

## 10:00 am Traditional Worship

Assisted Listening Devices are available at the A/V booth.

### Gathering

- Chiming of the Trinity** Andrea Turner
- Welcome** Rev. Dr. Damion Quayle
- \* Prelude** Paula Scicluna
- \* Call to Worship**  
The Spirit of God is moving in this place!  
**We come ready to worship and rejoice together.**  
On the day of Pentecost, the crowds gathered in wonder and asked,  
“What does this mean?”  
**God was doing something new among them!**  
Wind rushed through the house. Fire danced above their heads.  
Ordinary people were filled with extraordinary power.  
“What does this mean?”  
It meant The Holy Spirit had come, moving and working among the  
people. And the Spirit is still moving today.  
**Opening hearts, building community, and bringing hope.**  
Come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, people of God, come.  
**Let us worship God together!**
- \* Opening Hymn** O Spirit of the Living God (vs 1, 2, 4) UMH, 539
- \* Opening Prayer** Rev. Laura Fine Ledford  
**Loving and life-giving God, thank you for bringing us together on this beautiful Memorial Day weekend. We pause with gratitude for those who gave of themselves in service to others. Thank you for the gift of worship, for the blessing of community, and for the opportunity to encounter your presence together. Just as the disciples were filled with wonder and amazement by your spirit, awaken us to the new things you are doing among us today. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

- \* Confession and Words of Assurance**  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Glory to God. Amen.**
- \* Passing of the Peace**  
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**  
*As a forgiven and reconciled people, we exchange peace with others in the congregation.*

### Proclamation

- Prayer for Illumination** Minnie Dukes  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:
- First Scripture Reading** 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
- Children’s Moment** Danny Peck  
*Nursery available (5 & under). Activity bags and sensory items are in the Narthex. Room 109 offers a calming space with a livestream; children must be accompanied by an adult.*

- Proclamation Song** Come Now Spirit Chancel Choir  
Annie Oriordan, flute
- Second Scripture Reading** Acts 2:1-21  
This is the Word of God for us, the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**
- Sermon “What Does This Mean?” Rev. Dr. Damion Quayle

### Response and Thanksgiving

- \* Responsive Hymn** Many Gifts, One Spirit (vs 1, 3) UMH, 114
- \* Affirmation of Faith** UMH, 881
- \* Gloria Patri** UMH, 71
- Prayers of the People**
- The Lord’s Prayer**

- Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings**  
*Please sign the Fellowship Pad, pass it down the row, and back again.*

### Offertory

- \* Doxology** UMH, 94
- \* Prayer**

### Sending Forth

- \* Closing Hymn** They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love TFWS, 2223
- \* Dismissal with Blessing**
- \* Postlude**  
*\* Please stand as you are able.*

#### “What Does This Mean?”

One of the most amazing parts of Pentecost is that people from different places, cultures, and languages all heard the message and began asking, “What does this mean?”

There could have been chaos. There could have been mass confusion. Instead, the Holy Spirit created connection, understanding, and community.

In a world full of noise, division, and people talking past one another, maybe one of the clearest signs of God’s Spirit is when people come together, listen together, understand together, and truly love one another well.

Maybe “What does this mean?” is more than a question of explanation. Maybe it is an invitation to pay attention to where God is building bridges, healing divisions, and drawing people closer to one another.

**Hold This Prayer:** Holy Spirit, when we struggle to understand one another, bring patience. When the world feels divided, bring peace. When we are quick to speak, teach us to listen. And wherever we go, help us reflect your love in ways people can hear and understand. Amen.



Carolina Rebuilding Team, Tom Cox, Lucy & Jim Mondo,  
Gail Campbell

### Visiting for the first time? We're glad you're here!

Please text "Welcome" to 919-689-4300, scan the QR code, or write your name and phone number in the attendance pad. We'd love to greet you by text and email. Stop by the Welcome Center to receive a gift and learn more about us!



### Upcoming News & Events

Sign up for events and learn more by visiting our website.



#### Let's Serve Together This Summer!

There's still time to join our Summer Mission Trip to Western N.C., July 12-18, for youth and adults! Serve communities in need, grow in faith together, and make a lasting impact through hands-on relief work. Interested? Join us for a mission trip meeting on May 31 at 4 pm before registration closes!

#### 5th Sunday Food Drive

Each fifth Sunday, Soapstone helps fill the shelves at North Raleigh Ministries. Your donations go directly to local families who are facing food insecurity. We invite you to bring non-perishable items on May 31st to the collection carts in the Narthex or the Norwood foyers.

*No canned veggies this time.*

#### Need Help with Your Craft Supplies?

The Craft Ministry is hosting a Craft Supply Swap on June 3 at 4 pm in Room 200! Bring craft supplies to share or find some new-to-you materials. Any leftover items will help start a craft supply library for SUMC or be donated to The Scrap Exchange.

#### Celebrate Preschool Spirit Night at Two Roosters Ice Cream!

Ms. Jess will be there from 4:15-6 pm on Wednesday, May 27, (7713 Lead Mine Rd) as we honor her dedication as Preschool Director. Mention "Soapstone Preschool" with your order between 2-9 pm, to support the preschool!



#### Soapstone Preschool is hiring teachers for the 2026-27 school year!

Join our award-winning team for meaningful work with children in a fun, supportive environment (part-time, Mon-Fri, 8:30 am-1 pm). Email Jessica Slessman at [jslessman@soapstoneumc.org](mailto:jslessman@soapstoneumc.org).

#### Looking Ahead at Future Dates

- 6/7: Senior Sunday, 11 am
- 6/7: VBS Decorating & Praise Team Practice Starts, 5 pm
- 6/9: TLC at Milton's, 11:30 am
- 6/11: Women's Dinner Out at Rudinos, 6 pm
- 6/20: Uniquely Fun Outing, Water Games, 1-3 pm
- 6/21: Farewell Gathering for Danny Peck
- 7/5: One 10 am Worship Service (*no Sunday School*)

### Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

*Zoom & Microsoft Teams links can be found at [soapstoneumc.org/calendar](http://soapstoneumc.org/calendar)*

#### Sunday, May 24

10:00 am Worship Service

#### Monday, May 25, Church Office Closed

6:30 pm Boy Scouts, at the Chapel

#### Tuesday, May 26

9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group, 114

9:30 am MOMCo Bible Study, 108/110

1:15 pm Pilates, 200

7:30 pm Social Justice Team, online

#### Wednesday, May 27

9:45 am Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study Brunch, 200

10:00 am Staff Development, offsite

5:30 pm Technology Team, 111

7:00 pm MOMCo Night Out, Gonza (*Lead Mine Rd*)

#### Thursday, May 28

9:45 am Pilates, 200

1:15 pm MOMCo Playdate, SUMC Playground

7:30 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary

#### Friday, May 29, No Church Events

#### Saturday, May 30

2:00 pm Eagle Scout Ceremony, 200



### May 24, 2026

We're so glad you've joined us today. Whether you come from a place of peace and wholeness or from the fringe with a heart of despair and confusion, know that you are loved and accepted by God and his son Jesus Christ.

#### Pastors and Directors serving today:

Lead Pastor: Rev. Laura Fine Ledford, [lfinedford@soapstoneumc.org](mailto:lfinedford@soapstoneumc.org)  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye, [dquaye@soapstoneumc.org](mailto:dquaye@soapstoneumc.org)  
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