# Penn West Conference Annual Meeting June 7, 2025 – Opening Worship

#### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit of God! Bring your mighty power into our lives.

People: Rush through our spirits, inspiring us to witness to the great love of God.

Leader: The Spirit of God burns bright flames in our hearts igniting us to live into the exciting ways the spirit is leading us in our lives and churches.

People: The Spirit is pouring out on us new visions, drawing us together in one conference, and strengthening us for courageous ministry.

Leader: Whether in a rushing wind or a gentle breath, the Holy Spirit welcomes you here, for we are all children of God, brought together by grace.

\*Hymn Come O Holy Spirit Come

#### \*Prayer of Confession

God, you who are always doing a new thing, we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, and against the winds of change. We are uncertain of the ways your spirit is moving. Open up our lives, and let your Spirit blow through. Amen.

#### \*Kyrie

#### \*Assurance of Grace

Pastor: The power of the holy spirit pours forgiveness out on us and ignites sparks of joy in our hearts and voices.

# People: We feel the rushing wind of the spirit pouring out grace on us in ways that draw us together.

Pastor: Through the spirit of mercy may we be guided in new directions for service and witness, Amen.

Hymn	Spirit of the Living God	
Scripture Reading	Acts 2	Dramatic
Sermon Ackerman		Rev. Dave
Anthem	Fill-a-Me-Up	Pepper Choplin
Offering		

## \*Prayer of Dedication

God, on this day of Pentecost, we celebrate the outpouring of your Spirit, which empowers and unites us. As we offer these gifts, may they be used to spread the fire of your love and to proclaim the good news of your love in new and amazing ways, amen.

# **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Pastor: Come to this table where bread and cup are transformed by the Spirit of God Into a meal of love and grace, a supper of visions and dreams, a table where everyone is welcome.

Pastor: God, on this day of Pentecost, we celebrate the breath of the Spirit coming upon the disciples. Pour out your Spirit to make the elements come alive for us. Awaken our sleepy hearts and stagnant souls. Stir us from our complacency and help us rise with courage. We celebrate visions. Animate the dreams that have only been alive in our minds. We remember our siblings in faith in decades and centuries past and all who will surround this table in the future. Each generation uniquely celebrates your presence, Spirit of Life, amen.

Pastor: Jesus gathered at the Passover Feast with his friends. During supper, he took a loaf of bread, and gave thanks for it. Then he broke it and passed it among them saying, "This is my body which is broken for you. Take, eat and remember me."

Pastor: After the meal, Jesus took a cup of wine and gave thanks for it. Then he passed it among them saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. Take, drink and remember me. We eat, drink and remember Jesus and his great love for us.

Pastor: Gracious God pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ that we may be his body of love in the world.

## **Sharing the Holy Meal**

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank You, Jesus, for this meal of remembrance and for coming to us, in the Spirit's power, as we have shared it. May the love we find at this table be reflected in our lives. May the power and spirit we received at this table continue to fills us and inspire us as we move forward this day and encourage us to transform our dreams into reality, amen.

\*Hymn All Are Welcome

\*Benediction

**Postlude** 

# Penn West Conference Annual Meeting June 7, 2025 Closing Worship

#### Installation

#### \*Pentecost Litany

Leader: God of rushing wind, coming from where it wants and going to where it wants,

# People: pour out your Spirit upon us.

Leader: God of miraculous speaking and hearing, amazing the faithful and riveting their attention to what is about to happen,

# People: pour out your Spirit upon us.

Leader: God of the young who see visions, of the old who dream dreams, of male prophets and female prophets,

#### People; pour out your Spirit upon us.

Leader: God of wonder, leading us towards doing a new thing,

# People: anoint us with your Spirit.

Leader: God of wind and fire and tongues, God of our past together as faithful people of your Penn West Conference.

# People: anoint us with your Spirit.

Leader: God of dancing flames, we see the bright future ahead of us, together, one Keystone Conference,

#### People: anoint us with your Spirit.

Leader: The Holy Spirit is poured out on us as we share in the ministry of Christ. We are anointed as God's faithful followers to live with strength and courage as we become part of the Keystone Conference, Amen.

\*Meditative Music Anointing Fall on Me Donn Thomas Anointing fall on me. Anointing fall on me. Let the power of the Holy Ghost, fall on me, anointing fall on me. (Sung congregation as people make a circle around the sanctuary with their glow stick)

\*Closing Song Every Time I Feel the Spirit Refrain: Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Verse 1: Upon the mountain when my God spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.

All around me, it looked so fine,
I asked my Lord if all was mine.

[Refrain]

Verse 2: Jordan River, chilly and cold, it chills the body, but not the soul.

There ain't but one train that's on this track, it runs to heaven and runs right back.

[Refrain]

#### \*Benediction