

Order of Worship: Sunday, May 23, 2021
Pentecost Sunday/Confirmation Sunday
9:30 a.m.

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Prelude and Lighting of Candles *Largo*, from the *New World Symphony* (A. Dvorak)
Eden Hatfield, violin

Welcome Alyssa Griesheimer

Opening Prayer

**Breath of Life, on this Pentecost Sunday,
we ask that You breathe on us once again.
We hunger for the life-changing power that Your Holy Spirit brings.
May our lives exemplify the fruit of Your Spirit:
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
May we use the gifts of your Spirit to bless the church and build Your Kingdom on earth. Amen.**

Opening Hymn *O Spirit of the Living God* (UMH 539)

Affirmation of Faith Will Perry

**We believe in God, who created everything, and watches over us always.
God loves us, and accepts us, and cares for all people.
God's perfect plan is for the good and well-being of all.
God's only son, Jesus Christ, was given for the forgiveness of our sins.
We are all sinners, but God's forgiveness is given freely to all who seek it.
The Holy Spirit is always with us and communicates to us in many ways –
for guidance, strength, encouragement, and revealing God's will.
The church is the family of all believers,
empowered by the Holy Spirit, seeking to follow Jesus,
and united in our worship and in our mission.
It is a community of love and support, free from judgment,
where all may grow in faith and love. Amen.**

Gloria Patri

Introduction of Confirmands

Prayer/Lord's Prayer Eden Hatfield

Prayer Response *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God* (arr. L. Larson)
Se'lah

Scripture Acts 2: 14a; 22-24; 32-33; 36 Colin Pernel

Sermon *Empowered*
Rev. Dr. Kandace Brooks

Closing Hymn *Spirit of the Living God* (UMH 393)

Closing Prayer

Karena Perry

**Lord, we thank You for the transforming work of Your Holy Spirit
in our lives and through our lives toward others.**

We thank You that You have given us boldness to proclaim the Gospel.

Remind us to use Your power to do the work You have given us. Amen.

Postlude

Toccata Jubiloso (J. Peterson)

Gaye Herndon, organ