



Worship resources: Serving in the Spirit



for the 2026 Pentecost Offering of the Church of the Brethren

Call to worship

Today we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit that was poured out at Pentecost. We celebrate how the early church was empowered to serve their community in word and deed, and that we have been given the same mission today. We also recognize the ministry of the Church of the Brethren, through our congregation, our district, and the work of denominational staff, that helps us grow as courageous disciples.

Opening prayer

Holy Spirit of God,
We acknowledge your presence with us. You are active in our church, our community, and our world—in ways we know and in ways yet to be discovered. We celebrate the love and comfort you give to us and to all people. Guide us as we live into the teaching and pathway of Jesus, in whose name we pray, Amen.

Offering invitation

The Pentecost Offering highlights how we serve through the power of the Holy Spirit as we call and equip fearless disciples and leaders, renew and plant churches, and transform communities. Through this opportunity, we focus on the work of Discipleship and Leadership Formation that offers trainings for ministers and leaders, video and online resources for congregations, and events for people of all ages to build community and grow in faith. Let us give, celebrating how the Holy Spirit leads us to serve in the Church of the Brethren and in all the world.

Prayer of dedication

Loving God,
We give thanks for the gift of your Spirit that leads us into loving service. We offer our time, our talents, and our resources to care for the needs of others. We share these gifts to continue your work in the larger church and in all the world. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Benediction

United with Christ and with one another, may the love of God burn in our hearts and on our lips as we go and serve in the Spirit.