



# PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 19, 2024

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Seattle, Washington

## GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

### WELCOME

Beloved of God-

Welcome to University Lutheran Church to those of you who have joined us onsite as well as those of you who are online.

We are a progressive Christian faith community, whose campus is located on the historic unceded lands of the Coast Salish peoples. For 106 years, our congregation has been responding to God's grace by: caring for creation, accompanying the underserved and marginalized, advocating for justice, and promoting peace. Therefore, we celebrate people of all sexual orientations and gender identities/expressions, affirm that Black Lives Matter, and champion the liberation of all. Here at ULC, we strive to make our liturgical worship approachable and relevant.

This is a safe place to be curious, ask questions, doubt, and find fellow seekers. Rather than remain the same, we are ready and eager to creatively try new and innovative ways for mission and ministry. While we do not know where this will lead us, we trust with all our being that God is already there and is drawing us to join in the parade.

In short, **We Choose Love!** Welcome.

-The Congregation of University Lutheran Church

\* When hymn is highlighted in **RED** - Please use the Red Hymnal

\* When hymn is highlighted in **PURPLE** - Please use the Purple Hymnal

## PROCESSION OF FIRE

*Please rise in body or spirit for the Gathering Song.*

### GATHERING HYMN

*Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading ELW 401*

### GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you!**

We come together to praise God, to hear the Holy Word, and to seek for ourselves and others the power, presence, and direction of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray:

Come, Holy Spirit,  
rattle the rooms in which we are hiding,  
shake the tired foundations  
until unjust institutions crumble,  
break the rules  
that keep You out of all our sacred spaces,  
then lift from the dust and rubble  
a new creation.

**Come, Holy Spirit,  
gather us in,  
enter our lives,  
whisper our names  
and scatter Your gifts of grace with wild abandon.  
Give Your silent strength to all imprisoned  
and let Your raging fire be our sign of liberty.**

*Please be seated.*

### CHORAL KYRIE

*Kyrie for Pentecost by Darren Hochstedler*

## W O R D

**God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song**

### FIRST READING

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and the Lord brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. The Lord led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. The Lord said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then the Lord said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the

Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then the Lord said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as the Lord commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then the Lord said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **SECOND READING**

*Romans 8:22-27*

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God!**

Please rise in body or in spirit to greet the gospel:

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat*

## GOSPEL

*John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Creator, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Creator, the Advocate will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to God who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send the Advocate to you. And when the Advocate comes, the Advocate will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Creator and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, the Spirit will guide you into all the truth; for the Spirit will not speak on the Spirit's own, but will speak whatever the Spirit hears, and the Spirit will declare to you the things that are to come. The Spirit will glorify me, because the Spirit will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Creator has is mine. For this reason I said that the Spirit will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## GOSPEL RESPONSE

*Please be seated*

**SERMON - Maynard Atik**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*Please rise in body or in spirit for the Hymn of the Day.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**O Living Breath of God - ELW 407**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In prayer we open ourselves to the universe.

**We trust that God brings change, in us and through us, in powerful ways.**

We pray for ourselves, our communities, the world and all of creation.

**(sung) God of mercy, be with us.**

*After each spoken petition ends with "We pray" please respond with the sung response.*

We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized.

We pray, **(sung) God of mercy, be with us.**

For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made. We pray, **(sung) God of mercy, be with us.**

For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment. We pray, **(sung) God of mercy, be with us.**

For those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated. For all who suffer in any way. We pray, **(sung) God of mercy, be with us.**

For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for readers and tech ministers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight. We pray, **(sung) God of mercy, be with us.**

We remember the faithful departed. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith. At the last day, breathe new life into our dry bones, that we might feast forever with all the saints in light. We pray, **(sung) God of mercy, be with us.**



For what else shall the people of God Pray? We pray, (sung) **God of mercy, be with us.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**Amen.**

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

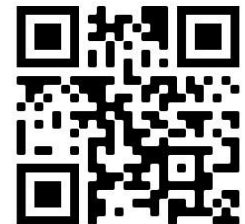
## **M E A L**

**God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ**

*Please be seated.*

### **OFFERING**

*Financial gifts are vital to the ministry and mission of University Lutheran Church. Contributions of any size are needed and deeply appreciated.*



### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Praise His Holy Name by Keith Hampton*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Risen One,  
you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**Amen.**



*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
 might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
 One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.



## THE PRAYER OF JESUS

The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray.

He said, when you pray, pray like this:



O Ho-ly One, who calls me be - lov - ed, You are in the air we  
5 breathe. Your name, and all that You have made, is beau-ti - ful.  
8 — Bring forth your ju - bi - lee! Give life to your dreams in  
11 hea-ven and on earth. Nou-rish and sus-tain our bod - ies.  
14 Re-lease our debts as we re-lease the debts of oth - ers.  
17 Do not let us turn from you. In hard-ship and in per - il,  
20 stay with us. A - - - men.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome at Christ's Table! Please come forward using the center aisle to receive the bread (please indicate if you need gluten free) and then wine (red) or grape juice (white). Those who don't commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing - cross your arms on your chest to indicate this request. Return to your seat by way of the side aisle and place your empty cup in one of the trays. If you have any questions, please ask someone around you or an usher.*

# COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God

*Congregation:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 \* you break the chains of ha - tred and  
 you are the way of jus - tice and  
 you are the way of mer - cy and

*Congregation:*

world:  
 fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
 peace:  
 love:

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

# COMMUNION SONG

As The Wind Song - ACS 943

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

For holy breath of life, your Spirit reviving us,  
**we give you thanks.**

For renewing fire, your Spirit burning within us,  
**we give you thanks.**

For refreshing water of baptism, Your Spirit poured out upon us,  
**we give you thanks.**

May this bread of life and cup of love sustain us and remind us  
to go into the world, reviving, renewing, refreshing  
the earth and all its people.

**Amen.**

# SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so glad you joined us today in worship! If you have been coming for years or this is your first Sunday, please take a moment to fill out the worship registration form in your bulletin or use the QR code to do so online. We would love to get to know you more. We also invite you to check out our website and Instagram/Facebook pages to get to know more about us.



**Congregational Meeting TODAY following worship:** Please grab a cup of coffee and a nosh in the lounge, and then come back into the sanctuary for this important annual meeting to elect our leadership for the coming Council year, and to hear status reports on our Phase 1/Phase 2 Building Projects, Finances, and thank outgoing Council members Brian Maschhoff and Michael Rouse.

**Our Special Offering for May is *United Churches Emergency Fund (UCEF)*.**

UCEF was created in 1986 to provide information, referral and financial assistance to people in need residing in Northeast Seattle and to the homeless, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability. They serve those in zip codes 98103, 98105, 98115, and 98125. They can pay up to \$250 to assist with rent, electricity or move-in costs. ULC has partnered with UCEF for decades and was one of the original founding churches. Your generous gift to this organization will help many of our neighbors.

## BLESSING

Go out into God's world filled with the spark of the Holy Spirit. Let love guide your actions. Listen for the Spirit of Truth. Spread the peace of Christ and remind everyone you meet that each one is a beloved child of God.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*O Day Full of Grace - ELW 627*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Spirit of God Arr.* by Lloyd Larson

## **ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP**

Presider: The Reverend Andrew M. Flatt-Kuntze | Preacher: Maynard Atik | Lay Leader: Christy Donner | Communion Assistant: Theresa Lehan Anderson | Director of Music: Darren Hochstedler | Tech Producer: Jake Burleigh | Tech Assistance: Ethan Moll | Attendance: Clint Pehrson | Altar Guild: Linda Maschhoff | Greeters: Merle & Joan Overland | Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Swenson & Randi Ponek

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