

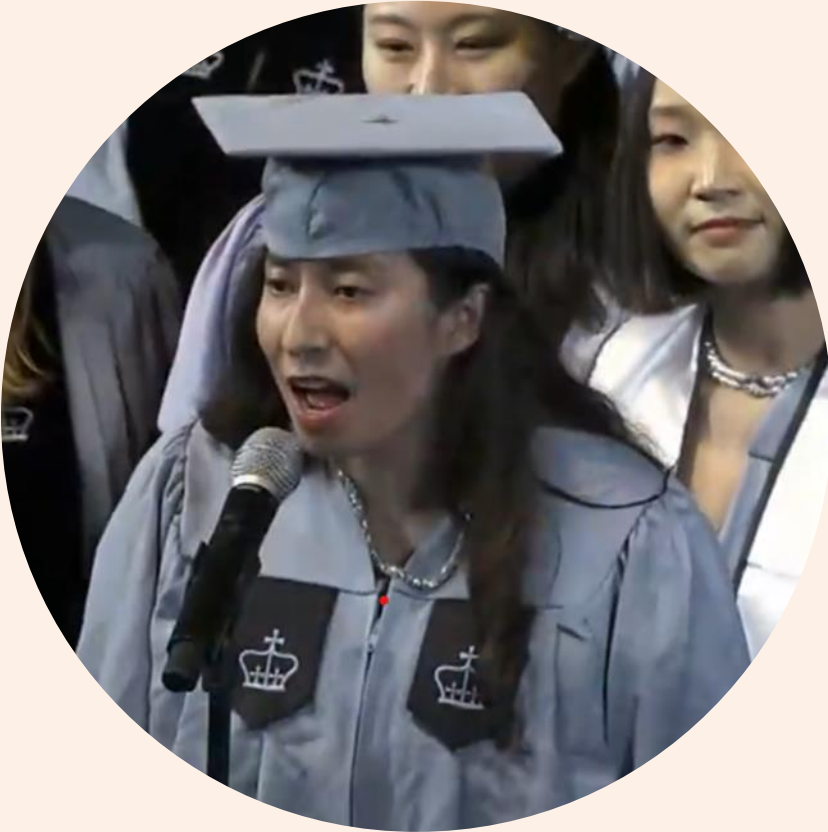


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Sunday, May 19, 2024

Culmore  
United Methodist Church

Welcome and  
Good Morning!



Congratulations to our very own Emily Johnson  
on receiving her Master's degree.  
Brava and Well Done!

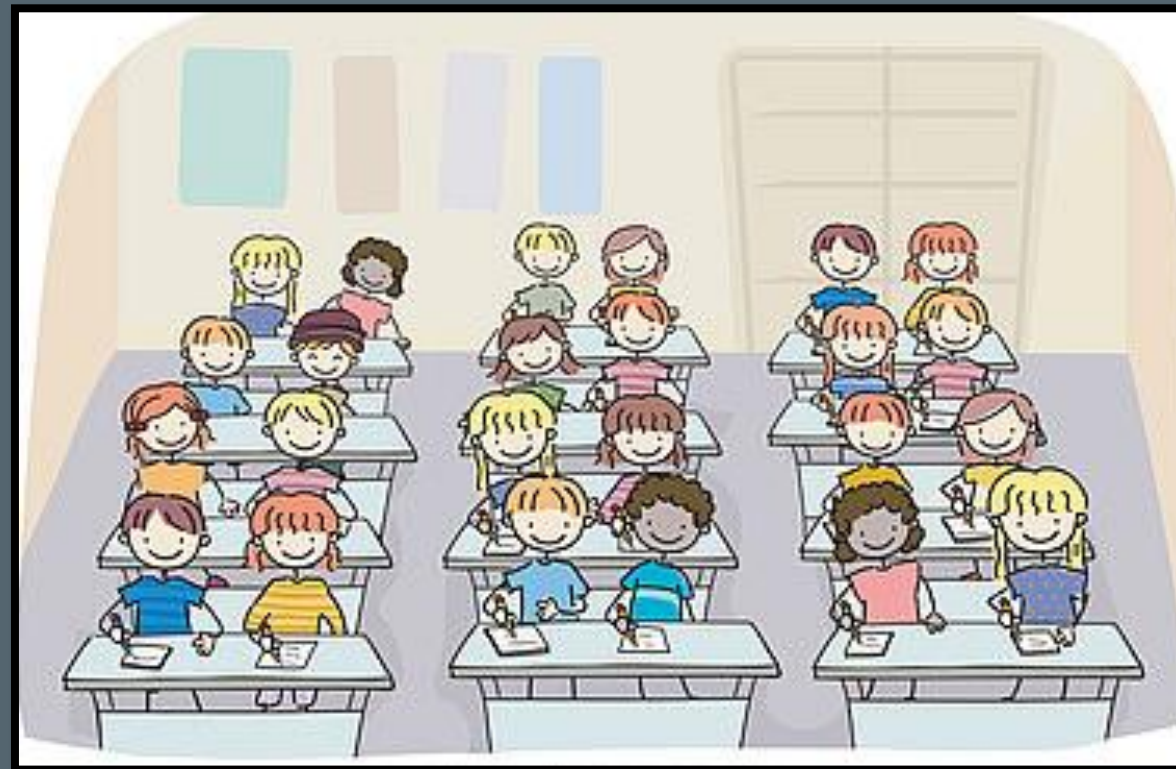
# Happy Birthday!

Once again it's your birthday. Once again the time is here.  
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.  
Happy time is your birthday, happy time this year.  
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.  
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.  
For you have Jesus Christ everyday of your life.  
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.  
The Lord bless and keep you.  
Happy birthday to you. And to Jesus with you.  
God bless you and keep you. Happy birthday to you.





# Lessons for the Young and Young at Heart





**The Holy Spirit... will teach you all things.  
— John 14: 26**

# Pentecost



They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues (Acts 2:3)

# Dove Symbol

... and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." (Luke 3:22)





# Opening Prayer

Eternal and loving God, on this Pentecost Sunday help us better appreciate and understand your Holy Spirit and its incredible power. Help us appreciate the mighty things that Your Spirit has done on the stage of history. Most of all, we pray for the indwelling of Your Spirit within us. As You did for the apostles and the early church, we pray that you will teach us and guide us on the path of discipleship. **AMEN.**



## Responsive Reading: Psalm 16,145 (excerpts)

I will praise the LORD, who counsels me. Even at night my heart instructs me.

I have set the LORD always before me.  
Because he is at my right hand,  
I will not be shaken.

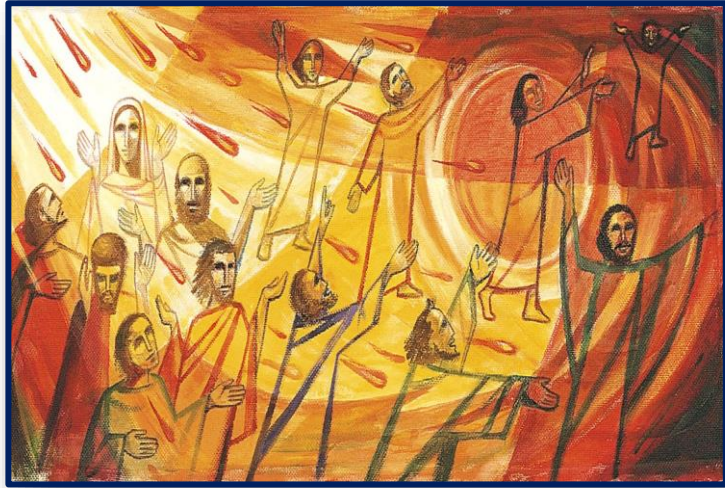
Therefore, my heart is glad, and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will rest secure.

You have made known to me the path of life.  
You fill me with joy in your presence, with  
eternal pleasures at your right hand.

# Pentecost / Shavuot



Hebrew Feast of Thanksgiving



## Acts 2:1-16, 37-41 (NIV)

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.



All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.



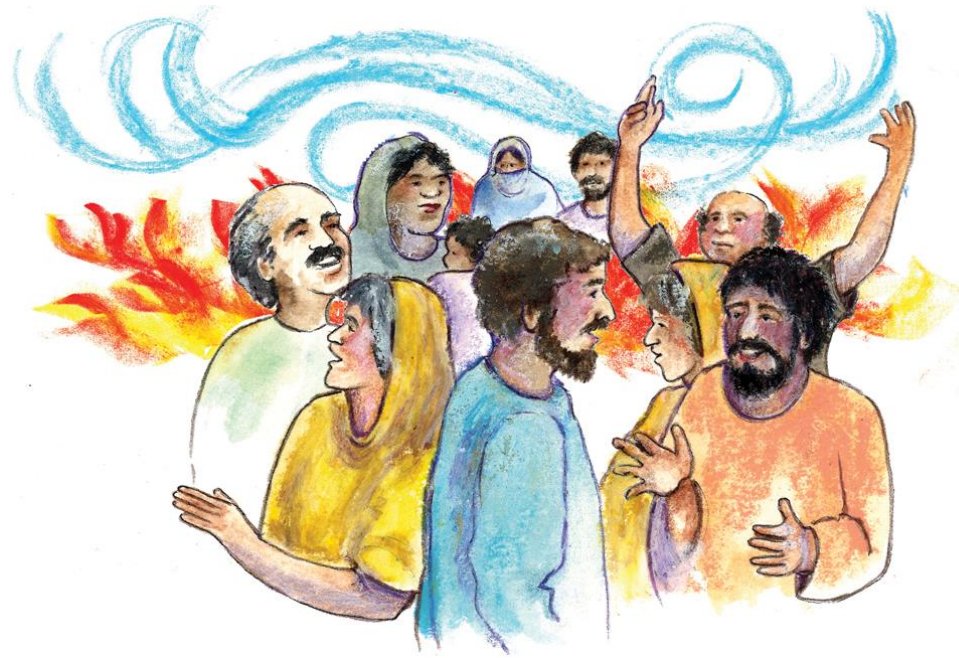


Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because everyone heard them speaking in their own language.





Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our own native language? We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"



Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."





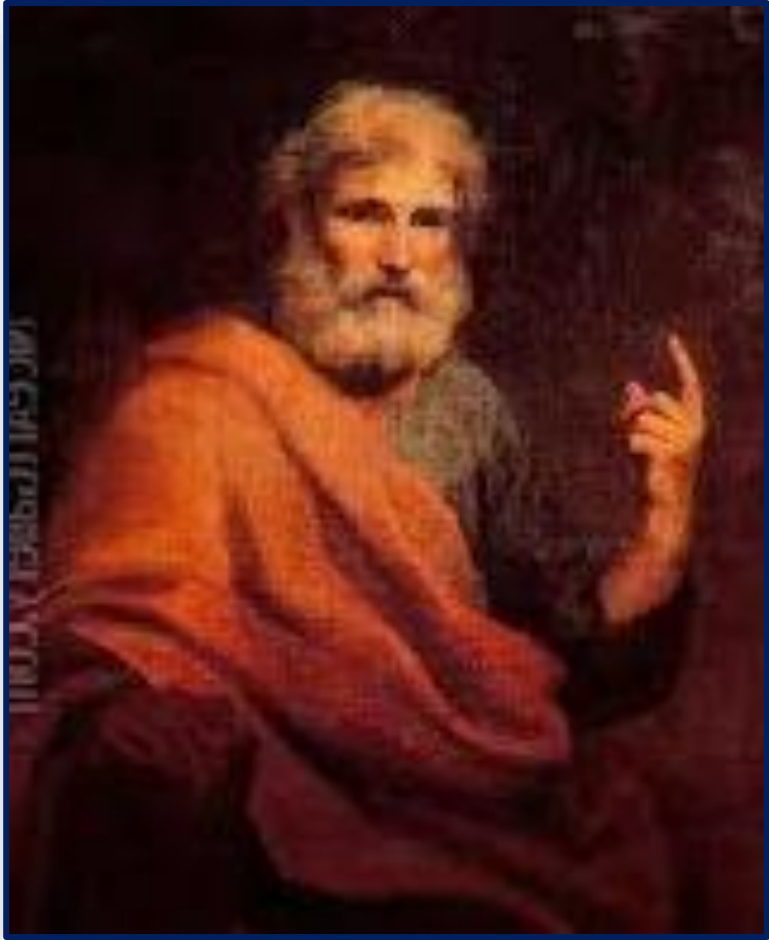
Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people..."



"Therefore, let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "What shall we do?"

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.



And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off— for all whom the Lord our God will call.” With many other words he warned them, and he pleaded with them,... “ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about **3,000** were added to their number that day.



Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the *Spirit (RUACH) of God* was hovering over the waters.

רוּחַ - ruach: breath, wind, spirit—air



A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;  
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

The *Spirit (Ruach)* of the LORD will rest on  
him—

the *Spirit (Ruach)* of wisdom and of  
understanding,

the *Spirit (Ruach)* of counsel and of power,

the *Spirit (Ruach)* of knowledge and of the

fear of the LORD —and he will delight in the

fear of the LORD. (Isaiah 11:1-3a)





# Spirit of the Living God- UMH #393

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

## John 14: 15 - 17



If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another *Counselor* to be with you forever— the *Spirit of truth*.

The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he remains with you and will be in you.



# παράκλητος Paraclete

**Counselor**

**Advocate**



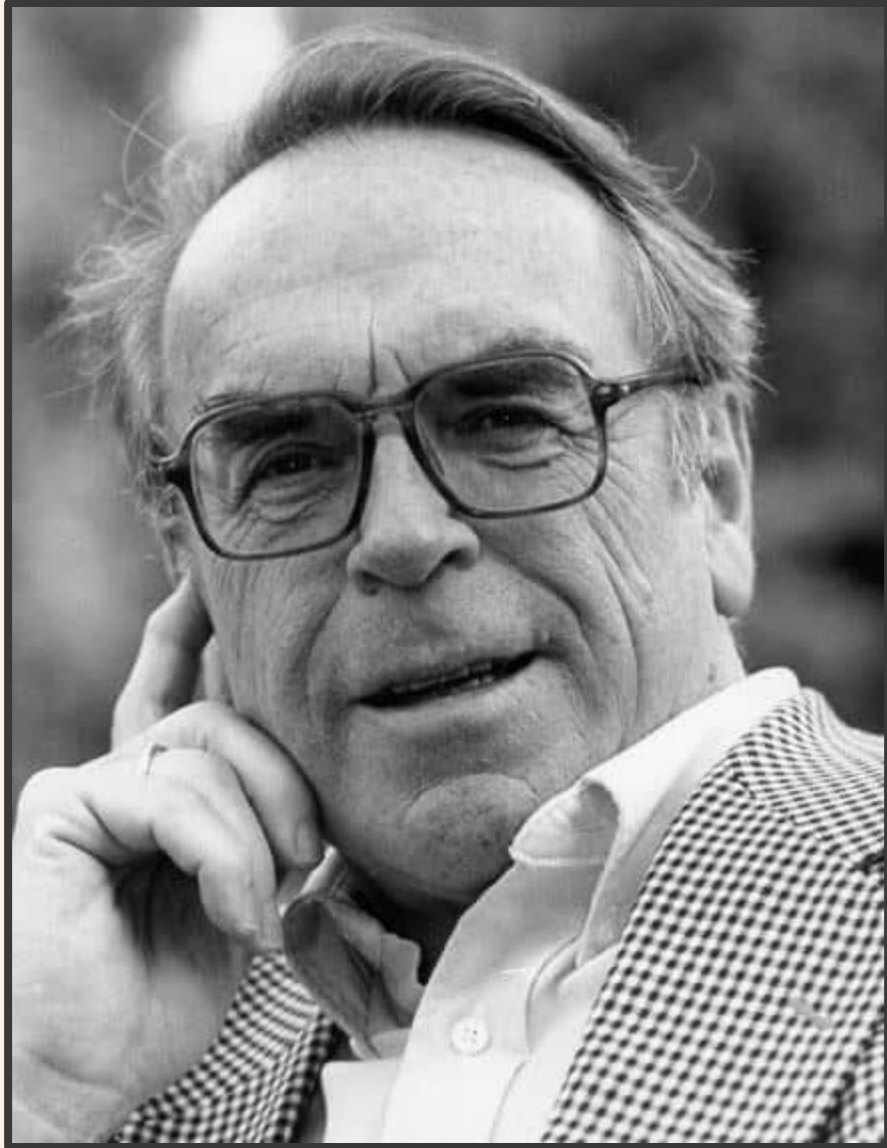
**Helper**

**Comforter**



*"...God is immediately available to us if the door is opened to Him."*

*"Upon this reception, the Spirit simply does what the Spirit is wont to do. Namely, fill, heal, empower, sustain, provide, counsel, comfort, provoke and guide." (Howard Thurman, Disciplines of the Spirit)*



**“The person who possesses God thus’ [the indwelling of the Holy Spirit], takes in God’s divinity, and to that person, God shines in all things; for all things taste of God, and God’s image is visible out of all things. This implies a new, specifically Christian vision of reality, which is molded by the indwelling of the Spirit of God.”**

*(Jürgen Moltmann: The Spirit of Life)*



# Spirit of God - TFWS 2117



Spirit of God, bright Wind,  
Breath that bids life begin,  
Blow as you always do,  
Create us anew.

Spirit of God, bright Dove,  
Grant us your peace and love,  
Healing upon your wings  
For all living things.

# Community Prayer

Come Holy Spirit, how we need You. Jesus promised His distressed disciples that He would send You in His place, and what a gift that was!

On Pentecost, You descended in power and great glory on God's people, showing Yourself in flames of fire over their heads, and leading them to speak in all the languages they understood.



You are our gentle Counselor, Helper, Teacher who guides us along the paths God intends us to follow.

We need Your comforting Presence as You challenge us to become the people God wants us to be. **Amen.**



# Offering



We give thanks for this wonderful,  
generous community of faith.

# Doxology - UM Hymnal 94



Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



# Benediction

*Art by Sue Carroll*