

10:00 a.m.

Family Service

May 24, 2026

Acts 2:1-12

Welcome, Greeting, and Reconnecting!

Expressing Our Expectation of Joy

Leader: *Who are you?*

People: I am a child of God.

Leader: *Who are we?*

People: We are children of God, the family of faith.

Leader: *What does it mean to be children of God?*

People: We belong to God who loves us and calls us God's own.

Leader: *May the Lord be with you.*

People: And also with you.

Leader: *Let us pray. (You may be seated.)*

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Asking God's Forgiveness (*responsive*)

Leader: *In prayer together, let us ask for God's forgiveness: God, we have not acted the way you expect. We have mean, angry thoughts about friends and strangers. Lord, I'm sorry.*

People: Forgive us, Lord.

Leader: *God, we have not acted the way you expect. We pick fights with people we love, especially when we know it's wrong. Lord, I'm sorry.*

People: Forgive us, Lord.

Leader: *God, we have not acted the way you expect. We snap back at other people, always wanting to have the last word. Lord, I'm sorry.*

People: Forgive us, Lord.

Leader: *God, we have not acted the way you expect. We waste time on all the wrong things, forgetting what is most important. Lord, I'm sorry.*

People: Forgive us, Lord.

Leader: *God, change our hearts so that we might love the way you love us. Amen.*

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Reassurance of God's Forgiveness

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem.

⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

Message

The Gift of the Holy Spirit

Neila Cary

Offering

Prayer of Dedication, concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Blessing and Sung Response

This Little Light of Mine