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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Listen, can you hear the wind?

Come, Holy Spirit; come!

Look, can you see the dancing flames?

Come, Holy Spirit; come!

Can you hear the message
in a language you can understand?

Come, Holy Spirit; come!

Do you see the visions?

Can you dream the dreams?

Come, Holy Spirit; come!

Come let Pentecost become real in our lives this morning.

Come and worship our God who sends the Spirit
to touch us and transform us into Pentecost people.

**Hymn All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Pastoral Prayer

Spirit of God,
we long to be open to your presence
in our church and in our lives.
Fill us with your wind and fire,
that we might be enlivened again.
Help us hear the words
as if for the first time,
that they might touch us anew.
Give us visions and dreams
of what you long for in your creation,
that we might begin to live them into reality.
Come, Spirit;
come into our worship,
into our church,
into our very selves. AMEN

The Lord's Prayer

Honoring God with our Tithes and Offerings and Praises

Invitation to give

Offering Prayer

God, everything we have has been given to us. We give back a portion
this morning in the hope and expectation that you will use it to further
your loving presence in this world.

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Doxology

Hymn Change My Heart O God

Scripture James 2-12 (The VOICE translation)

2-4 Don't run from tests and hardships, brothers and sisters. *As difficult as they are, you will ultimately find joy in them; if you embrace them, your faith will blossom under pressure and teach you true patience as you endure. And true patience brought on by endurance will equip you to complete the long journey and cross the finish line—mature, complete, and wanting nothing.* 5 If you don't have all the wisdom needed *for this journey*, then all you have to do is ask God for it; and God will grant all that you need. He gives lavishly and never scolds you for asking.

6 The key is that your request be anchored by your single-minded commitment *to God*. Those who depend only on their own judgment are like *those lost on the seas*, carried away by any wave or picked up by any wind. 7 Those *adrift on their own wisdom* shouldn't assume the Lord will *rescue them or* bring them anything. 8 *The splinter of divided loyalty shatters your compass and leaves you dizzy and confused.*

9 If you are a brother of humble means, celebrate the fact that God has raised you up. 10 If you are rich *and seemingly invincible*, savor the humble reality that you are a mere mortal who will vanish like a flower that withers in the field. 11 The sun rises with a blazing heat that *dries the earth and* causes the flower to wither and fall to the ground and its beauty to fade and die. In the same way, the rich will fall and die in the midst of their busy lives.

12 Happy is the person who can hold up under the trials of life. *At the right time*, he'll know God's sweet approval and will be crowned with life. As God has promised, the crown awaits all who love Him.

Special Music *Simple Gifts*

performed by Angela Russo

Sermon

Stress is Problematic

Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*Benediction

Go in peace, and may the peace of God, which shines brightly and vanquishes our darkness, always be with you. Go, knowing that God is your rock and your refuge. You are not alone. God is always with you. AMEN.

Thank you for joining us in worship today!

