



Liturgy: Sent in the Spirit



for the 2023 Pentecost Offering

Call to Worship

ONE: In the beginning, the Holy Spirit was present.

ALL: Though the universe was formless, God was there.

ONE: Yahweh brought life out of stillness and order out of chaos

ALL: And breathed life into humanity.

ONE: Throughout the history of Israel, God was their strength and defender.

ALL: Though the Spirit was not seen, its power was observed and felt.

ONE: Then Jesus Christ embodied the fullness of God's activity in human form.

ALL: In word and deed, Jesus revealed harmony with God in real time.

ONE: At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was given to the gathered believers

ALL: And the love of God spread to people of every nation, tribe, and tongue.

One: It is this Spirit in which we live and move and have our being.

ALL: Let us worship the eternal God who is still active among us.

Suggested hymns and songs

"Here in this place" – Hymnal: A Worship Book #6

"Holy Spirit, come with power" – Hymnal: A Worship Book #26

"Fire of God, undying flame" – Hymnal: A Worship Book #129

"When in the hour of deepest need" – Hymnal: A Worship Book #131

"Spirit, come, dispel our sadness" – Hymnal: A Worship Book #290

"God sends us the Spirit" – Hymnal: A Worship Book #293

Offering Invitation

In the season of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Spirit and the way it continues to move among us. We understand that our calling to follow Jesus is paired with a mission to be sent by Him to serve others and speak words of life in His name. Through the missions and ministries of the Church of the Brethren, we put our faith into action by walking in our God-given calling as we are empowered by the Holy Spirit. We are calling and equipping fearless disciples and leaders, renewing and planting churches, and transforming communities. Your support of the Pentecost Offering supports these faith-building and life-changing endeavors that we do together—through the power of God and the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Let us now receive our offering.

Prayer of dedication for the offering

Lord Jesus,

We have heard your voice and received the gift of the Spirit. We give thanks for your presence and celebrate how you have called us forth. In response to your provision for us and your goodness to us, we offer these gifts and our very lives to continue your work in the world. Give us courage to share boldly in your name. Amen.

Benediction

Praise be to God who watches over us. Praise be to Jesus Christ who enters into the most difficult places of our experience. Praise be to the Holy Spirit who empowers us to have courage and to move forward in faith. Sent in the Spirit, let us now go to continue the work of Jesus.