

ICE-BREAKERS *God Poured Out*

- 1 Have you ever experienced a moment where a group of people from very different backgrounds suddenly felt united? What made that moment special?
- 2 If you could instantly understand and speak any language in the world like the disciples did at Pentecost, which language would you choose and why?

SERMON BASED

- 1 The sermon says, "God never intended for you to carry life alone." Why do you think it can be difficult for people to ask for help or lean on others in faith?
- 2 The disciples were ordinary people who became bold witnesses through the Holy Spirit. How does that encourage you when you think about your own ability to live out your faith?

BEYOND THE TEXT

- 1 What is one area of your life—school, work, friendships, or online—where you feel challenged to openly live as a follower of Christ?
- 2 If the Holy Spirit gives us courage and power to witness, what might it look like for you to step out in faith this week instead of staying "in the shallow end"?

Spirit Unbounded

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CHURCH

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MAY 24TH, 2026

10:30AM

Pastor Christian Taylor

Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who **Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously** in our local community and around the world. Whatever your circumstances and no matter where you have been, you matter to God and to us. **You Belong Here!** We pray your experience in our Worship today will be one that blesses you and uplifts your relationship with Jesus Christ.

ORDER of WORSHIP

PLEASE FILL OUT THE ATTENDANCE PAD AND PASS IT TO YOUR NEIGHBOR
+ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE RISE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Grace Spieles

PRELUDE Meah Johnson, French Horn
Scott Turner, Piano
Waltz for Angels | by Meah Johnson

+ CALL TO WORSHIP Meah Johnson
Leader: Beloved, the Spirit of Truth gathers us here to receive
and discern God’s good news working among us.
People: Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Leader: The Spirit of Love draws us together to receive and
restore life-giving relationships with God and one another.
People: Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Leader: The Spirit of Freedom knits us together to receive and
renew the bonds of empathy, justice, and peace that bind
us together in the work for liberation and wholeness.
People: Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Leader: Beloved, the Holy Spirit is here, moving and working among
us. Will you come and receive all the Spirit has to give?
**People: We come to receive the Spirit’s abundant and gracious
gifts that we may be a people who live out God’s truth,
love, and freedom in our neighborhood, community, and
throughout all creation. Amen.**

+ OPENING PRAYER Lillie Best
Send forth your Spirit, O God, and renew the face of the earth.
Dwell among us, even though your presence will startle and
unsettle us. Grant us your peace, we pray, as justice and love pour
down upon the yearning earth. Amen.

+ HYMN #336 Scott Turner
Of All the Spirit’s Gifts to Me | UMH

SPECIAL MUSIC Grace Spieles & Madalynn Laukhuf, vocals
Scott Turner, Piano
Blessed Assurance

+ SCRIPTURE Noah Krites
Numbers 11: 24 – 30

*Then the Lord came
down in the cloud
and spoke with him,
and he took some of
the power of the
Spirit that was on
him and put it on
the seventy elders.
When the Spirit
rested on them, they
prophesied—but did
not do so again.*

NUMBERS 11:25

LEADERS of TODAY’S WORSHIP

PASTOR
CHRISTIAN TAYLOR
SPEAKERS
GRADUATES (SENIORS)
ACOLYTES
LILLIAN LAUKHUF
CECI STAAS
CHILDREN’S CHAT
CHRIS GORDON
USHERS
YOUTH
NEIL SHAFFER
DAVE LICHTLE, ASST.
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
SCOTT TURNER
WORSHIP LEADER
JEREMY LAUKHUF
VIDEOGRAPHER
DAVE THOMPSON
PROJECTIONIST
NAOMI WHITE
SOUND ENGINEER
ERIK FALK
SCREEN CREATORS
MARY ANN FALK
JEREMY LAUKHUF



TIME OF GREETING Noah Krites

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN Chris Gordon
Preschool – 5th grade are released to AWE (Alternate Worship Experience)

+ SCRIPTURE ACTS 2: 1 – 21 Leah Krites
SERIES
MESSAGE *God Poured Out
Spirit Unbounded* Pastor
Christian Taylor

GRADUATE TESTIMONIALS Sierra Poulson
Grace Spieles, Meah Johnson, and Lillie Best

+ SONG Jeremy Laukhuf
Spirit Break Out

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD’S PRAYER Pastor Christian Taylor

OFFERTORY #393 Jeremy Laukhuf
Spirit of the Living God | UMH *Children Return from AWE*
Place your Offerings in the Plates coming through the Pews during the offering song

+ DOXOLOGY #94 Jeremy Laukhuf
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow | UMH

+ SPOKEN BENEDICTION Pastor Christian Taylor

POSTLUDE Scott Turner
Postlude | by Don Hustad

**Thank you for worshipping with us, and
for your continued generosity and support.**

*“Mighty God, thank you for providing me the opportunity to pray for (name).
While I may not ever know the impact these prayers have had on (name), I am
certain that you heard each and every one. With thanks and praise, Amen.”*

WHAT TO DO ! **PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN OF OUR CHURCH**
*Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be
healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. **James 5:16**
Use this month as an opportunity to pray for anything that comes to mind, big or small.*

 **COFFEE
& DONUTS**
**AVAILABLE
IN THE KROUT!**

Infants & Toddlers
have the Nursery
Available during 9AM
Sunday School and
10:30AM Worship
{Nursery Volunteers Needed}

PreK – 5th grade
have Sunday School at
9AM and AWE during
10:30AM Worship
*{No AWE Communion
Sunday}*

6th – 12th grade
have Sunday School at
9AM and Youth Group
following 10:30AM
Worship

**LAST DAY of Sunday
School was May 24
SS Starts back in Fall*

Food Pantry

**MAY is
PAPER GOODS
month**

Toilet Paper Tissues
and Paper Towels

*Please place your
donations in the baskets
located at the entrances.*

Sign up to put Flowers
on the Altar
on any
available
Sunday –
Bulletin
board in
the
Kitchenette
off of Krout

