

**\*Offertory Prayer** (*unison*) ..... Tom Brooks

**Father, we thank You for Your gift of the Holy Spirit, poured out on all who live in Christ. May these gifts be an indication of just one of our responses to Your Holy Spirit’s presence in our lives. May these gifts be used to bless others, through Christ, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Communion Opening Prayer and Words of Institution** ..... Rev. Slager

**Distribution of the Bread:** *The body of Christ, broken for you.*

(Please note that for Communion we use both gluten-free and dairy-free bread or crackers.)

As you pass the bread/crackers, please say to the next person:  
**“The body of Christ, broken for you.”**

Upon receipt of the bread, please hold it until all have been served, so that we can partake of the bread together, as a sign of our oneness in Christ and membership in His corporate body—the Christian Church.

**Distribution of the Cup:** *The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

(Please note that for Communion the juice we use is non-alcoholic grape juice.)

As you pass the cup, please say to the next person:  
**“The blood of Christ, shed for you.”**

Upon receipt of the cup, please hold it until all have been served, so that we can partake of the cup together, as a sign of our oneness in Christ and membership in His corporate body—the Christian Church.

Please use the baskets we have provided in alternate rows for disposal of the used communion cups

**Prayer following Communion** ..... Rev. Slager

**\*Hymn No. 338:**

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*..... MORECAMBE  
(Verses 1, 2, and 5)

**\*Benediction** ..... Rev. Slager

**Postlude:** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*..... arr. Larkin

### After the Worship Service

We invite you to join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and cookies after the Worship Service in the rear of the sanctuary.

If you wish to have a time of personal prayer, please speak to one of our Ruling Elders—Zachary Harvey, Robert LeSuer, or Amy Stearns.

### Monthly Prayer Focus

This month we will pray for *EduNations* and its mission in Sierra Leone, West Africa. For many years, Redeemer has supported this mission to educate children in Christian schools and spread the Gospel. Construction is underway for the Mayatta Teachers’ Quarters to provide housing for teachers. *EduNations* “inherited” this neglected Primary School from the Mayatta Village leadership and has been working hard to upgrade and improve the quality of education in this very poor village. Other things to specifically pray for include:

- Praise that an 11-year-old student, Alhaji Kamara, recovered after a snake bite, thanks to anti-venom at Caring Hands Clinic.
- Praise that student, Mabinty Kamara, has recovered from typhoid, after receiving treatment in Makeni.
- Pray for Esther, a 5th grade student now in a safe home, after abuse. Pray for healing and for justice to be pursued.
- Pray for the family of Fatu Kamara, a 5th grade student, who recently passed away due to an unknown illness.
- Pray for the team in Sierra Leone, including the new Country Director, Kandeh Koroma, and Educational Secretary, Michael Turay, along with other staff, as they travel to each of the communities over the coming weeks. Pray for safety, wisdom, and encouragement in their work.

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**Minister of Music and Worship:** ..... Thomas Brooks  
**Accompanist:** ..... Shirley Wilson

**Ruling Elders:** ..... Robert LeSuer, Amy Stearns, Zachary Harvey

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## Sunday Morning Worship Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026

Worship Theme: *“The Holy Spirit empowers and unifies disparate believers.”*

*\* The Congregation should please stand, if you are able to do so*

### Welcome, Announcements, and

**Introduction to Worship** ..... Thomas Brooks

**Prelude:** *Be Still My Soul*.....arr. Berry

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side:  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain:  
Leave to your God to order and provide,  
In ev’ry change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav’nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
To guide the future as he has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

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### Connection/Request for Prayer

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Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I’d like:  Call from the pastor  Prayer for:  Confidential

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**Call to Worship:** *(responsively)* ..... Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

**Congregation:** We dwell in him and he in us.

Liturgist: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.

**Congregation:** Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Liturgist: Sing to him, sing praises to him,

**Congregation:** and speak of all his marvelous works.

Liturgist: Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God almighty,

**Congregation:** who was and is and is to come!

—based on Psalm 105:1-2, Romans 5:5, Revelation 4:8

**\*Hymn No. 100:** *Holy, Holy, Holy!*..... *NICAEA*

**Psalter Reading:** Psalm 104:24-33 .....Joshua Stearns

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

**A Moment for Children** .....Shirley Wilson

**Hymn of Reflection:** *Spirit of the Living God*.....*Iverson*

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

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Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.

Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.

Shield me, free me, call me, lead me.

Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.

**Prayers of Confession**..... Thomas Brooks

We will begin by praying a unison prayer of corporate confession.  
Then, we will join in silently, confessing our personal sins.

**Generous Heavenly Father, as we come to You, confessing our many sins, we recognize that You send us the Holy Spirit with courage, but we have been afraid. You send us the Holy Spirit with truth, but we cling to our illusions. You send us the Holy Spirit with healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts.**

**Blessed Holy Spirit of forgiveness, please come to us once again: shake our hearts, set our souls on fire with Your love, and send us out into the world rejoicing in Your power. We hold out to You all our particular burdens of guilt and sin, and we ask for Your divine help, so that we may live the way of Your justice and Your love. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.*

**Assurance of Pardon** *(responsively)*..... Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the spirit of life sets us free from the law of sin and death.

**Congregation:** And if the spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us, God who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through the spirit, who lives in us.

—Romans 8:1-2 and 11

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*Response Hymn:** *Gloria Patri*..... *GREATOREX*

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
World without end, Amen, Amen!

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**\*Passing of the Peace**..... Thomas Brooks

*Note: The Congregation will please turn to each other and speak these words of common greeting: "May the peace of Christ be with you."  
And the reply: "And, also with you."*

*Note: The children attending Children's Church may go to their classroom.*

**Pastoral Prayer, Prayers of the People, and The Lord's Prayer**..... Robert LeSuer

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.

**Epistle Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:3-13 .....Joshua Stearns

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

**Sermon:**

"Pentecost, In Our Own Tongues" .....Rev. Timothy Slager

**Sermon Text:** Acts 2:1-21

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
*Remembrance · Communion · Hope*

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**..... Rev. Slager

**Offering:** *Breathe On Me, Breath of God*.....*arr. Rodriguez*

O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us

Revive your church with life and power:

Breathe on me, Breath of God,

Till I am wholly thine,

Until this earthly part of me

Glow with thy fire divine.

*Note: We welcome the families with children sitting in the rear of the sanctuary to come forward and find seating in the front of the church, so that the children may observe the Celebration of Holy Communion.*

**\*Offertory Hymn:** *Doxology*..... *OLD HUNDREDTH*

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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