



**Crooks Memorial  
United Methodist Church**

**May 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Pentecost**

\*Invites persons to stand as they are able.

**Bold print** indicates a congregational/unison reading.

***Welcome to Worship***

**Cell phone and electronic devices:** Please set to silence.

**Hard of hearing or sight:** Large print hymnals and listening devices are available from an usher.

**We record worship:** As a ministry to those unable to be present, our worship service is livestreamed, recorded and posted to our website and social media sites.

**Prelude**

Phillip Higgins

**Welcome**

Rev. Lisa Barbery

**\*Call to Worship**

The Spirit is here among us

**within us, around us, between us.**

The Spirit is here to strengthen us

**bringing courage, bringing conviction.**

The Spirit is here to move us,

**making us sing and praise.**

The Spirit is here.

**May we feel the Spirit as we gather.**

**May we be fed by her fiery strength.**

**May we be emboldened by her powerful wind.**

We gather in the Spirit's arms to be nurtured as we worship.

**And may our worship fill us with the Spirit  
as we go back out into our daily lives.**

**\*Hymn** “At the Name of Jesus” UMH 168  
(Tune: “St. Gertrude” or “Onward Christian Soldiers”)

Verses 1, 2 and 4 with the following Refrain:

“At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now.”

### Prayer of Confession

**Creating God, in love you moved over the waters of chaos and separated sea from dry land. And yet, we cling tightly to rigid boundaries of our own making. You claim us in the waters of baptism and declare us dead to sin and alive in Christ. But too often we deny that call, conforming ourselves to the whims of culture. At Pentecost, you released your wild and transforming spirit to flow through church and world. But we want to tame that wildness, channeling your spirit through banks of ordered safety. Transform us, we pray. Soften the unyielding edges of our hearts. Loosen our grip on “the way it’s always been” and prepare us for the joy of “the way it still can be,” through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Silent Prayer*

### Words of Assurance

Friends, hear this good news. Jesus Christ is our ark! His power is unequalled, his grace is unrestrained, his strength is steadfast, and his embrace is sufficient to carry all that we are and hope to be. Friends, believe the good news!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**Scripture** Acts 2:1-21 Susan Johnson  
(Pew Bible N.T. 111)  
The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Message

**Special Music** *Improvisation on “Blessed Assurance”*  
by Phillip Higgins

### Invitation to Discipleship

### Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

**\*Hymn** “Spirit Song” UMH 347

### \*Benediction

**Postlude** “Set My Soul Afire!” (arranged by Phillip Higgins)

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#### **Our Mission:**

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

#### **Our Vision:**

Making Space for God and Others

#### **Our Values:**

Worship † Faith † Family † Hospitality