



Church of the Hills  
Presbyterian Church (USA)

Pentecost Sunday

“One in the Spirit”

Acts 2:1-21

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Pastor Richard Aylor

May 24, 2026

*We are a vibrant family of faith rooted in God's Word, gathering together to worship and equipped to share the love of Christ in the world.*

**Prelude**

Instrumental medley on mandolin

performed by Kyle O'Brien

**Welcome**

Pastor Richard Aylor

**\*\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty.

**People: Alleluia!**

Leader: Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Alleluia!**

Leader: Let your heart overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth.

**People: Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*Opening Hymn**

I'll Fly Away"

Some glad morning when this life is o'er,  
I'll fly away  
to a home on God's celestial shore.  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)

**(Refrain)**

**I'll fly away, oh glory,  
I'll fly away (in the morning)  
when I die, Hallelujah, by and by,  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).**

When the shadows of this life have gone,  
I'll fly away,  
like a bird from prison bars has flown,  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

**(Refrain)**

Just a few more weary days and then,  
I'll fly away,  
to a land where joy shall never end.  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

**(Refrain)**

**\*\*Invitation to Confession**

Carolyn Alexander

Leader: God has promised that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**People: Therefore, let us call upon the Lord, confessing our sins.**

**\*\*Prayer of Confession**

**God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet, we hoard earth's resources and refuse to share your gifts. We dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies. We disregard your compassion by severely judging the sins of others. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit renew our hearts and free us from sins that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation. Amen.**

**\*\* Declaration of Forgiveness and the Peace of Christ**

Leader: God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance.

**People: Accept God's grace, repent of your sin, and be restored to abundant life.**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And, also with you.**

Leader: Share the Peace of Christ with one another.

**Prayer for Illumination**

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

**All: Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us in the language of our hearts, that we may hear your Word with understanding and answer your call with confidence. Amen.**

**First Reading**

Acts 2:1-21

<sup>2</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> ‘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.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,

and they shall prophesy.  
<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

**Ministry of Music**

“Standing in the Need of Prayer”

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

**Sermon**

“One in the Spirit”

**(Refrain)**

**Just a closer walk with thee, grant it,  
Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee:  
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus,  
keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long  
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

**(Refrain)**

Through this world of toil and snares, if I  
falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares?  
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

**(Refrain)**

When my feeble life is o'er, time for  
me will be no more; guide me gently, safely  
o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.

**(Refrain)**

**Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our 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.**

**\*\*Closing Hymn**

“I Saw the Light”

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin  
I wouldn't let my dear savior in.  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night.  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

**(Refrain)**

**I saw the light, I saw the light.  
No more darkness, no more night.  
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight.  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.**

Just like a blind man, I wandered along  
worries and fears I claimed for my own.  
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight,  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

**(Refrain)**

I was a fool to wander astray.  
Straight is the gate and narrow the way.  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right.  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

**(Refrain)**

**\*\*Charge and Blessing**

Leader: And the people of God say

**People: Alleluia. Amen.**

**Postlude**

“This Train”

Instrumental

*Please join us for Fellowship Time in the Narthex immediately following the Worship Service. To all of our visitors, you are welcome to join us, and we look forward to getting to know you during this time.*



Congratulations to **Chase Albritton** who has been accepted to Montana State University! Please wish Chase well in his future studies as he begins this next stage of his life journey.



Also, Congratulations to **Siobhan Green**. Siobhan will be going to CU Boulder in fall of 2026. She is starting in the pre-business program in exploratory studies, which means she will be taking a variety of business classes and staying in a dedicated dorm on campus. She is very excited!

**For Pastoral Care:**

Please contact Pastor Richard at 303-828-8263

**A General Note regarding Financial Solicitations:**

Please remember that a church leader will never directly solicit you for funds or the transfer of funds. We will only ask for your support of the church through the traditional process of filling out pledge cards and fulfilling that pledge accordingly.

**Office Hours:**

The Church Office is open Tuesday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (aside from staff lunch hours). Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**Deadlines:**

**The deadline for all Church Communication Publications and notifications is Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.**

**Additionally, please provide advance notice for any special projects you may have, so that time can be accurately allocated, supplies ordered, and quality and fairness can be provided for all parties concerned.**

**Please be aware that any items received after the deadline will go into the following week's communication publications and job tasks.**

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\*Hymnals are indicated for those that may have them at home.

Blue - “The Presbyterian Hymnal”

Red - “Songs for Praise and Worship”

Purple - “Glory to God”

Yellow - “Hymns for the Family of God”

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