

## TOO MUCH LOVE TO HOLD

Years ago our family stopped at Shell Falls, Wyoming on a trip west. Set within the Bighorn National Forest, the falls drop 120 feet through 3-billion-year-old granite rock, gushing 3,600 gallons per second! It's a noisy and impressive place.

Those falls were the first thing to come to mind when I read today's scripture. Here in Acts, on a day when the Spirit of God gushed out in an amazing way, Peter quoted a much older prophecy from Joel 2:28-32.

See, he seems to say, this is what God said would happen. Both men and women, regardless of age, will be positively drenched with the presence and power of my Spirit. It's too much to hold. God cannot contain his love, but by its very nature it is shared with all those who call on God's name.

The birth of the church unleashed the pent-up intentions of God toward us. In this new thing that God began in Jerusalem, we were to be washed clean and also washed away—to the ends of the earth—in order for the love of God to be shared with the world.

### BENEDICTION

God of abundance, pour out your Spirit on us once again.

Send us power for the daily challenges of life.

Send us your presence for every moment—from birth to death.

Wash us, fill us, and send us on our way in service for you.

—Linda Lefever Alley, spiritual director  
Bridgewater Church of the Brethren  
Bridgewater, Virginia

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### Text for Today (Pentecost)

Acts 2:1-21 (17)

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem . . . this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: '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. . . .'"

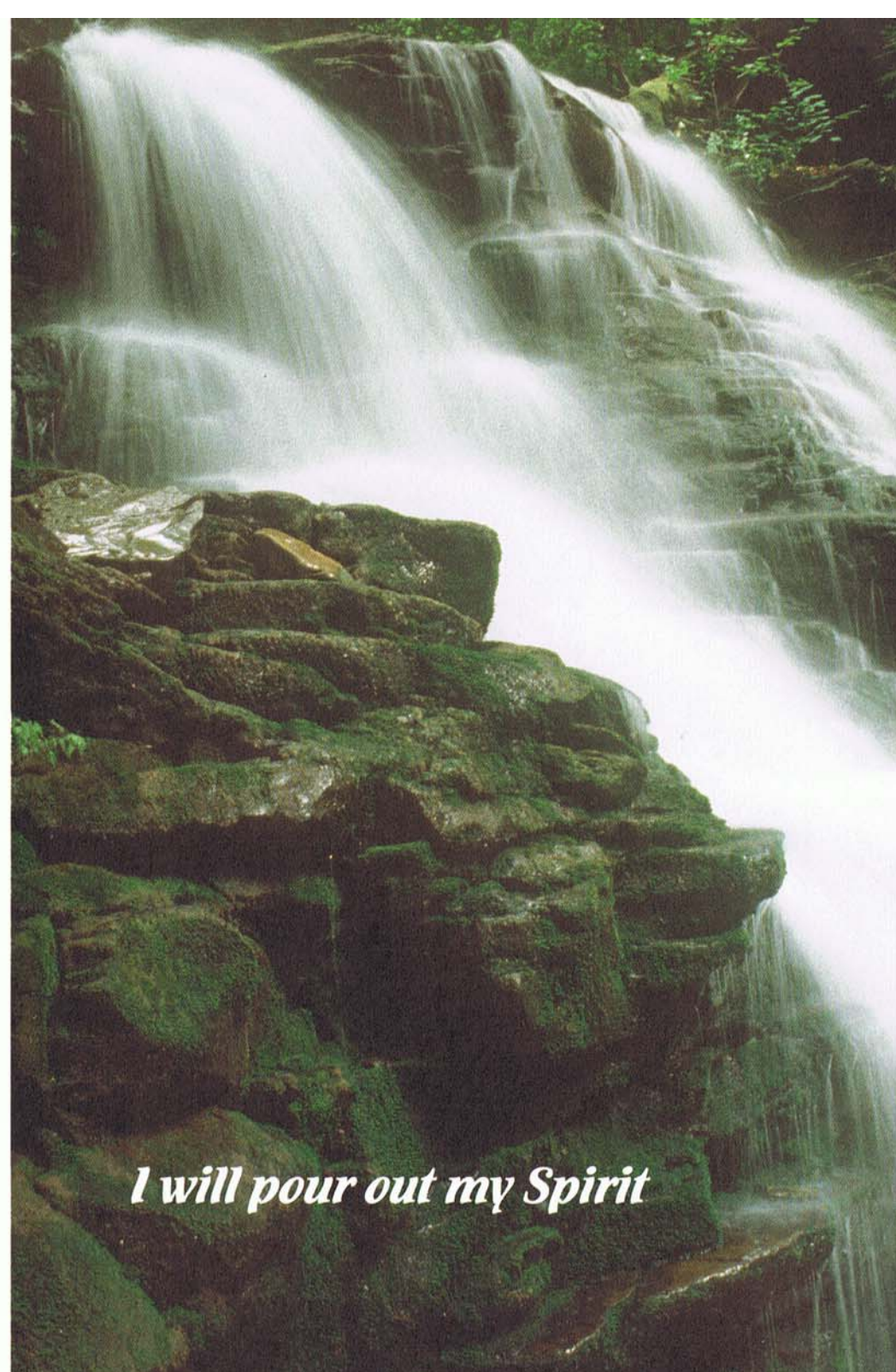


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*I will pour out my Spirit*



Sheldon Church of the Brethren  
 Ministers - All Members  
 May 31, 2009  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
 9:30 a.m. Worship



**NOTE:** The blue hymnal will be used today, unless otherwise noted.

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL DAYS

PRELUDE / LIGHT CANDLES

\*CALL TO WORSHIP #855 (in unison)

\* GATHERING HYMN #598 *A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus*

\*INVOCATION

PRAISE HYMN #648 *Morning Has Broken*

MUSIC MINISTRY *Little Breken*

CHILDREN'S TIME (Gathering Song: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*)  
*"Gideon's Battle"*

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY #119 (blue hymnal)

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN #545 *Be Thou My Vision*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pray For: Marshalltown, IA Iowa River Church  
 Praying For Us: Kingsley, IA Church

SCRIPTURE I Corinthians 15:58; Philippians 2:1-11

MESSAGE "Give Fully Of Yourself"

PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE WORD

\*CLOSING HYMN #307 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

\*BENEDICTION (see back of bulletin)

\*THREEFOLD AMEN #382 (blue hymnal)

\* - Please Stand, if you are able

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, May 31:**

Message	Rev. David Loveall
Children's Message	Rev. David Loveall
Music	Teri Kelderman
Music Ministry	Gary Wegter and Teri Kelderman
Ushers	Alan Cox and Scott Maggert
Adult Sunday School	Linda Adams
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, June 7:**

Message	Rev. David Loveall
Children's Message	Marcene Cox
Music	Marcene Cox
Ushers	Alan Cox and Scott Maggert
Adult Sunday School	Not held June-Sept. 6
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

**PRAYER REMINDERS**

Our Congregation & Children	Pete Aberson (hip)
Living Peace Church, Sioux City	Patsy Wray (pulmonary fibrosis)
UCI - Jean-Jean & Kristie	Harriet Rolston (broken hip)
Lost Brothers and Sisters	Yvonne Røhlfsen (cancer)
Those Serving in the Military	Linda Beal (cancer)
Mary Fike (cancer)	Ann Evans (cancer)

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES



Haitian Ministry directed by Rev.  
Jean-Jean & Kristie Mompremier.  
[www.unitedchristiansinternational.org](http://www.unitedchristiansinternational.org)

## 2009 CHURCH OFFICERS

### **Moderator**

Linda Adams

### **Deacons**

Clarence & Rhelma Evans  
Linda Adams & Jo Rolston

### **Clerk**

Jo Rolston

### **Treasurer**

Sandi Cox

### **Adult Sunday School Teachers**

Linda Adams  
Donna Brinkman  
Alan Cox  
Marcene Cox  
Scott Maggert  
Sally Young

### **Children's Message**

Marcene Cox

### **Children's Sunday School**

Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

### **Church Facility Trustee**

Scott Maggert

### **Church Sign**

Alan Cox

### **Custodial Care**

Members take monthly turns

### **Farm Trustee**

Ross Cox

### **Fellowship Time**

Clarence & Rhelma Evans

### **Lawn Care**

Jared Cox  
Jed Cox  
Ross Cox

### **Messenger Agent**

Donna Brinkman

### **Ministerial Committee**

Marcene Cox  
Ross Cox  
Rhelma Evans  
Jo Rolston

## OUR CHURCH

Worship Service . . . . .9:30am  
Christian Education (Sept.-May) .10:50 am

Communion  
1st Sunday of Each Month

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### **Nominating Committee**

Linda Adams  
Ann Maggert

### **Outreach & Evangelism**

Alan Cox  
Marcene Cox  
Sally Young

### **Parsonage Committee**

Ann Maggert

### **Pianists**

Donna Brinkman  
Marcene Cox  
Jill Dykstra  
Teri Kelderman  
Lynn Rolfsmeier

### **Special Music**

Marcene Cox

### **Sunday School Superintendent**

Jo Rolston

### **Ushers**

Alan Cox  
Scott Maggert

## Birthdays for June

### *Anniversaries*

02 - Don & Joyce Adkins - 59th Anniv.

Many happy returns of the day of thy birth. May sunshine and gladness be given and may the Dear Father prepare thee on earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven.

## Church Events

### **Welcome!**

Welcome to Rev. David Loveall this morning.

Welcome to all visitors and guests. May you receive God's blessing from today's service. Enter to receive the Light; Depart to let it shine!

### **Adult Sunday School**

In Adult Sunday School we are using the *Serindipity Bible For Groups* with a Bible study format. Our topic this week is "Finding God" from I Kings 19:1-18. We welcome your attendance and participation!

### **Passing the Bucket**

**June 7** - We will share in a Vespers service with the Living Peace Church in Sioux City at 5 p.m. A salad potluck supper will follow. Make plans to attend.

### **A Move**

Jeannette Grove moved to Fieldcrest in Sheldon on May 23. She will enjoy company!

## Community

**June 6** - The 4th annual Run, Walk & Roll at Village Northwest Unlimited will begin at 8 am. There will be a 5K and 10K run, and a mile walk/roll event. Pre-register by calling Judy at (712)324-5416 or online at [www.allsportcentral.com](http://www.allsportcentral.com) You may also choose to raise sponsorship from family and friends. Together we can make a difference!

## Guest Speakers

June 7 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)

June 14 - Rev. Lucinda Douglas

June 21 - Rev. Bob Wittstruck

June 28 - Don Adkins

July 5 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)

July 12 -

July 19 -

July 26 -

Aug. 2 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)

Aug. 9 -

Aug. 16 -

Aug. 23 -