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Pentecost  
Homecoming

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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

WELCOMING OF GUESTS

Pastor

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP /

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Liturgist

*Liturgist: O God, You who are always doing a new thing.*

**Congregation: We confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change.**

Liturgist: God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns.

**Congregation: Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts.**

***All: Open up our lives and let your Spirit blow through. Amen***

\*HYMN SING

We Were Born for This: *Church in the  
Wildwood* Lyrics on Screen

We Grow in This: *Hymn of Promise* (v. 1-  
3) UMH # 707 Our Roots Are Deep:

*We Shall Not Be Moved* Lyrics on Screen

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Joel 2:28-32 (NKJV)

Liturgist

And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall

dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.<sup>29</sup> And also on My menservants and on My maidservants, I will pour out My Spirit in those days.<sup>30</sup> "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.<sup>31</sup> The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.<sup>32</sup> And it shall come to pass *That* whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the LORD has said, Among the remnant whom the LORD calls.

*Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the people of God.*

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

*\*Please stand as you are able*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

**Dear God, we thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to comfort us, guide us, and live within us. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 2:1-47 (NKJV)

Liturgist

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.<sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.<sup>3</sup> Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them.<sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.<sup>5</sup> And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.<sup>6</sup> And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own

language. <sup>7</sup> Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> "And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?" <sup>9</sup> "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> "Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> "Cretans and Arabs -- we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." <sup>12</sup> So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?" <sup>13</sup> Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine." <sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. <sup>15</sup> "For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is *only* the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup> "But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. <sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass *That* whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.' <sup>22</sup> "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know -- <sup>23</sup> "Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; <sup>24</sup> "whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death,

because it was not possible that He should be held by it. <sup>25</sup> "For David says concerning Him: 'I foresaw the LORD always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be

shaken. <sup>26</sup> Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. <sup>27</sup> For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.' <sup>29</sup> "Men *and* brethren, let *me* speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> "Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him

that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, <sup>31</sup> "he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup> "This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. <sup>33</sup> "Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. <sup>34</sup> "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, <sup>35</sup> Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'" ' <sup>36</sup> "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup> Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." <sup>40</sup> And with

many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." <sup>41</sup> Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. <sup>42</sup> And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. <sup>43</sup> Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, <sup>45</sup> and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. <sup>46</sup> So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

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**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

RESPONSE TO RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS     *Just As I Am* (v.  
1,5,6)     UMH #357

*How Great Thou Art* (v.

1-4)     UMH #77

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Pastor

*If you have a prayer need or praise that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out a card and pass it toward the center aisle of the congregation as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect the cards during the song and pray over the cards at the chancel rail.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

SERMON ANTHEM  
Choir

Who We'll Become: *I'll Fly Away*

SERMON

Pastor

**Title:** Pentecost

**Theme:** The birth of the church.

**Main Idea:** The church was born on Pentecost to proclaim and communicate the gospel to the ends of the earth.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)  
OFFERTORY PRAYER

(Based on Ezekiel 37:1-14)

Heavenly Father, as we gather on this Pentecost Sunday, we are reminded of the transformative power of your Spirit, breathing life into dry bones and igniting the hearts of your people. Just as you enlivened the early church with the wind and fire of your presence, empower us to prophesy life into the brokenness of our world. May our offerings today be a testament to our faith in your promise of renewal and restoration. Amen.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SONG

*Riches*

Alex

and Karen Taylor

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, From Whom All*

*Blessings*

See screen

\*HYMN OF CELEBRATION  
UMH #527

*Do Lord (v. 1,2,3,5)*

\*COMMISION

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BENEDICTION

Pastor

*So now we leave this space of worship and while so much of the road ahead is uncertain, the path constantly changing, we know some things*

*that are as solid and sure as the ground beneath our feet, and the sky above our heads. We know God is love. We know Christ's light endures. We know the Holy Spirit this there, found in the space between all things, closer to us than our next breath, binding us to each other, until we meet again, Go in peace...Amen*

*\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE  
Fellowship*

See screen

*Love and*

POSTLUDE

*The flowers are given to the Glory of  
God  
by  
Donna and Bob Corson*