



As Above, So Below

June 8, 2025 + Pentecost

Affirming God's Closeness

*Heaven touches earth,
Every single moment;
In the setting sun,
The whispers on the wind.
The gently fall of rain,
The fragrance when it's over.
We will taste and we will see,
And know that God is good.*

*May we sense your presence, O God.
May we sense your presence, O God.
Make our senses gateways to all that you are.
May we sense your presence, O God.*

"Heaven Touches Earth"

Crossing the Threshold

Sitting with a Psalm (with sung response)

*Breathe on me Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.*

"Breathe On Me, Breath of God" and Psalm 94

*Bless the Radiant One, O my soul!
O Heart of my heart,
You are so very great!
You are clothed with justice and mercy,
arrayed in Light as your fine attire.
You stretch over the heavens
like a tent,
your Radiance covering the waters;
You shine through the clouds, and
ride on the wings of the wind;
The wind, like the Breath of Life,
carries your Word,
Fire refines the dross of our souls.*

*Breathe on me Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure.
Until with thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.*

*The glory of the Radiant One endures forever,
For the works of Love are sure.
You are ever-present to us,
even as the earth trembles,
even as the mountains spew forth
ashes and smoke!
I will abandon myself into your hands
as long as I live;
I will sing praise to You
while I have breath.*

***Breathe on me Breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine.
Till all this earthly part of me,
Glows with thy fire divine.***

Sitting with Scripture

John 20:19-23, Acts 2:1-4

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

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.

Meditation

Song of Response

"O Enlightened One"

***O Enlightened One,
Life giving Spirit.
May I bear your image,
And be a child of light.***

Breath and Fire

Song of Response

"O Living Flame of Love"

***O Living Flame of Love,
That tenderly wounds my soul.
Burn through the veil of earth and heaven,
Till I am one with you.***

***O let me blaze with fire,
Let spirit fill each part.
Come light the caverns of my soul,
Illuminate my night.***

*May my life burn bright,
With a holy light.
May my soul burn like -
A candle.*

*How gentle and how sweet,
You wake within my heart.
And breathe in me the breath of life,
And fill my soul with love.*

May my life burn bright...

Offering Ourselves

During these minutes of silence, simply rest in God's abiding and loving presence in this moment. You are in God and God is in you. Just be and relax. Center your attention in the "Temple" of your heart and imagine your breath flowing in and out from your heart area. If it helps you to center, use a sacred prayer word such as Abba, Spirit, Jesus, Beloved or Light.

Song of Response

*Spirit of Truth,
Enter my mind.
Soul of Wisdom,
Enter my heart.*

"Spirit of Truth"

Receiving Holy Communion

Receiving a Good Word



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Rev. Andrew Wolfe – Pastor, Pastoral Care

Today's Music

'Heaven Touches Earth' – Peter Johns, *'Breathe on Me, Breath of God'* – Edwin Hatch & Robert Jackson,
'O Enlightened One' – Michael Sciretti Jr., *'O Living Flame of Love'* – Peter Johns, *'Spirit of Truth'* – Emily Wilmer

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Please register your presence in the notebooks in the foyer.

Centering Prayer

Immediately following worship | The Chapel

Worship Response

10:00 a.m. | The Anchor House

SoulCollage® Mystic Pilgrimage: Quiet Pentecost

Saturday, June 14 | 9 am - 4 pm | Chapelwood Campus | Price Varies

Quiet Pentecost is the third in the SoulCollage® Mystic Pilgrimage series. Come consider the way the labyrinth invites us into the world with Rev. Cindy Serio, spiritual director, certified labyrinth facilitator with Veriditas, and trained SoulCollage® facilitator. As we journey through the day, we'll listen for the call of God upon our lives and take our mystic pilgrimage into the world. There are full-day and half-day registration options available. Please register by Friday, June 13 at 9 am.



Creative Space

Saturday, June 14 | The Anchor House | 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Creative Space is a nurturing, encouraging gathering of people who come together to create art and spend time in personal reflection. You will get an opportunity to explore spirituality through creative expression, as well as to be creative in a setting that is intentionally designed to enhance the spiritual. Materials are provided and everyone is welcome. No reservation is required.

Poetry Circle

Tuesday, June 17 | The Anchor House | 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Join us for the next meeting of the Poetry Circle with Mark Jodon. The Center's poetry circle will share and critique our poems, explore poetic forms and devices, try our hands at writing prompts, and grow together in fellowship and community. This circle is for anyone who loves poetry, no matter your writing experience level. For more information, contact Mark Jodon at MJodon@littler.com

Summer Solstice

Saturday, June 21 | The Anchor House | 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Come take a "pause" in your journey with us. There are lots of options for this drop-in, come and go, night of prayer and creativity on the Summer Solstice. There will be opportunities to walk the labyrinth outside as well as inside, create a SoulCollage card, or simply sit and bask in the last hours of light on the longest day of the year with a cup of coffee and labyrinth cookie!



The Anchor House Hours

Resumes August 19

The Anchor House Hours are suspended for the summer, from May 26 through August 18. You may still schedule time at the Anchor House during the summer. If you would like to request a room for spiritual direction, counseling, or for your own time of retreat, please contact Haley. Regular Anchor House Hours will resume on August 19.

Holding One Another in the Light

As our commitment to one another deepens, we want to be able to pray for one another – bearing burdens and joining in celebrations. Here is how to participate:

1. *Make a request for prayer or thanksgiving using the QR link or go to thecenterfcs.org*
2. *Opt in to receive the weekly prayer list by emailing Rachel.*
3. *Then spend time holding one another in the Light.*

