
Overbrook Presbyterian Church

Find the real world, give it endlessly away, grow rich
flinging gold to all who ask. Live at the empty heart of
paradox. I'll dance there with you—cheek to cheek.

-Rumi



Worship Service
Pentecost Sunday
May 28, 2023
10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church
We are glad you are worshipping with us this morning!

Notes on Today's Service

If you are a visitor, we invite you to fill out a card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

Leading Worship Today:

The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson, Pastor
Ron Homer, Liturgist
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music
The Overbrook Choir
Toffer Mihalka, tenor
Elizabeth Mendoza, cello

Ushers: Herb Brabham, Jim McDaniel and Ron Homer

Today's chancel flowers are given by the Glory of God.

Childcare is available during the worship service. Worship is for all ages, but, should your infant or preschooler become restless during worship, excellent childcare is provided in our nursery.

Large Print Bulletins and Hymns are Available.

Please speak to one of the ushers if you have special needs.

Following worship today, please join us for Fellowship Hour
hosted by Nancy Gilhool

Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare for worship and remember to silence all cell phones before the service.

❖=Stand as you are able

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

Selections from *Veni Creator*

Nicolas de Grigny
(1672-1703)

INTROIT

Veni Creator Spiritus

Gregorian chant

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Ron Homer

From Psalm 95

Leader: Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: With rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: With tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: With power from above to make our weakness strong,

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

❖HYMN No. 282

DOWN AMPNEY

Come Down, O Love Divine

WELCOME

Adam Hearlson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (*unison*)

Ron Homer

From St. Nersus of Clajes (4th cent.)

O Holy Spirit of God,
very God,
you descended on Christ at the river Jordan,
on the apostles in the upper room;
we have sinned again and again;
purify us again with your divine fire,
and have mercy on us;
for Christ's sake. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

EMBRACING GOD'S GRACE

❖ GLORIA PATRI

HYMN No. 581

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

BIBLICAL STORYTELLING

Adam Hearlson and Anthony Carrella

Acts 2:1-8

Pew Bible, p. 111

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

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"

*(Following the storytelling, learners in Pre-K through Grade 5
are encouraged to recess with their teachers.)*

SOLO

arr. Lloyd Larson
(b. 1954)

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Toffer Mihalka, tenor

Elizabeth Mendoza, cello

Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord,
Come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

NEW TESTAMENT
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Philippians 3:7-16

Pew Bible, p, 186
Adam Hearlson

SERMON

“Breathing”

Adam Hearlson

❖ HYMN No. 292

As the Wind Song

WAIRUA TAPU

❖ THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

LIFE AT THE CROSSROADS

Adam Hearlson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharon Parker

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.

SHARING OF PEACE

Sharon Parker

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

(The offering plate is beneath the lectern for your use during or after the service.)

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Gabriel Fauré

Cantique de Jean Racine

(1845-1924)

The Overbrook Choir

Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance, Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux, De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence: Divin sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux.		Word of God, one with the Most High, in whom alone we have our hope, Eternal Day of heaven and earth, We break the silence of the peaceful night; Saviour Divine, cast your eyes upon us!
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Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce puissante; Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de ta voix; Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante Qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois!		Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace, That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice; Banish the slumber of a weary soul, That brings forgetfulness of your laws!
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Ô Christ ! sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle, Pour te bénir maintenant rassemblé; Reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire immortelle, Et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé.		O Christ, look with favor upon your faithful people Now gathered here to praise you; Receive their hymns offered to your immortal glory; May they go forth filled with your gifts.
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Jean Racine (1693-1699)

❖DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

❖PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ron Homer

O blessed Spirit, breathe on these good gifts that they might be transformed.
May they become the breath of life for those who are tired and the voice of
justice for those who are weary. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

❖HYMN No. 289

MUNICH

On Pentecost They Gathered

❖BENEDICTION

Adam Hearlson

CHORAL RESPONSE

George Thalben-Ball

The Spirit of the Lord filleth the world (1896-1987)

POSTLUDE

CWG

Improvisation: Trumpet Tune on "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Please depart quietly for those who wish to listen to the postlude.

*If you have children who attended Sunday School, please meet them in Fellowship Hall,
where they would like to show you their **Pentecost Mystery Room!***

THIS WEEK AT OPC: 05/28-06/04

Sun	28	9:15 A.M. Adult Forum	Chapel
		10:30 A.M. Worship	Sanctuary
		10:45 A.M. Children's Sunday School	Chapel
		11:15 A.M. Youth Sunday School	Adam's office
		11:45 A.M. Fellowship Hour	Wistar Morris Room
Tue	30	7:30 A.M. Tues. Morning Prayer Group	online—see email
Wed	31	10:30 A.M. Bible Study	Chapel/Online
Fri	02	10:00 A.M. RPM Plus	Chapel
Sat	03	5:00 P.M. Phil. Orch. Pride Concert	Kimmel Center
Sun	04	9:00 A.M. CE Committee Meeting	Williamson Room
		9:15 A.M. Adult Forum	Chapel
		10:30 A.M. Worship	Sanctuary
		11:45 A.M. Congregational Picnic	Parking Lot

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

June's Adult Forum: "Learning and Sharing During Pride Month"—Sundays, 9:15 to 10:15 A.M. In recognition of Pride Month, Adult Forum is offering weekly opportunities for shared learning and discussion of topics related to the LGBTQ+ community. Next week, we welcome Scott Long, renowned global human rights activist focusing primarily on the rights of the LGBTQ+ community. Scott founded the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Rights Program at Human Rights Watch, the first program on LGBT rights at a major mainstream human rights organization, and served as its Executive Director from 2004-2010. Please join us in the **Chapel** as we learn about Scott's critical work locally and globally. Scott Long worships in community with OPC.

OPC's Congregational Picnic—June 4. All are invited to attend this year's Congregational Picnic on the church lawn immediately following worship. The Picnic is sponsored by our OPC Deacons, who have been working diligently to create a special event for all of us. Lunch will feature sandwich trays, as well as homemade salads and desserts, with vegetarian and gluten-free options available. Live music will be provided by Brad and Margene Biederman and Friends; Sabrina and Julianna Johnson will have special activities available for children. Come and enjoy this special lunch with OPC family and friends.

The Philadelphia Orchestra Pride Concert—Saturday, June 3, 7:00 P.M. OPC has obtained 36 free tickets to this concert at the **Kimmel Center**, featuring The Philadelphia Gay Men's Chorus, ANNA Crusis Feminist Chorus, and the Philadelphia Voices of Pride. Prior to the concert, at 5:00 P.M., OPC member Victor Fiorillo and his band will be performing in the Kimmel Center Atrium. Concert tickets have been confirmed and are now available for distribution. If you would like a ticket, please see Sharon Parker during Fellowship Hour. Please know that concert is oversubscribed; tickets in hand do not guarantee admission.

Photography during Worship—Sundays, June 4 and 11. During the first two Sundays of June, a photographer will take pictures of the congregation in worship, fellowship, and community. These pictures will be used for our website, printed materials, and other communications. We kindly ask that those uninterested in being photographed sit under the Christ window on the pulpit side of the church; the photographer will not take any photos of this section. If you have any questions, please contact Adam (adam@overbrookpresb.org).

OPC PrideFest—Saturday, June 17, 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. This year's event will bring together food, music, activities, and advocacy in a festive atmosphere to celebrate and lift up our LGBTQ+ family and friends. Stay tuned for more details (including a taco bar!) In addition, we are seeking performers and musicians to join our stage; please reach out to Chris Gage (music@overbrookpresb.org) if you're willing to share your talents.

Vacation Bible School: “Operation Restoration”—registration now open! This offering of the Children and Family Ministry will take place **Tuesday, June 27, through Thursday, June 29, from 5:00 to 7:30 P.M.**; there is no charge to participate. Children will gather each day for music, storytelling, activities, and service projects led by state and federally background-checked volunteers. Parents need only pack their child a light, healthy snack to supplement offerings at the camp. Registration for VBS is now open! The registration table is located in the **Wistar Morris Room** over the next several Sundays; you can also register at this link: <https://bit.ly/VBS-23-OPC>.

Civil Rights Tour of Birmingham, Montgomery, and Selma—October 25-29, 2023. This trip will be a rare opportunity to explore our commitment to justice with the faithful people who were faithful in its pursuit. Recognizing our commitment to inclusivity, we hope all who feel called to participate in this trip can do so. OPC has raised money to create an Ambassador's Fund to help defray the cost of those called to participate. Moreover, the church is working on other means of financial support for participants. It is our sincere hope to find the means to help everyone called to attend. You can sign up by using this QR code. If you have questions, please forward them to Adam (Adam@overbrookpresb.org).



YOUTH AND CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Treetop Quest—Sunday, June 11, 1:00 P.M. All children and youth (Ages 6-17) are invited to come swing, climb, and explore the treetops with friends and families on **June 11th** at Treetop Quest! Following worship at OPC, children, youth, and families will enjoy a pizza lunch, provided by Jules Thin Crust, and then depart for the aerial courses. OPC has subsidized the cost of this event, so the pricing is as follows: **\$25** for ages 6-11, **\$35** for ages 12-17, and **\$40** for adults; scholarships are available if needed. Anyone who is not climbing does not have to pay an admission. Spots are limited and are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Please scan the QR code to register. **RSVP by Friday, June 2** to secure your place and label your dietary preference for the lunch. We are also seeking volunteers to help serve lunch and carpool. Please contact Anthony (anthony@overbrookpresb.org) or Adam (adam@overbrookpresb.org) for more information.



COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Committee Name	Monthly or Next Meeting	Chair or Co-Chairs
Worship and Music worship@overbrookpresb.org	3 rd Monday, 7:30 P.M.*	Eileen Wiggins
Deacons deacons@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Bill Baker
Mission and Outreach mission@overbrookpresb.org	Sunday 5/21, 12:15 P.M.	Jeff Bowker
Finance finance@overbrookpresb.org	1 st Tuesday, 7:00 P.M.*	Lainie Blodgett
Children and Family (CFM) cfm@overbrookpresb.org	Sunday 6/4, 9:00 A.M.	Christy Lang Hearlson
Personnel personnel@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Elizabeth Cosgriff
Property property@overbrookpresb.org	Last Wed., 7:00 P.M.*	Bill Baker, Ted Dillon, and Jeff Bowker
Stewardship stewardship@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Keedra Carroll and Will Schick
Congregational Life clc@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Artia Benjamin
Welcoming welcoming@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Elizabeth Mendoza
Youth and Family pastor@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Adam Hearlson

An asterisk (*) indicates that the committee meets virtually.

For more information about any of the committees,
please contact the chair or co-chairs using the email address above.

Prayer List

- Prayers of comfort and peace for Molly Burke and her family upon the death of her mother, Lillian Andrews.
- Prayers for comfort and healing for Mike Rottinger following a surgical procedure.
- Prayers for comfort and healing for Sara Davis as she prepares for upcoming surgery.
- Prayers for healing and comfort for Ellen Burr.
- Prayers for restoration of health and comfort for Ernestine Harris following her recent hospitalization.
- Prayers for restoration of health and comfort for Karen Kaercher, sister-in-law of Bob Kaercher, as she undergoes treatment for breast cancer.
- Prayers for healing and comfort for Lois Davis who remains under medical care.
- Prayers for well-being and good health for Laura Toy.
- Prayers for restoration of health and well-being for Sabrina Johnson's mother, Natalie DeShields.
- Prayers for compassionate care, comfort, and peace for Jacqueline Cole, sister of Lois Davis.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Milton Stokes, husband of Nickie Stokes.
- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health for Margaret Young's great-grandson, Yusuuf, who remains under medical care.
- Prayers for all who face health challenges especially Gwen Harden, Luis Wong, Ed Harvey, Aimerie Scherluebbe, Caroline Skinner, Aqueelah Folwell, Stephanie Stokes, Terri Carter, Judy Swartz, Bill and Jean Long, and Martha Brown.
- Prayers of hope and strength for all who are experiencing challenges and transitions in their personal lives.

Please contact Bill Baker (wbaklava@aol.com) or Sharon Parker (sharon@overbrookpresb.org) to add names to the prayer list.

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OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Adam Hearlson, Moderator

Raelyn Harman, Clerk of Session; Stephanie Morris, Treasurer

** indicates second consecutive term

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Keedra Carroll	Herb Brabham**	Elizabeth Cosgriff**
Andrea Gosfield	Elizabeth Mendoza**	Bob Harden, Jr.**
Solomon Hunter	Brian Taussig-Lux	Linda Huff-Paul**
Becky Lazo**	Christoph Von Andreae	Corinna Bowser
Nathalie May	Mimi Winkler	Cheryl Davis

OPC DEACONS:

Bill Baker, Moderator, Board of Deacons

Jason Sheau, Treasurer; Mary Lou Ryce, Secretary

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Peju Adebajo**	Gloria Brabham	Dela Geraldo
Miriam Harden	Nancy Gilhool**	Gretchen Boger
Ginny Leagans	Mike Rottinger	Bill Baker
Leah Mayne	Mary Lou Ryce**	Bob Kaercher
Jason Sheau	Will Schick	Philip Brown

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Dr. Christopher Gage - Director of Music

Anthony M. Carrella - Director of Children and Family Ministry

Sharon Parker - Parish Care Associate

Lisa Faso - Office Manager

Carol Rozmiarek - Financial Secretary

Leonard Robbins - Church Custodian

The Overbrook Quartet:

Iris Fairfax, soprano; Allison Chang, alto;

Toffer Mihalka, tenor; Matthew Lulofs, bass

“Overbrook Presbyterian Church actively seeks to worship God, serving each other and the world through a welcoming, loving, and inclusive ministry.”

282 Come Down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.

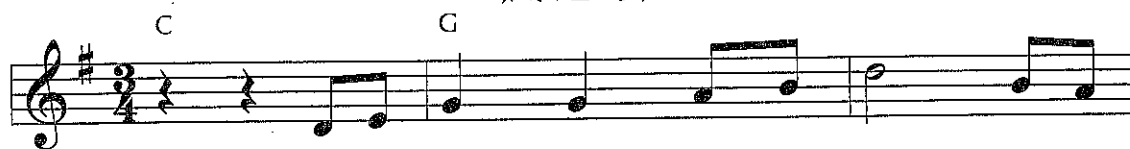
O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

This *lauda spirituale*, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th century but received little notice until this tune (named for the composer's birthplace) was created for *The English Hymnal*.

As the Wind Song

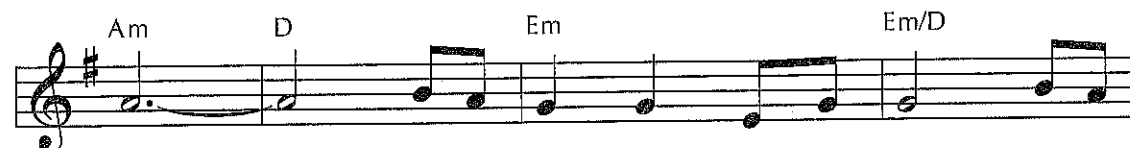
風之頌



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the
 2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the
 1 風 之 頌, 林 中 吹 送, 輕 風
 2 彩 之 虹, 雨 後 高 懸, 生 之



stir - ring of the breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of
 hope that's born a - gain, so it is with the Spir - it of
 送, 心 中 振 動, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹
 盼, 人 間 再 現, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹



God, as the heart made strange - ly warm, as the
 God, as the green in the spring, as a
 送; 心 溫 暖, 奇 異 難 明, 風 浪
 送; 春 天 裡, 青 山 綠 水, 線 上



voice with - in the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of
 kite on a string, so it is with the Spir - it of
 中, 靜 聽 主 聲, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹
 繫 飛 揚 風 箏, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹



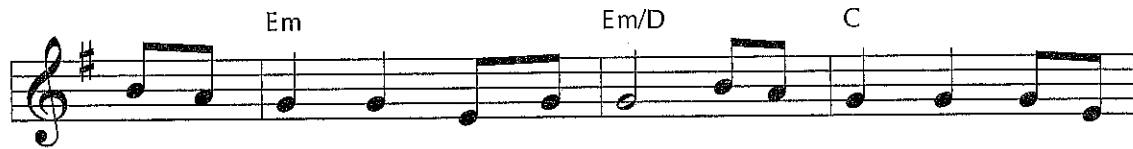
God. Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
 God, mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come
 送; 眼 不 見, 心 未 明, 風 來 去 何
 送; 大 地 萬 象 更 新, 和 平 終 實

Reversing the usual order, this hymn began with the music rather than the words. The composer (from Singapore) sent this tune to the author (in New Zealand) to see what text it might inspire from her. She also suggested the tune name, a Maori phrase meaning "Holy Spirit."

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



blown bring-ing life, bring-ing power to the world,
 true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,
 蹤, 給 世 人 賜 生 命 加 力 量;
 現, 給 世 人 帶 來 愛 和 禮 物;



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -
 as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the
 火 之 舌, 跳 動 飛 舞, 心 深 處, 朝 思 暮
 麵 之 酵, 悄 然 膨 升, 盛 宴 上, 醇 香 美



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
 feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
 想, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹 送。
 酒, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹 送。

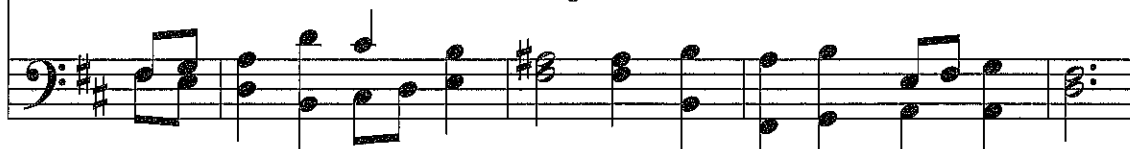
289 On Pentecost They Gathered



1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,



a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.



A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
 What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
 O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,



and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.



This narrative and interpretive text was written to fill what the author perceived as an unfortunate gap in available hymns concerning the Holy Spirit in general and Pentecost in particular. The setting of a 17th-century German tune is from Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*.