



**An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day**  
**Stone Presbyterian Church**  
**A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation**  
**May 24, 2026 ~ Pentecost**



**We Gather to Celebrate the Gift of the Holy Spirit**

**PRELUDE** “**Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (Congleton)**” David N. Johnson  
*(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)*

**POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER AND CHORAL INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

When the day of Pentecost had come,  
they were all together in one place.

**And suddenly a sound came from heaven  
like the rush of violent wind.**

This is the day!

**This is our story!**

The wind is blowing!

**The church is ablaze!**

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**Let us worship God!**



NATIONAL HYMN

+HYMN *(see insert)* “**Pentecost Hymn**”  
*(+Those who are able may stand.)*

**WELCOME**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (together)

**Almighty God,**  
**you poured your Spirit on the gathered disciples,**  
**creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith.**

**We confess that we resist the force of your Spirit among us.**

**We do not always listen for your word of grace.**

**We do not often speak the good news of your love.**

**Our life together does not show us to be a people made one in Christ. Forgive us, we pray.**

**Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,**  
**and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people.**

**Burn away our apathy, and inscribe on our hearts your vision  
of a world in which all the peoples of the earth  
know your justice, peace and mercy;  
in the power of your Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

+A DOXOLOGY #576 “**The Taizé Gloria**” *(sung three times)*  
**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo;**  
**Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**We Listen for the Word of God**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*(You are invited to say the “amen” aloud.)*

**LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

**Acts 2:1-21** *The story of Pentecost*  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalter – Psalm 104:24-34, 35b** *Bless the Lord, O my soul!*  
*(You are invited to sing the response)*



**ANTHEM** “**O Breath of Life**” Traditional English Melody/Alan Bullard

**1 Corinthians 12:3b-13** *The gifts of the Spirit*  
The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

**John 7:37-39** *Living water and the promised Spirit*  
The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** “**Difference, Equality, and Integration**”

**We Gather at the Table of the Lord**

+HYMN #314 “**Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song**” BRIDEGROOM

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)

“**The Apostles’ Creed**” *(The Presbyterian Hymnal, p. 14, Ecumenical Version)*



LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

OFFERTORY “Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire” Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. / **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. / **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

...who forever sing to the glory your holy name:

SINGING (to NICAEA)

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
**All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.**  
**Holy, holy, holy: there is none beside thee**  
**Perfect in power, in love and purity.**

... and great is the story of our hope in the power of your Spirit.

SINGING (to NICAEA)

**Holy, holy, holy! Word in flesh most holy,**  
**Crucified and buried, but raised again to life.**  
**Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee:**  
**God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

*(Please come forward by the center aisle to receive and partake the bread and individual cups, then return to your seat by the side aisles.)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***We Go Out in the Power of the Spirit to Serve***

+HYMN #540 “God Be with You Till We Meet Again” RANDOLPH

+CHARGE & BLESSING

+CHORAL RESPONSE

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

May 24, 2026 ~ Pentecost Sunday ~ 10:30 a.m.



*The purpose of Stone Church is to be an inviting, spiritual community of Christ, engaging in worship that inspires and challenges us to learn and grow as we reach out in caring and service, trusting in the love of God.*

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## *Pentecost Hymn*

Lauralyn Kolb

NATIONAL HYMN 10.10.10.10

Acts 2:1-4

Spirit of God, you once with tongues of Fire  
Gave the apostles strength to all inspire;  
Gave them the pow'r to spread your name abroad;  
Gave them the Joy to sing the praise of God.

Spirit of Joy, who would our hearts renew,  
Take now our lives; help us your will to do.  
Mark us again with water and the Dove.  
Claim us again; help us to show your Love.

Spirit of Love, create in us, we pray,  
Hearts full of hope to challenge evil's way.  
Show us your face; sustain us as of old  
'Til your great Truth throughout the world is told.

Spirit of Truth, enlighten with your Word.  
Give us the grace to live by what we've heard,  
That hunger, war, and hatred all shall cease.  
Your love a Fire—its earthly mission: peace.

Spirit of Fire, descend with tongues of flame.  
Our souls inspire that we might praise your name.  
Praise the Creator; the Redeemer praise,  
Praise to the Spirit – joyful hearts upraise.

HOLY SPIRIT

## Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song 314

BRIDEGROOM 8.7.8.7.6

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982

Peter Cutts, 1969

1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, Like the chal - lenge of her  
2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, To the branch - es of the  
3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, With the cease - less voice of

flight, Like the vig - or of the wind's rush, Like the  
Vine, To the church in faith as - sem - bled, To her  
prayer, With the power to love and wit - ness, With the

new flame's ea - ger might:  
midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
peace be - yond com - pare:

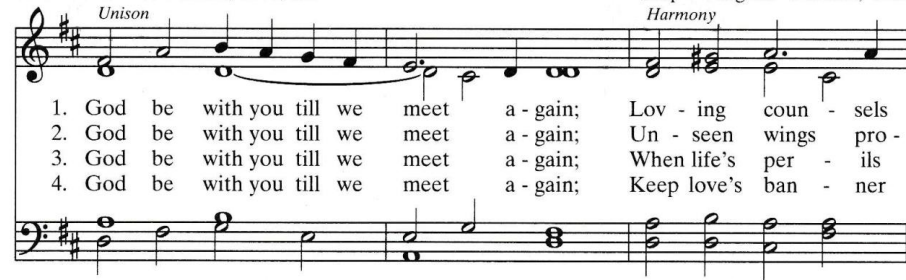
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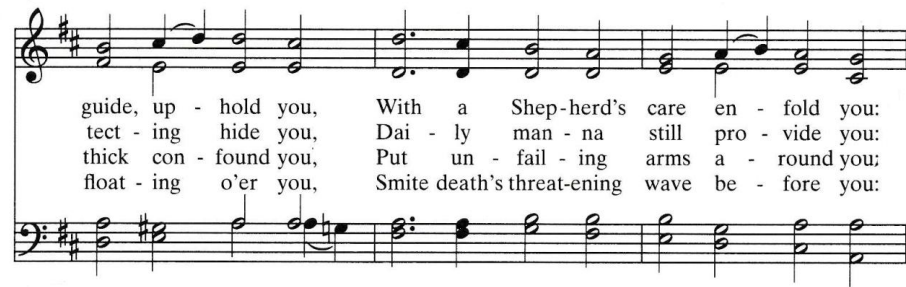
# 540 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Jeremiah Eames Rankin, 1880; alt. RANDOLPH 9.8.8.9 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

*Unison* *Harmony*



1. God be with you till we meet a - gain; Lov - ing coun - sels  
 2. God be with you till we meet a - gain; Un - seen wings pro -  
 3. God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's per - ils  
 4. God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's ban - ner



guide, up - hold you, With a Shep-herd's care en - fold you:  
 tect - ing hide you, Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:  
 thick con - found you, Put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;  
 float - ing o'er you, Smite death's threat-ening wave be - fore you:

*Unison*



God be with you till we meet a - gain.

*Music:* From the *English Hymnal*, 1906. Used by permission of Oxford University Press.