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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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May 24, 2026 at 11:00 AM

Worship Series: Resurrection Stories

Message: Transformed

Contemporary Order of Worship
Pentecost
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***Gathering** *Burning in My Soul, 6517874* Praise Band
 Holy Spirit, 6087919

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Staff Update Joana Arthur

Centering Moment

***Centering Song** *Christ is Risen* Praise Band

***Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray

People: Holy Spirit,

**on this Pentecost morning we remember
how You came like wind that shook the room
and fire that lit new courage in fearful hearts.
We remember how You transformed ordinary disciples
into people who could speak, love, and live in new ways.
We ask You to come again, not just to stir the air around us,
but to change the life within us.
Blow through the places where we are stuck.
Burn away what no longer gives life.
Open our mouths to speak Your truth,
open our hearts to welcome Your power,
and open our lives to be shaped by Your love.
Make us a Spirit-filled people,
transformed for Your mission in the world. AMEN.**

Prayers of People

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 trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
And the power and the glory. Forever. AMEN.**

Offering Song

Set a Fire, 5911299

Praise Band

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

New Testament Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Natalie Desta
Sarah Chambers
Charlotte Glaser

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 nation 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: ‘Men of Judea 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.”

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Service of Confirmation

Natalie Desta

Charlotte Glaser

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism

we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.

We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation

and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Through confirmation,

and through the reaffirmation of our faith,

we renew the covenant declared at our baptism,

acknowledge what God is doing for us,

and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Sarah: I present Natalie Desta and Charlotte Glaser for Confirmation.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,

reject the evil powers of this world,

and repent of your sin? **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you

to resist evil, injustice, and oppression

in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,

put your whole trust in his grace,

and promise to serve him as your Lord,

in union with the Church which Christ has opened

to people of all ages, nations, and races? **I do.**

According to the grace given to you,
will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world? **I will.**

Will you who stand with these confirmands
support and encourage them in their Christian life? **I will.**

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

People: We do.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include
Natalie and Charlotte now before you in your care?

**People: With God's help we will proclaim the Good News
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround *Natalie and Charlotte*
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them
that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to eternal life.**

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

People: We do.

Leader: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

Saved to this PC

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**People: 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.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Eternal Father:

When nothing existed but chaos,
you swept across the dark waters
and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah

you saved those on the ark through water.

After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,
you led them to freedom through the sea.

Their children you brought through the Jordan
to the land which you promised.

**People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Tell of God's mercy each day.**

Pastor: In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,
nurtured in the water of a womb.
He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.
He called his disciples
to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection
and to make disciples of all nations.

**People: Declare Christ's works to the nations,
his glory among all the people.**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit,
to bless this gift of water and those who receive it,
Call to our remembrance the grace declared in their baptism.
For you have washed away their sin,
and clothed them with righteousness throughout their lives,
that dying and rising with Christ
they share in his final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal Father,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

Remember your baptism and be thankful. Amen.

Natalie Desta
Charlotte Glaser

Name, the Holy Spirit work within you,
that having been born through water and the Spirit,
you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

As members of Christ's universal Church,
will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? **I will.**

RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

As members of this congregation,
will you faithfully participate in its ministries
by your prayers, your presence,
your gifts, your service
and your witness? **I will.**

Pastor: Members of the household of God, I commend Natalie and Charlotte to
your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**People: We give thanks for all God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this
congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant
faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our
presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God
may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

*Closing Song	<i>Start a <u>Fire,</u></i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Choral Benediction	<u>_____</u> <i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	Praise Band
Postlude	<i>Burning in My Soul (<u>Reprise</u>)</i>	Praise Band

*Franconia United Methodist Church believes that everyone is a child of God.
We welcome all people to worship, join in membership, serve in lay leadership,
and actively participate in the life of the church.*

*We welcome and affirm all persons without regard to gender, gender identity, race,
sexual orientation, faith tradition, age, marital status, family structure,
economic background, political affiliation, physical or mental ability or life experience.*

We commit to extend Christ's hospitality, creating a place of safety and sanctuary for all people.

*We recognize there are differences among us and although we may not think or look alike,
we commit to respect and love one another as we are all the family of God.*

*We further commit ourselves to loving acts of invitation, hospitality, and community,
providing ministry to, for, and with all persons without exception,
fostering a sense of belonging where people are respected and valued as beloved children of God.*

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