call to Worship

*One:* 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.

*All:* **Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of your faithful people; kindle in us the fire of your love.**

### \*Opening Hymn | UMH #539 - "O Spirit of the Living God"

### \*Litany for Pentecost | Isaiah Fish

*One:* O Holy Spirit, who at the beginning of creation moved over the face of the waters:

*People:* **Create us anew with your life-giving power!**

*One:* O Holy Spirit, who inspired the prophets of old to speak boldly to your people;

*People:* **Enable us to hear your voice through the prophets of our day.**

*One:* O Holy Spirit, who came as a dove at the baptism of Jesus.

*People:* **Strengthen us to witness as your baptized people in the world.**

*One:* O Holy Spirit, who on the day of Pentecost put fire into the lives of the early disciples.

*People:* **Put fire in our hearts and set us aflame to show forth the Risen Christ.**

*One:* Spirit of God, renew and inspire us.

*People:* **Spirit of God, envelop and empower us.**

*One:* Spirit of God, support, strengthen, and guide us.

*People:* **Spirit of God, dwell in us and fill us with your love.**

## Children's Moment

### \*Christ's Peace

*One:* The peace of the Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with a sign of peace.*

### \*Gathering Hymn | UMH #334 - "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place; and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know  
that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.*

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### Prayer for Illumination | The Reverend Thea Crites

*All:* **Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us in the language of our hearts, that we may hear your Word with understanding and answer your call with faith. Amen.**

### The New Testament Lesson | Acts 2:1-8, 12-21

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 people 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? 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, "Fellow Jews 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. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,  
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

*One:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### Choral Anthem | "Wonderful Merciful Savior" by Dawn Rodgers & Eric Wyse

## The Gospel Lesson | John 20:19-23

Reader: Jim Crawley

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

*One:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

\***Hymn** | UMH #347 - "Spirit Song"

**Sermon** | Isaiah Fish

## Musical Reflection

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## Offertory Prayer

## Giving of Tithes & Offerings

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**Offertory Solo** | "Lovin' Me" by Jonathan McReynolds

*Soloist:* Victor DaZe

\***Presentation Hymn** | UMH #94 - "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!*

*Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## Prayers of the People

*One:* Lord, in your mercy,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

If you have a prayer request that you wish to share with the church, you may do so by filling out a prayer request form available in the pew in front of you or by submitting a prayer request at [paumcnyc.org/prayer](http://paumcnyc.org/prayer).

## The Lord's Prayer

*All:* **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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

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\***Closing Hymn** | UMH #547 - "O Church of God, United"

\***Benediction**

**Postlude**

## If you're new to our community, here are a few ways to get to know us:

- **Fill out a Welcome Card** in the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate, hand it to an usher, or to a staff member following service. Cards can also be found online at [paumcnyc.org/visitor](http://paumcnyc.org/visitor).
- **Join us for coffee hour on the third floor after service.**
- **Join our mailing list.** Emails are the primary way that we communicate any important messages for the entire community. If you do not receive our emails, we encourage you to subscribe at [paumcnyc.org/maillinglist](http://paumcnyc.org/maillinglist).

## Children are welcome to attend all services!

Children's restrooms (with changing tables) are located in the basement. The Russell Room in the basement is also a great spot for you and your child to take a break during service to stretch and run around! To get there, take the elevator (to the left as you leave the sanctuary) or the stairwell (to the right as you leave the sanctuary).

## Walking Together: Meditations for the Journey

Every weekday morning, Pastor Cathy offers a meditation as we walk through life together. Listen on all major podcast platforms or online at [paumcnyc.org/walkingtogether](http://paumcnyc.org/walkingtogether).

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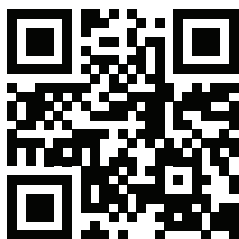
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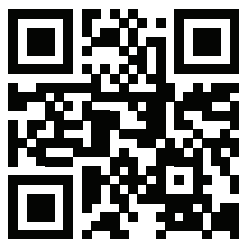
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