



# Cheltenham United Methodist Church

THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART

Sunday, May 31, 2020  
Pentecost Sunday  
10:00 a.m.



*Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles  
Folium 027r from the Psalter of Eleanor of Aquitaine (ca. 1185), National Library of the Netherlands.*

Cheltenham United Methodist Church  
11111 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623  
Rev. Mark Schaefer, Pastor

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## **GATHERING**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Schaefer

+GREETING

*from the Book of Worship*

And in the last days it shall come to pass, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,

**And your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old shall dream dreams, and your young shall see visions.**

When the Day of Pentecost had come, they were all gathered together in one place.

**And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.**

And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each of them.

**And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.**

+HYMN

“As a Fire Is Meant for Burning”

TFWS 2237

OPENING PRAYER

**O God, you sent the Holy Spirit to enkindle the zeal of Christ’s followers waiting in Jerusalem for his promised gift. Pour the same inspiration on your people here assembled, and on the Church of Christ throughout the world. Revive the power of the gospel in our hearts, that it may be to us a sacred trust for the blessing of all creation. Enable your Church to spread the good news of salvation, so that all nations may hear it in their own tongues, and welcome it into their own lives. Protect, encourage, and bless all ministers of the cross, and prosper their words and works, so that Jesus, being lifted up, may draw all people unto him, and the kingdoms of the world may become the kingdom of our Lord and of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord God, the watchers of Zion have called peace, peace, when there was no peace. Wherefore have you so long withheld from us the influence of your Holy Spirit? Why have you hardened our hearts? It is because we have honored you with our lips, when our hearts were far from you. Return again to us, O Lord God, and pardon this iniquity of your servants. Cause your face to shine upon us, and we shall be saved. Be pleased to grant that the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ may be built up; that all nations and kindreds and tongues and peoples might be brought to the knowledge of the truth, and we at last meet around your throne, and join in celebrating your praises. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

+HYMN "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" UMH 465

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 2:1–21

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Celtic Alleluia" TFWS 2043

+GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19–23

SPECIAL MUSIC Chiara Griffith

SERMON Rev. Mark Schaefer

"Translating the Gospel"

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY UMH 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**All things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

+HYMN "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" TFWS 2241

### GOING FORTH

+BENEDICTION

+RECESSIONAL

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Acts 2:1–21** • When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

*‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.*

*Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.*

*And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.*

*The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.*

*Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”*

**John 20:19–23** • When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”