



**Fisk Memorial United Methodist Church**  
**May 31, 2020**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

**L:** We gather this morning to worship in spirit and in truth. Come Holy Spirit, Come!

**P:** Sweep through the world and bring great change.

**L:** Help us to be mindful of all your children on earth as it is in heaven.

**P:** Lord, we thank you for this earth and all who dwell within.

**L:** As they co-exist, let us try to love with a clearer sense of peace without hate.

**P:** Yes God, with thanksgiving for the Blessed Holy Spirit who brings comfort for all persons.

**Hymn** "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" UMH 334

**Scripture Reading** Acts 2:1-21

**Children's Time with Mrs. Carney**

**Gathering Prayer:**

Dear God, you are the breath of love that sweeps through the world. As we gather before you, move where you will, and break down all barriers that obstruct us from loving you and our neighbors. On this Pentecost Sunday, stir our hearts to change as you inspire each of us to hunger and thirst for equality and justice. During this time of being present in your world, may the bounty of your goodness be shared so that all people will benefit from your grace of healing and health. In hope of new things in new ways, we pray, Amen.

**Gospel Reading** John 7:37-39

**Sermon** "Are We Standing for Jesus?"  
by Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar

**Prayers & Concerns**

**Gift of Stewardship**

Dear God, the breath of love, we share in the rich blessing of your creation by offering our gifts. As we offer our gifts, let us feel the presence of your Holy Spirit. Let that Spirit move like a magnet to connect us and keep us closer as we become more loving, more caring and more generous. And let us never forget to act justly, love mercy, and continue to walk humbly with you all the days of our lives, Amen.

**Hymn** "Spirit Song" UMH 347

**Benediction**

## HYMNS

### Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spir-it in this place,  
and I know that it's the Spir-it of the Lord;  
there are sweet ex-pres-sions on each face,  
and I know they feel the pres-ence of the Lord.

Sweet Ho-ly Spir-it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove,  
stay right here with us, fill-ing us with your love;  
and for these bless-ings we lift our hearts in praise;  
with-out a doubt we'll know that  
we have been re-vived when we shall leave this place.

### Spirit Song

O let the Son of God en-fold you with his Spirit and his love.

Let him fill your heart and sat-is-fy your soul.

O let him have the things that hold you,  
and his Spir-it like a dove

will de-scend up-on your life and make you whole.

**R** Je-sus, O Je-sus, come and fill your lambs.  
Je-sus, O Je-sus, come and fill your lambs.

O come and sing this song, with glad-ness  
as your hearts are filled with joy.

Lift your hands in sweet sur-ren-der to his name.

O give him all your tears and sad-ness;  
give him all your years of pain,  
and you'll en-ter in-to life in Je-sus' name. **R**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. <sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: “Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” <sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” <sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup> These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> ““In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,  
your old men will dream dreams.  
<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.  
<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.  
<sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and  
glorious day of the Lord.  
<sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.””

### **Gospel of John 7:37-39 (NIV)**

<sup>37</sup> On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. <sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.” <sup>39</sup> By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.