



# INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DAY OF PENTECOST ~ MAY 19, 2024



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*I like nonsense.  
It wakes up the brain cells.*  
~ Theodor Geisel (a.k.a. Dr. Seuss) ~

~ **GATHERING** ~

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** *(from John 14)*

**PRELUDE**

**PENTECOST WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(Acts 2:17)*

Remember the promise of the Lord:

**God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh.**

**\*LITANY FOR PENTECOST**

Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you fluttered over the waters. From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust. **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith. You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word. **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to the disciples; you gave them voice before the rulers of this world. **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God; your presence dwells in us; interceding in our weakness with sighs too deep for words. **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you guide and make holy the church you create; you give gifts—the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety, the spirit of the fear of the Lord, that the whole creation may be transformed. **Come, Holy Spirit!**

**\*HYMN**      **COME, HOLY SPIRIT, HEAVENLY DOVE**      **GTG #279**  
by Isaac Watts      **ST. AGNES**

**CHILDREN OF GOD**

**BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WITH FIRE**

*I baptize with water... [but] the one who is coming after me is stronger than I am. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ~ Matthew 3:11*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *[Time of Silent Confession]*

**\*RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY  
American folk melody

GTG #551  
LAND OF REST

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In the name of Jesus Christ,  
we are forgiven. Amen.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

*~ THE WORD ~*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

EXODUS 3

(SELECT VERSES)

**THE PENTECOST STORY**

ACTS 2:1-21

(CEB)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.  
Thanks be to God.

**HYMN**

WHEN ISRAEL WAS IN EGYPT'S LAND

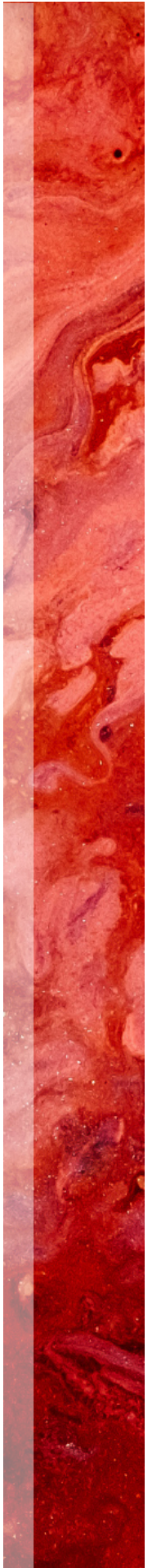
GTG #52

Melva Wilson Costen

GO DOWN MOSES

**SERMON**

IT'S THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
CAN YOU HEAR IT?



~ **RESPONDING TO THE WORD** ~

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from the Confession of 1967)*

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.

**\*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

*Gifts for the Pentecost Special Offering should be in the designated envelopes.*

**\*RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

~ **SENDING** ~

**HYMN**

EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT  
African American Spiritual

GTG #66  
PENTECOST

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

