



*The First Congregational Church
of the United Church of Christ
Stockbridge, Massachusetts*

PENTECOST

May 28, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

For those worshipping at home: you are invited to text the names of those attending to 413-644-6435 that we might welcome you. Please also include prayers of joys and concerns as we will name them in worship.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

Hui-Mei Lin

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

WELCOME

Pastor Brent Damrow

PRELUDE

Come, Creator Spirit, arr. by George Lachenauer

Hui-Mei Lin

FRAMING WORDS

Pastor Brent

READING

Acts 2:1-3

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*CALL TO WORSHIP Written by AnnMarie Kneebone

One: Come, sing a new song of worship.

All: Come, sing a new song of praise.

One: Today is a day of a promise fulfilled.

All: With joy we celebrate Pentecost.

One: Pentecost – a day when power and comfort flowed.

All: Pentecost – a day of hope and inspiration.

One: A day when the Holy Spirit was revealed in flaming glory

All: and the glory was given to the people.

One: The fire of the Holy Spirit lives on in us. Sing praises!

All: We sing praises, indeed!

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

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Janie Alford, 1979

Thomas John Williams, 1890

1. Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us, Come with Pen - te -
 2. We would raise our al - le - lu - ias For the grace of
 3. Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; Give us words of

cos - tal power; Give the church a strong - er vi - sion,
 yes - ter - years; For to - mor - row's un - known path - way,
 fire and flame. Help our fee - ble lips to praise You,

Help us face each cru - cial hour. Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion,
 Hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers. In the church's pil - grim jour - ney
 Glo - ri - fy Your ho - ly name. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it,

Je - sus Christ, the Cor - ner - stone, Still the church is
 You have led us all the way, Still in pres - ence
 Three in one: what mys - ter - y! We would sing our

called to mis - sion That God's love shall be made known.
 move be - fore us, Fire by night and cloud by day.
 loud ho - san - nas Now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Brent

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN *Spirit*

The Lord's Prayer

Our God, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Children are invited to take part in Sunday School classes.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:4-11

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SERMON

The Spirit in Action

Pastor Brent

*HYMN

Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth

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OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

CALL TO THE OFFERING (prayer slips may also be placed in the offering plate)

OFFERTORY

This Little Light of Mine, arr. by James Pethel Hui-Mei Lin

*DOXOLOGY

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;

Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

One God, Triune, whom we adore.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

***UNISON BLESSING OF THE GIFTS** from the Worshipping Well blog
Bountiful God,
we come with our offerings in response to your love.
With the new life in Christ,
we give ourselves in service to others.
With the energy bestowed by the Spirit,
we seek to inflame all your people with a zeal for your way.
Receive the work we do, and the gifts we bring,
that they may become a blessing in your sight.

BRINGING OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Brent

PRAYER RESPONSE

Breathe on Me, Breath of God (Hatch/Jackson)

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

READING

Acts 2:14-14-21

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REFLECTION

Responding to the Spirit

*HYMN

Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

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*BENEDICTION / INVITATIONS

Pastor Brent

POSTLUDE

Ev'ry Time I feel the Spirit, arr. by James Pethel

Welcome! We are an Open and Affirming Church which means that we invite persons of every sexual orientation, gender identification and expression, racial and cultural identity, age, physical ability, economic circumstance, faith background and family structure to share fully in the ministry, leadership and fellowship of this congregation's life in Christ.

The Rev. Brent Damrow, Pastor

Peter Frost, Minister of Music

Will Garrison, Administrator

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Will Curtiss and Will Pohl, Livestream Technicians

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Reading: Acts 2:1-21

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

Peter Addresses the Crowd

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, 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.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth

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Attr. Elkanah Kelsay Dare

John W. Arthur, 1972; alt.

As in Pilsbury's *United States Harmony*, 1799

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 3/2. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Spir - it of God, un - leashed on earth With
2. You came in power, the church was born; O
3. With burn - ing words of vic - tory won In -

rush of wind and roar of flame! With tongues of fire saints
Ho - ly Spir - it, come a - gain! From liv - ing wa - ters
spire our hearts grown cold with fear, Re - vive in us bap -

spread good news; Earth, kin - dling, blazed its loud ac - claim.
raise new saints, Let new tongues hail the ris - en Lord.
tis - mal grace, And fan our smol - dering lives to flame.

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Music notes ~ Peter Frost

James Pethel (b. 1936), the arranger of our offertory and postlude, is a widely known composer and arranger. He has over 1300 works in publication with over 30 different publishing houses. His works include music for choir, piano, organ/piano duet, symphonic band, jazz ensemble, orchestra, handbells, solo instrument and piano, and various chamber music ensembles.

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Thomas H. Troeger, 1983

Joseph Parry, 1879

1. Wind who makes all winds that blow— Gusts that bend the sap-lings low,
2. Fire who fuels all fires that burn— Suns a-round which plan-ets turn,
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, Wind and Flame, Move with - in our mor-tal frame.

Gales that heave the sea in waves, Stir - rings in the mind's deep caves—
Bea - cons mark - ing reefs and shoals, Shin - ing truth to guide our souls—
Make our hearts an al - tar pyre, Kin - dle them with Your own fire.

Aim Your breath with stead - y power On Your church this day, this hour.
Come to us as once You came: Burst in tongues of sa - cred flame!
Breathe and blow up - on that blaze Till our lives, our deeds and ways,

Raise, re - new the life we've lost, Spir - it God of Pen - te - cost.
Light and Pow - er, Might and Strength, Fill Your church, its breadth and length.
Speak that tongue which ev - ery land By Your grace shall un - der - stand.

This tune in a lower key, 20

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“Strengthen The Church”

UCC Annual Offering

Pentecost Sunday

The “Strengthen the Church” United Church of Christ annual offering is traditionally taken on Pentecost Sunday. For the past few years, in place of taking up a special offering during the worship service on Pentecost, our congregation has instead put part of our annual pledge money into the Mission & Action Board’s operating budget, and we have given \$500 from that budget to this offering each year. Mission & Action wanted to remind you about this important ministry that your pledge dollars are helping to support.

This offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Our support of this offering helps the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, this offering supports leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By participating in this offering, we are helping to build up the Body of Christ.

