

**\*Hymn of Commitment**

“Break Out, O Church”  
ST. THOMAS

**Break out, O Church of God; break through the wall of pride.  
The love and justice of our God must not be locked inside.**

**Cast off, O Church of God; cast off tradition’s hand.  
Create new ways to share God’s love with ev’ry race and land.**

**Preach Christ, O Church of God; preach through both time and space.  
Break out, cast off, go forth, cry out, preach Christ in love and grace.**

**\*Welcome to New Members**

**We affirm you in your Christian decision and celebrate your place in the family of God. We accept our responsibility to help you grow into the fullness of Christ. We offer ourselves to be your family, to surround you with God’s kind of love.**

**\*Pastoral Benediction**

**Nick Mumejian**

**\*Postlude**

“The Church’s One Foundation”  
arr. Anna Laura Page  
**Cindy Fuller**

**Worship Notes**

Today is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost falls on the 50th day after Easter. Celebrated first as part of the Feast of Weeks in which devout Jews gathered in Jerusalem, Pentecost is the third great festival of the Christian year, in addition to Christmas and Easter and marks the coming of the Holy Spirit to Jesus’ followers. For that reason Pentecost is often called the “birthday of the church.” The feast day of Pentecost remembers a day not long after Jesus’ resurrection when the energy of the Spirit was poured out in power upon the Church. The color for Pentecost is red, signifying the flames of the Spirit as it descended in the books of Acts. It was a unifying Spirit that crossed the artificial boundaries of language, race and culture. People could speak and be understood; strangers heard one another; communion happened. The Spirit breathes peace. Here’s what seems to happen when people allow this divine Spirit to energize them: Love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness and self-control. We call that the ‘fruit of the Spirit.’ It’s a description of the qualities of Jesus. That’s who we are and whom we are to become.”

**Welcome**

We are a welcoming and affirming community of Christians, attempting to discover, articulate, and embody the meaning of the Gospel in the world today.

We welcome all at Lake Shore because we believe that God’s love knows no bounds.

**For information about becoming a member of Lake Shore, please contact one of our ministers.**

**COVID-19 Policy Update**

Members of the congregation who feel that they should wear masks are, of course, welcomed to do so. Moreover, we encourage everyone to be mindful of those in our congregation with compromised immune systems, especially when interacting with folks in church. Sanctuary chairs will still be spaced apart as they have been.

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*When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force -- no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them. Acts 2:1-4, The Message*

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# The Worship of God

## Pentecost Sunday

### June 5, 2022

#### Welcome

Nick Mumejian

#### Choral Call to Worship

“O Breath of Life”  
Clement C. Shofield

*O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us,  
revive your church with life and power.  
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us,  
And fit your church to meet this hour.*

#### Prelude

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”  
arr. Lloyd Larson  
Cindy Fuller

#### Meditation of Preparation

Pentecost is about the reversal of Babel --the breaking down of “the dividing wall of separation” and the creation of “one new humanity” had begun. —*Marcus Borg*

#### New Testament Reading

Acts 2:1-4  
Sharlande Sledge

This is the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

#### Hymn for Pentecost

“Let Every Christian Pray”  
LAUDES DOMINI

Let every Christian pray, this day and every day,  
come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Was not the Church we love, commissioned from above?  
Come Holy Spirit, come!

The Spirit brought to birth the church of Christ on earth  
to seek and save the lost:  
God never has withdrawn, since that tremendous dawn,  
the gifts of Pentecost.

Only the Spirit’s power can fit us for this hour:  
come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Unite, instruct, inspire and fill us with your fire:  
come, Holy Spirit, come!

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#### \*Invocation

Stephen Benson

*Come Holy Spirit, Love of God,  
rest upon us  
that we may take the gifts of our hands to your world.*

*Come, Holy Spirit, Grace of God,  
inflame our hearts  
that we may be instruments of your divine love.*

*Come, Holy Spirit, Power of God,  
empower us  
to walk in your way, fearful of neither power nor dominion.*

*Come, Holy Spirit,  
bless us  
with what we cannot provide,  
that our spirit may be revived in praise.*

Amen

#### Pastoral Prayer

Sharlande Sledge

#### \*Hymn of the Spirit, No. 254

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”  
TRENTHAM

#### \*Blessing of Our Gifts

Stephen Benson

Spirit of God, you bless and encourage us so that we more fully know  
the height and depth and breadth and breath of God’s love.  
May our gifts, both seen and unseen, shape the world by love and  
light toward your God’s will.

#### Offertory

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”  
arr. Heather Sorenson  
Cindy Fuller

#### Meditation

If there is anything that the Holy Spirit is, it’s the surprise of God. You and I  
know that first hand. We’ve seen it, felt it, heard it, almost tasted it right here.  
That Spirit is most present in the unpredictable, in the place of risk and in those  
areas over which we have no control. —*Nicholas Long*

#### \*Doxology for Pentecost

OLD HUNDREDTH

Creator, Spirit, hear us sing.  
Breathe fire into the praise we bring.  
The mighty wind still lives in power.  
The church renewed responds this hour. Amen.

#### Anthem

“Spirit Song”

words and music, John Wimber; choral setting, Tom Fetteke

*O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.  
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove  
will descend upon your life and make you whole.*

*Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.  
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.  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs,  
fill your lambs, fill your lambs, fill your lambs.*

#### \*Gospel Reading

John 14:8-17, 25-27  
Nick Mumejian

This is the Gospel of peace.  
Thanks be to God.

#### Sermon

“God, Help Us”  
Nick Mumejian

#### Celebration of Communion

*The Lord’s meal is for all those who confess Christ  
and for those who desire to share in God’s community and love.*

#### Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we  
have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and  
we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.