

**Broadway United Methodist Church**

**Commit. Seek. Share. 2026**



# **Pentecost Sunday**

**Sunday, May 24th**

**Sunday Worship 11:00am**

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## GATHERING MUSIC AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRELUDE                                      “Spirit of the Living God”                                      Tim Barnes, organ

## CALL TO WORSHIP

\*OPENING HYMN                                      “Spirit of the Living God”                                      United Methodist Hymnal #393

God, you invite us to wonder.  
We confess that we find more comfort in the mundane.  
We lean into the familiar and treat the amazing as suspicious or even threatening.  
We long for a routine to keep us safe from pain, and we’re willing to give up joy in exchange.  
We join today in worship, to reshape our hearts for possibility, O God. Awaken our senses to your wondrous work in the world, and give us the courage to follow you. In your name we ask, **Amen.**

## WELCOME STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

*[Please use the Friendship Pads, click [here](#), or scan the QR code to mark your presence with us.]*

Welcome to worship, God’s beloved!

**YES, I Am Welcome! Bienvenidas y bienvenidos!**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING                                      Psalm 104:24-34

Yhwh, what variety you have created, arranging everything so wisely!  
The earth is filled with your creativity!  
There’s the vast expanse of the Sea, teeming with countless creatures, living things large and small, with ships going to and fro and Leviathan whom you made to frolic there.  
All creatures depend on you to feed them at the proper time.  
Give it to them—they gather it up. Open your hand—they are well satisfied.

Hide your face—they are terrified. Take away their breath—they die and return to dust.  
Send back your breath—fresh life begins and you renew the face of the earth.  
Glory forever to Yhwh! May you find joy in your creation!  
You glance at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke!  
I will sing to you all my life, I will make music for my God as long as I live.  
May these reflections of mine give God as much pleasure as God gives me!

May God, bless the reading and hearing of this word.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

READING FROM THE WORLD

“A Blessing for the Seekers”

by Rev. Sarah Speed

TIME FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER OF JESUS

Our God in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kindom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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\*THE DOXOLOGY

United Methodist Hymnal #95

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Towards the new order of things—where oppressors are no more. Where healing is readily accessible. Where all have what they need. To the new order of things—we dedicate our gifts and resources, Holy Mystery. Come and dwell among us, root us in ancient wisdom, breathe our bodies awake. **Amen.**

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them.

Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. They were amazed and astonished: “Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans! How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue? We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome—all Jews, or converts to Judaism—Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God!”

All were amazed and disturbed. They asked each other, “What does this mean?” But others said mockingly, “They’ve drunk too much new wine.” Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd: “Women and men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say! These people are not drunk as you think—it’s only nine o’clock in the morning! No, it’s what Joel the prophet spoke of:

“In the days to come—it is our God who speaks—I will pour out my Spirit on all humankind. Your daughters and sons will prophesy, your young people will see visions, and your elders will dream dreams.

Even on the most insignificant of my people, both women and men, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

And I will display wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below: blood, fire, and billowing smoke.

The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon will become blood before the coming of the great and sublime day of our God.

And all who call upon the name of our God will be saved.”

May God bless the reading and hearing of this word.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

MESSAGE

Rev. Alka Lyall

CLOSING HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

United Methodist Hymnal #451

\*SENDING FORTH

Even amidst bewilderment— go in mysterious peace, attuned to wisdom from unlikely places, open to impossible possibility, speaking the language of compassion, burning with Radical Love. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“My Hope is Built”

Tim Barnes, organ

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Office Hours are generally Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:00am-2:00pm\*

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