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The loved ones of Mike Llamas

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<b>Weekly Offerings</b>	<b>5/16/2026</b>
Operating	\$ 5,478.00
Building Fund	\$ -
	<b>\$ 5,478.00</b>
<b>Giving YTD</b>	<b>\$ 151,495.76</b>
Weekly Budget	\$ 6,974.00
Budget to Date	\$ 132,506.00
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$ 362,648.00</b>

**Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service**

May 10, 2026	80	+ Online Participants
May 11, 2025	101	+ Online Participants

**Worship Leaders**

**MAY 31 - CRAIG BIELKE**

**JUNE 7- REV. JOAN H. MIER**

**JUNE 14 - CRAIG BIELKE**

**JUNE 21 - REV. JOAN H. MIER**

**JUNE 28 - CRAIG BIELKE**




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**St. Paul UCC**

**PENTECOST**

**SUNDAY**



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# Welcome



Sunday, May 24, 2026 ~ 9am  
**Pentecost Sunday**

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Supply Pastor .....	Rev. Joan H. Mler
Director of Music .....	Dr. Tristan Frampton
Organist .....	Cynthia Johnson
Liturgist .....	Dick Erdmann

### WELCOME

**PRELUDE** *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*  
Tune: Morecambe, arr. Mark Hayes

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Have you heard the sound of the rushing wind? Have you felt the breath of Jesus upon you? Did you know that the Holy Spirit of God comes to us in such ways? Hear this: The Spirit of God is among us now! Hear the rushing wind, feel the breath of Christ upon you, now.

**People:** Our spirits are stirred, knowing that the Holy Spirit is here, moving around us and within us, bringing a greater awareness to our souls!

**Leader:** Let us never stop being amazed and astonished at the way the Holy Spirit can transform any situation or any person, even the most hard-hearted can turn to people with compassionate spirits.

**People:** We pray that the Holy Spirit will transform us to be more Christ-like in our words and actions, so that we might offer the light and love of Christ out into the world.

**ALL:** Come, Holy Spirit, transform us, renew us, and enlighten us. Amen

### \*INVOCATION

We remember O' great and glorious God, how you sent the Holy Spirit to Jesus' Disciples two-thousand years ago. Allow your Spirit to fully move among us, his present-day Disciples, this day. We open ourselves to feel the rushing wind around us and the breath of Christ within us. May the touch of your Holy Spirit enliven this time of worship, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

### PASSING THE PEACE

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

WORDS and MUSIC: James K. Manley (1940- )  
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*Refrain*

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness

call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,

stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,  
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand  
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,  
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

1 Let ev - ery Chris - tian pray, this day and ev - ery  
 2 The Spir - it brought to birth the church of Christ on  
 3 On - ly the Spir - it's power can fit us for this

day, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! Was  
 earth to seek and save the lost: God  
 hour: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! In -

not the church we love com - mis - sioned from a -  
 nev - er has with - drawn, since that tre - men - dous  
 struct, in - spire, u - nite, and help us see your

bove? Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!  
 dawn, the gifts at Pen - te - cost.  
 light: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!

## PRAYER FOR REFLECTION AND RECONCILIATION

Pastor: The Holy Spirit whispers to each of us, “Come to me, speak to me.” I encourage you to listen to the whispers of the Spirit of God, open yourselves to this time of sacred communication—speak honestly, listen carefully, and feel the breath of Christ upon you as he answers. As I cannot put words into your mouth in regard to what you need to say to God, I can only welcome you into this sacred moment and then, afterward, I will offer the Words of Grace.

Silent Confession and Reconciliation

## WORDS OF GRACE

Our God is a most loving God, a God who truly loves us beyond measure. Therefore, feel the touch of the Holy Spirit upon you as God offers the gift of forgiveness, allow your spirits to be lightened of the burdens you carry. Let it be so as you receive the gifts of the Spirit. **Amen**

## ANTHEM

*Waitin' for the Light!*  
by Sally Albrecht  
Sanctuary Choir  
Steve Schmidt, soloist

## SCRIPTURES

Acts 2:1-21	Dick Erdmann
1 Corinthians 12:3-13	Dick Erdmann
John 20:19-23	Rev. Joan H. Mier

## SERMON

“Amazed and Astonished” Rev. Joan H. Mier

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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.  
Amen.**

## MISSION MOMENT

Strengthen the Church  
The Strengthen the Church Special Mission Offering campaign for 2026 is underway. Your help is vitally needed to help the church grow and revitalize. Please give generously.

## REFLECTION ON GIVING

Let the offering of our gifts flow freely with the wind of the Holy Spirit, may they be transformative elements within the walls of this church and outside of it, quenching hatred with the flow of abounding compassion and love, and casting away apathy for a greater understanding and sensitivity to the needs of many in the world. Let it be so. Amen.

## RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS AND OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Holy Spirit Live in Me*  
arr. Jack Schrader  
Sanctuary Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY** (Tune: Old Hundreth)  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ in whom God’s grace we know  
Praise Spirit, with us evermore  
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Unison)  
**We love you Lord and are so grateful for the multitude of ways that you have sent the Holy Spirit into our lives. Therefore, receive these gifts being sent forth on the wings of the Holy Spirit that they might go directly to you to be used for the many needs of your people. Let it be so in Jesus’ name. Amen**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* (see page 6 & 7)

## \*COMMISSIONING

Go forth beloved of Christ, be witnesses to the movement of the Holy Spirit around us and within us, and be vessels of that divine Spirit out into a troubled world, showing love, compassion, and empathy for all whom God has put in this world. **Amen**

## \*BENEDICTION

I pray for the breath of Christ—the Holy Spirit—to protect you and keep you in God’s steadfast care until we are together again. By the power of Christ, let this be so. **Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

*Komm Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott  
Komm Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist*  
Two Chorales for the Day of Pentecost  
by Johann Pachelbel

