

The First Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ Stockbridge, Massachusetts Pentecost Sunday / Sunday School Celebration May 31, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to worship – please check-in by texting the name(s) of those attending to 617-513-0185. You may also send along your prayer requests either for joy or concern.

PRELUDE Hymns of the Spirit & Meditation: On Pentecost They Gathered

arr. Charles Callahan and Anthony Giamanco Ron Hanft, organ

FRAMING WORDS Rev. Brent Damrow

INTROIT Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song, Carl P. Daw, Jr. vss. 1 – 2

John Demler, soloist

Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight,

Like the vigor of the wind's rush,

Like the new flame's eager might: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the Vine,

To the church in faith assembled,

To our midst as gift and sign: come, Holy Spirit, come.

## **GATHERING IN WORSHIP**

GATHERING PRAYER Written by Martin Brown

Josh Hall

Come Spirit like rain, refresh, renew, revitalize.

Come Spirit like fire, embolden, enlighten, enable.

Come Spirit like a mighty wind, move, challenge, enkindle.

Come Spirit like wave, move, tear down, lift up.

Come Spirit, come Breath, draw us close, make song, bring intimacy.

Come Spirit, come Love, make one, make justice, make peace.

Come Spirit, come Kingdom, come Love.

WELCOME Rev. Damrow

PASSING OF THE PEACE

On Pentecost They Gathered Jane Parker Huber, 1981; rev. 1993 Acts 2:1-24, 32-47 Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly 1 On in the day, a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed 2 The peo - ple all 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve, 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go, band of Christ's dis - ci - ples wor - ship, sing, and pray. a un - der-stand their lan - guage, as God in Christ they praised. to chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive. wom-en, men, and on life's ebb and flow. kin-dle faith mong us in all re might-y wind came blow - ing, filled all swirl - ing air, un - i - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here? What be - stow-ing life and **That** Spir - it knows no lim - it, power. and tongues a -0 give us hearts to lis - ten flame with praise, and tongues of fire a glow - ing in - spired each per - son there. van - quish all fear. That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to The church, formed and re form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour. folk na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise. SO ev - ery

Jane Parker Huber explained that she wrote this text in 1981 "to fill a gap in current hymnody," in that "many of the hymns concerning the activity of the Holy Spirit do not mention Pentecost."

Tune: MUNICH 7.6.7.6.D. Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693 Harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

# THE GIFT OF THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN Mighty Wind

SUNDAY SCHOOL SHARING

SONG On Pentecost they Gathered, verse 3 (see prior page)

SCRIPTURE READING Joel 2:28-29

Josh Hall

Then afterwards

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;

your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

your old men shall dream dreams,

and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves,

in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

REFLECTION Virus and Voice Rev. Damrow

SUNDAY SCHOOL SHARING

HYMN On Pentecost they Gathered, verse 4 (see prior page)

### OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

PRAYING TOGETHER

**BRINGING OUR PRAYERS** 

Rev. Damrow

PRAYER RESPONSE Spirit of the Living God, by D. Iverson John Demler, soloist

Spirit of the living god, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afress on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Sprit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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.

#### CALL TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Damrow

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Spirit Song, words/music J. Wimber alt.

John Demler

Oh, Let the Son of God enfold you with His spirit and His love,

Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

Oh, let Him have the things that hold you,

And His Spirit like a dove, will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Spirit, Holy Spirit, come and fill our souls.

Spirit, Holy Spirit, come and fill our souls.

Oh, come and sing this song with gladness, as your hearts are filled with joy, Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.

Oh, give Him all your tears and sadness,

Give Him all your years of pain, and you'll enter into life in Jesus name.

Spirit, Holy Spirit, come and fill our souls.

Spirit, Holy Spirit, come and fill our souls.

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.

BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

## GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

INVITATIONS Rev. Damrow

SENDING PRAYER Written by Anna on her website *Grace* 

Josh Hall

## **Soft Eyes Blessing**

"And all the believers met together constantly, and shared everything they had...." Acts 2:44

may the god who is community be with us as we seek to be a community

may god bless our dreams and may god shatter our dreams

may god help us to be real and to find depth in weakness and brokenness

may god help us to face and grow through conflict rather than pretend by being nice

may we look at each other through soft eyes and truly respect each other as human beings

may god help us let go of control and the need to fix one another

may god help us discover we are needy in our own souls and give attention to our own hearts

may god grant us the gift of an extraordinary love that flows from the heart of god that covers a multitude of wrongs

BENEDICTION Rev. Damrow

HYMN

Let Every Christian Pray (see next page)

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POSTLUDE Allegro Maestoso from Water Music by G. F. Handel, arr: Arthur Wildman

Ron Hanft, organ

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Noted contemporary British hymnwriter Fred Pratt Green retired from the parish ministry in 1969 and only then commenced his prolific output of hymn texts, which can be found in every major hymnal publication of the late twentieth century.

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI 6.6.6.6.6.6. Joseph Barnby, 1868

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