

# Ormond Uniting Church



*Pentecost, He Qi*

## Pentecost Day

June 8, 2025

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# **THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE 聚集敬拜**

## **Call to worship**

## **Acknowledgement of Country**

**1 Hymn**      217 Love divine all love excelling

## **PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION 忏悔祷告**

## **THE SERVICE OF THE WORD 敬听圣言**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading: Acts 使徒行传2:1-21**

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?"

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing

with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading: Romans 罗马书 8:14-17**

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Scripture Reading: John 约翰福音14: 15-17, 25-27**

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

This is the Word of God.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Children's address:** The Pentecost Story

**Video Music:** Holy Spirit, come fill this place  
(During the music people are invited to light a candle)

**Sermon:** Pour out the Spirit upon all flesh

**2 Hymn:** 655 O Let the Son of God enfold you (Verses 1, 2, 1)

**Offering**

**Announcements and concerns of the church**

**Prayer of the People**

*We light the candle to remember those who are not at worship with us today*

As we come together this afternoon, on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, who comes with understanding of all people, regardless of earthly differences.

It is easy to think, and say, negative things about what is occurring around us - in our country and across the world. Let us try to focus on gratitude and on saying thank you for all our blessings.

Let us pray

Dear Lord we give you thanks for each new day and for your steadfast love for us. Help us to do your will and to always be mindful of the needs of others, especially those less fortunate.

In your beautiful, but troubled, world, we pray that those who make political, economic and social decisions on behalf of others act with consideration, and compassion, for all

Loving Father, sustain all whom the world has hurt, those whose lives are denied natural growth, and those who suffer from poverty, oppression and circumstances

beyond their control

Hear our prayers for all nations and races, especially for the first peoples of our land

Thank you for drawing us together as members of one body- the Universal Church. We pray for world church leaders and for ecumenical dialogue. We pray for Ji and his Family and for all our Ormond congregation- for our life together and for our efforts to follow in the way of Jesus.

We are frequently overwhelmed by the needs around us. Some need healing, some need encouragement, some need comfort, some need assurance and we all need HOPE.

Our prayers are with the many people who are vulnerable and in special need of care and love –and this includes, but is not limited, to those who are marginalized, sick, sad, lonely, and those with body pain or anguish of mind  
Being Winter, our prayers go out to the homeless and those who are cold and hungry

We give you thanks for the people who dedicate their lives to caring for others and for the charity workers and volunteers, who provide support for the diverse needs of so many who are struggling.

We come in prayer for our loved ones, our friends and colleagues and for those whom we struggle to love and we pause to pray silently for those known to us  
**(silent prayer)**

Lord God, giver of the Holy Spirit embrace these prayers that we bring before you today as we say together:

**Our Father in heaven, *hallowed* be your name,  
*your* kingdom come,  
*your* will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
*Give* us today our daily bread.  
*Forgive* us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
*Save* us from the time of trial  
*and* deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen**

## THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE 差遣信徒

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

**3 Hymn:** 675 Shine Jesus Shine

Benediction

### **A Prayer this coming week**

by St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

O Holy Spirit, Love of God, infuse your grace,  
and descend plentifully into my heart.  
Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling,  
and scatter there your cheerful beams;  
Dwell in that soul that longs to be your temple;  
water that barren soil, over-run with weeds and briars,  
and lost for want of cultivating,  
and make it fruitful with your dew from heaven.

O Come, as the refreshment of those that languish and faint.  
Come, and like a star,  
guide those that sail the tempestuous sea of the world.  
You are the only haven of the tossed and shipwrecked.  
Come glory and crown of the living,  
only safeguard of the dying.  
Come, Holy Spirit, in much mercy,

and make us fit to receive you.  
**Amen.**

You can find a copy of today's sermon along with other congregational information on the church website.

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