

Macon United Methodist Church
190 W Bell Street, Macon, IL 62544; (217) 764-5133
May 24, 2026 **Day of Pentecost**

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY (read in silence)

Pentecost Sunday celebrates the outpouring of the holy spirit on all believers, empowering the church for mission and proclaiming that God's spirit is unbound and available to all.



RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

GATHERING
Announcements, Celebrations

Welcome,

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Beloved, the spirit of truth gathers us here to receive and discern God's good news working among us.

Come, holy spirit, come!

The spirit of love draws us together to receive and restore life-giving relationships with God and one another.

Come, holy spirit, come!

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!

Come, holy spirit, come!

Beloved, the holy spirit is here, moving and working among us. Will you come and receive all the spirit has to give?

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 HYMN** *"Immortal, Invincible God"* **(UMH # 103)**

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

OPENING PRAYER

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.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS (pastor)

SILENT PRAYER (pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (all)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? If only all the Lord's people were prophets with the Lord placing his spirit on them!"

Numbers 11:29



NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 14: 15-27

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. ¹⁷ This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can't receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you.

¹⁸ "I won't leave you as orphans. I will come to you. ¹⁹ Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my

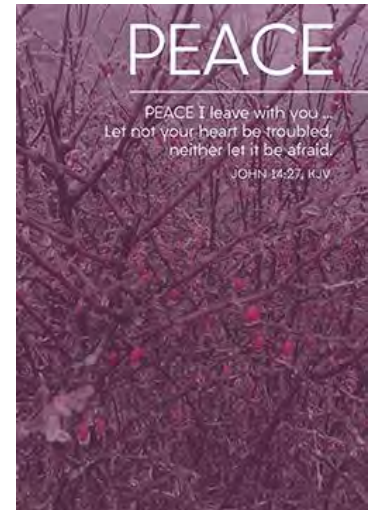
Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

²² Judas (not Judas Iscariot) asked, “Lord, why are you about to reveal yourself to us and not to the world?”

²³ Jesus answered, “Whoever loves me will keep my word. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever doesn’t love me doesn’t keep my words. The word that you hear isn’t mine. It is the word of the Father who sent me.

²⁵ “I have spoken these things to you while I am with you. ²⁶ The Companion, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I told you.

²⁷ “Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don’t be troubled or afraid.



MESSAGE

“In the Spirit”

Beverly Matthews
Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor

HYMN

“*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*”

(UMH # 64)

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

(UMH # 95)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

MUSICAL REFLECTION

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

Empowering God, you are the one who pours out your spirit on sons and daughters, on young and old, on leaders and servants alike. You have not withheld your gifts, but have shared them freely; truth, empathy, vision, and power. As your spirit-filled people, we now offer our gifts--not out of fear or obligation, but in response to your boundless generosity. Use these offerings to fuel the prophets witness of your church, to bless those still yearning for hope, and to build a community where all are seen, heard, and loved. May our giving, like your spirit, be poured out without limit. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“God Will Take Care of You”

(UMH # 130)

1. Be not dismayed whate'er betide; God will take care of you.
Beneath His wings of love abide; God will take care of you.
God will take care of you, through ev'ry day, o'er all the way.
He will take care of you; God will take care of you.
2. Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you.
When dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you.
God will take care of you, through ev'ry day, o'er all the way.
He will take care of you; God will take care of you.
3. All you may need He will provide; God will take care of you.
All strength you need will be supplies; God will take care of you.
God will take care of you, through ev'ry day, o'er all the way.
He will take care of you; God will take care of you.
4. No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you.
Lean, weary one, upon His breast; God will take care of you.
God will take care of you, through ev'ry day, o'er all the way.
He will take care of you; God will take care of you.

SPEAKER SCHEDULE

May 17 Keith Baker, Lay Speaker
May 24 Beverly Matthews Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor
May 31 Kris Shelton, Certified Lay Speaker
June 07 Beverly Matthews Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor
June 14 Kris Shelton, Certified Lay Speaker
June 21 Keith Baker, Lay Speaker
June 28 Beverly Matthews Certified Lay Minister, Supply Pastor

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation class will be first and fourth Sundays at 8:45 am for one hour in the pastor's office using the book Confirm which can be purchased online through Cokesbury. On May 24, 2026 the class will meet at 11:15am.

BOTTLED WATER COLLECTION

Please donate bottled water for Macon's May 30 fun day in the park; drop off in church kitchen.

LOVE PACKAGES MATERIAL

Bring used devotional materials by June 1 to be mailed to Love Packages for worldwide distribution. Bring devotionals to Christine.

