



**SUMMER WORSHIP
DAY OF PENTECOST
MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER**

**JUNE 8, 2025 | 10:30 A.M.
ANDERSON AUDITORIUM**

Welcome to Summer Worship in Montreat

*Asterisks invite us to rise in spirit or body.

Words in bold are for all to say or sing.

Communion is celebrated in worship today. The table is open to all. We receive the gift of bread and cup by exiting pews to the left and coming forward to meet the servers at the end of the aisle. When you receive bread, dip it in the cup, then return to the opposite side of the pew. All bread is gluten-free; all cups contain grape juice.

Servers will be present throughout the auditorium and will bring the elements to you if you desire.

GATHERING

***Opening**

Come, Creator Spirit organ voluntary by Maurice Duruflé

Breaths anthem by Ysaÿe M. Barwell/Birago Diop

Listen more often to things than to beings.

'Tis the ancestors' breath when the fire's voice is heard.

'Tis the ancestors' breath in the voice of the waters.

Those who have died, have never, never left.

The dead are not under the earth.

They are in the rustling trees, they are in the groaning woods.

They are in the crying grass. They are in the moaning rocks.

The dead have a pact with the living.

They are in the woman's breast, they are in the wailing child.

They are with us in the home. They are with us in the crowd.

Listen more often to things and to beings.

'Tis the Holy Spirit's breath when the fire's voice is heard.

'Tis the Holy Spirit's breath in the voice of the waters.

***Opening Sentences**

Joel 2:28-29

²⁸ Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

²⁹ Even on the male and female slaves, in those days I will pour out my spirit.

***Hymn**

PUER NOBIS NASCITURM

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

¹ O splendor of God's glory bright, from light eternal bringing light; O Light of Light, light's living spring, true Day, all days illumining:

² Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love, rain down your radiance from above, and to our inward hearts convey the Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.

³ O joyful be the passing day with thoughts as clear as morning's ray, with faith like noontide shining bright, our souls unshadowed by the night.

⁴ O Lord, with each returning morn, your image to our heart is born; O may we ever clearly view our Savior and our God in you.

***Confession and Pardon**

Infinite God, you come to us in many colors, shapes, and languages.

**You speak to each of us in the words we understand.
You reach out to us and meet us where we are and as we are.**

But we are quick to limit you to what we can understand and control.

Forgive us and set your Spirit loose among us.

Challenge us, surprise us, and open us to your power, that we might know you more deeply, follow you more faithfully, and love more fully.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

***Hymn**

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

**¹ Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**² World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Acts 2:1-13

- ¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God**
- ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”**
- ¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers.**
- ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.”**
- ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him.**
- ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.**
- ²⁰ Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.**

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis
“The Fierce Urgency of Now”

*Scripture

Joel 2:28-29

And then,

I will rain down my Spirit on all people of every nation;

**all your children shall boldly speak my word for me,
your elderly shall dream dreams,
and your youths shall see visions.**

**I will include all those whom the world excludes
when I pour out my Spirit.**

Hymn Heaven Shall Not Wait HEAVEN SHALL NOT WAIT

**¹ Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their
patience, the scorned to smile, the despised to find
a friend: Jesus is Lord; he has championed the
unwanted; in him injustice confronts its timely end.**

**² Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their
fortunes, the proud to fall, the elite to tend the
least: Jesus is Lord; he has shown the master's
privilege: to kneel and wash servants' feet before
they feast.**

**³ Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great ideas,
thoughts of compassion divorced from cries of
pain: Jesus is Lord; he has married word and
action; his cross and company make his purpose
plain.**

⁴ Heaven shall not wait for triumphant Hallelujahs, when earth has passed and we reach another shore: Jesus is Lord in our present imperfection; his power and love are for now and then for evermore.

EUCHRIST

Offerings and Invitations

Come, Creator Spirit organ voluntary by Maurice Duruflé

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, African-American
spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan
I will pray.

On the mountain, my Lord spoke—
out his mouth came fire and smoke.

Down the valley, on my knees, asked my Lord, have mercy please.
Jordan river, chilly and cold, chills the body but not the soul.

All around me, look so fine, asked my Lord if all was mine.

Ain't but one train run this track – runs to heaven and right back.

Saint Peter waiting at the gate: says, come on sinner, don't be late.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

With grateful hearts, we join our voices with the heavenly choirs
and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever praise
your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in
the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come
again.**

Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor and power,
be to you, O Triune God, forever and ever!

Amen.

**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 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.**

Breaking, Pouring, Feasting

Hymn I Depend Upon Your Faithfulness TU FIDELIDAD

I depend upon your faithfulness.

I can journey on, for you are always there.

None compares with you, O blessed One;

O how great your faithfulness.

SENDING

***Hymn**

As the Wind Song

WAIKUA TAPU

- ¹ As the wind song through the trees,
as the stirring of the breeze,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the heart made strangely warm,
as the voice within the storm,
so it is with the Spirit of God.
Never seen, ever known
where this wind has blown
bringing life, bringing power to the world,
as the dancing tongues of fire,
as the soul's most deep desire,
so it is with the Spirit of God.**
- ² As the rainbow after rain,
as the hope that's born again,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the green in the spring,
as a kite on a string,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
making worlds that are new,
making peace come true,
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,
as the rising of the yeast,
as the wine at the feast,
so it is with the Spirit of God.**

***Benediction and Charge**

***Voluntary**

Come, Creator Spirit

J. S. Bach



WELCOME TO SUMMER WORSHIP IN MONTREAT

All have a home here as the family of God. In praise and prayer, joy and lament, scripture and preaching, arts and imagination, we are nourished by the sustaining grace and love of God offered to everyone. Montreat Conference Center is glad to welcome the congregations of the Montreat Presbyterian Church and the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church on Sunday mornings this summer.

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Members of Montreat Presbyterian Church and Black Mountain Presbyterian Church may designate their regular contributions to those congregations using the printed envelopes available in the lobby.

USHERS: We are grateful to this morning’s ushers from Black Mountain Presbyterian Church.

AFTER WORSHIP: You are invited to greet our preacher, Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, in front of the stage after worship; she is the pastor of Middle Collegiate Church in New York City.

SUNDAY LUNCH is served at 11:45 A.M. in the Galax Dining Room of Assembly Inn. Lunch is \$19.00 for adults (12+) and \$9.50 for children (5-11).

HYMN SING TONIGHT AT 7:00 P.M. THE ASSEMBLY INN LOBBY.

Tonight's leader is Peggy Hsiao and the host is Connie Button. Peggy grew up in Black Mountain and started her organ journey at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church. After years of teaching, directing music and playing the organ in churches in Taiwan and New Jersey, she has recently returned to live in Black Mountain.

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ARTIST'S STATEMENT

The art in worship today is a collection of three installations. The first created was from news images, many of people extracting one another from the rubble of war in Aleppo years ago. The second one created was an exploration of light breaking sharply through in the work of Mark Rothko. The third created was an abstract expression of Madonna and Child. Here they hang together on this, the birthday of the Church, with the Holy Spirit fans blowing from the sides of the stage.

So, what does it mean to bring these installations together in relation to our Pentecost text for today? The text for today offers a tension between the ways that we understand our faith. On this day we remember the day thousands of years ago when the Holy Spirit spoke to all in their heart language through the disciples, calling all who hear to take ownership of the call of God in their heart.

From Dr. Lewis' sermon title, the word fierce is expressed in each of these fiery installations in different ways: the fierce love of a mother for her child, the fierce love of those rescuing others in war torn cities, the fierce glare of light as it breaks into the warmth of darkness. What is the fierce call of your faith today? Listen, God is speaking in your heart language.

—Hannah Garrity, Artist