

**Lay Reading for Easter Sunday, May 28, 2023**

*Note to Lay Reader: Please ANNOUNCE the Opening Hymn with something like,  
“We invite you to stand in body or spirit as you are able as we sing  
Hymn #\_\_289\_\_ in your purple hymnal.” Thanks!*

**Welcoming the Community through Music and Announcements**

IPC Prelude

**Call to Worship** (responsive)

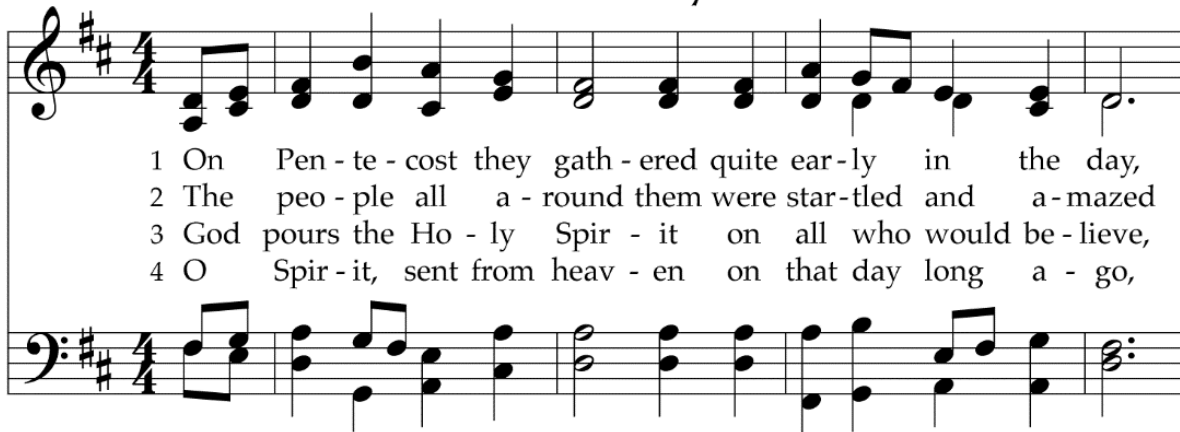
God of wind and fire, embolden us this day to receive your power.

**Come and fill us with your Spirit, we ask.**

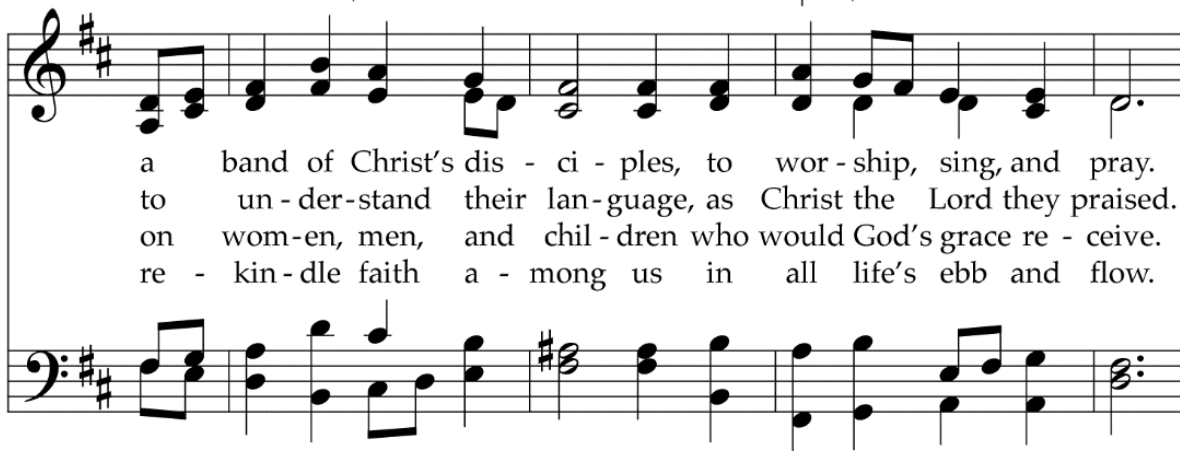
\* **Opening Hymn #289**

*“On Pentecost They Gathered”*

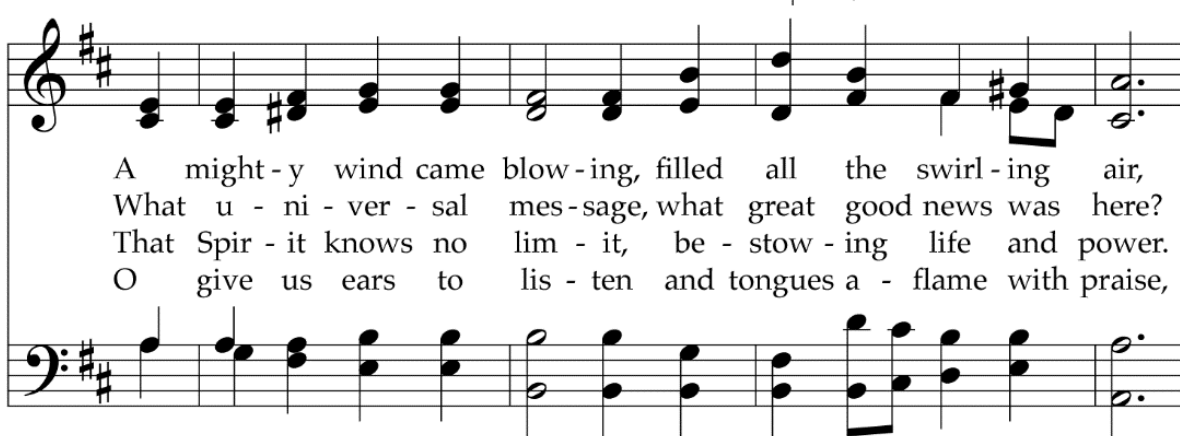
# 289 On Pentecost They Gathered



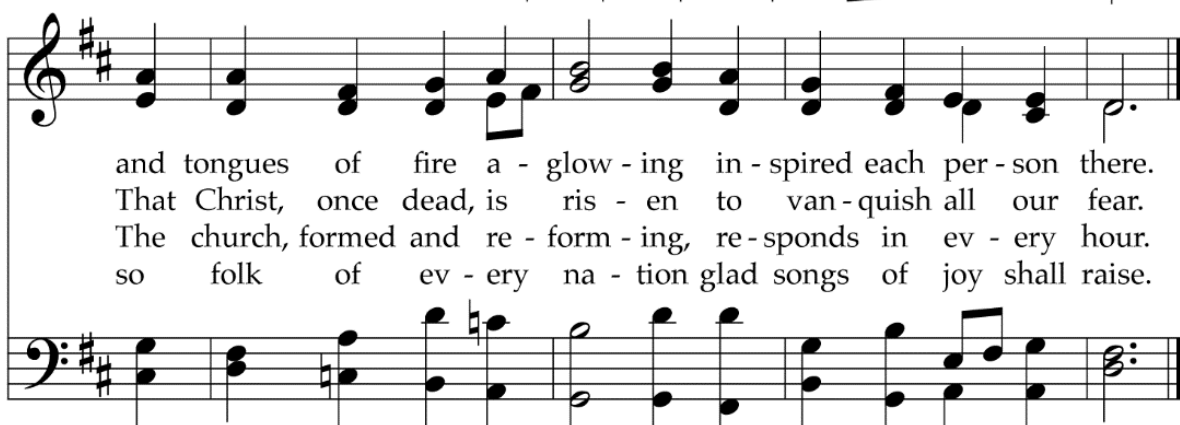
1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,  
2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed  
3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,  
4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,



a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.  
to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.  
on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.  
re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.



A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,  
What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?  
That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.  
O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,



and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.  
That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.  
The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.  
so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

## \* Silent Moment to Realign with God

*Let us pause for a moment as we seek the Spirit's direction to our lives.*

*<silent prayer>*

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

## IRONDEQUOIT PRESBYTERIAN

\*Gloria Patri – Hymn #581

\*Passing of the Peace (Please wave)

The healing spirit of Christ be with you. **And also you.**

Let us share a sign of Peace.

## Gospel Reading

Adapted from Acts 2:1-11 (GNT)

When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious people who had come from every country in the world. When they heard this noise, a large crowd gathered. They were all excited, because all of them heard the believers talking in their own languages. In amazement and wonder they exclaimed, "These people who are talking like this are Galileans! How is it, then, that all of us hear them speaking in our own native languages? We are from Parthia, Media, and Elam; from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia; from Pontus and Asia, from Phrygia and Pamphylia, from Egypt and the regions of Libya near Cyrene. Some of us are from Rome, both Jews and Gentiles converted to Judaism, and some of us are from Crete and Arabia—yet all of us hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things that God has done!"

Behold! the Spirit's Word for the people of God. **Praise be to God.**