



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

PENTECOST

June 8, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Children start in worship. There will be an optional activity for kids after Time with Children. Nursery care is available during worship. **Today prayer requests can be shared verbally during worship. Alternatively, you may give a prayer slip to a Deacon or place it in the offering plate.**

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

Edwin Lawrence, organ

Little Partita for Pentecost (*Veni Creator Spiritus*), by James Woodman

I Moderate chant tempo

II Flowing gently

III Perfectly tranquil; suspended

FRAMING WORDS / WELCOME

Rev. Brent Damrow

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

*THE STORY

Acts 2:1-4

Liza Catino

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.

*HYMN

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

pew hymnal #129

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Don and Marius Eaton

One: The Spirit is here among us

All: within us, around us, between us.

One: The Spirit is here to strengthen us

All: bringing courage, bringing conviction.

One: The Spirit is here to move us,

All: making us sing and praise.

One: The Spirit is here.

All: May we feel the Spirit as we gather.

One: May we be fed by her fiery strength.

All: May we be emboldened by her powerful wind.

One: We gather in the Spirit's arms to be nurtured as we worship.

All: And may our worship fill us with the Spirit for the living of these days.

TIME WITH CHILDREN *Theater!*

ACTION!

Based on Acts 2:5-41

pew Bible p. 90-91 (NT)

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS

BRINGING OUR PRAYERS

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:42-47

pew Bible p. 91 (NT)

REFLECTION

Action!

Pastor Brent

*HYMN

Let Every Christian Pray

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OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION Strengthen the Church

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Prelude on *Down Ampney* (Ralph Vaughan Williams),
Wilbur Held Edwin Lawrence

*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.**

*BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

INVITATIONS

*HYMN *Holy Spirit Ever Dwelling* See page 4

*BENEDICTION Pastor Brent

POSTLUDE *Jig Fugue*, by Buxtehude Sean Lewis, organ

Thank you to all who helped with today's service—it really does take all of us! Please make sure to come to Fellowship Hour to help welcome Sean Lewis and his family to our church family.

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.

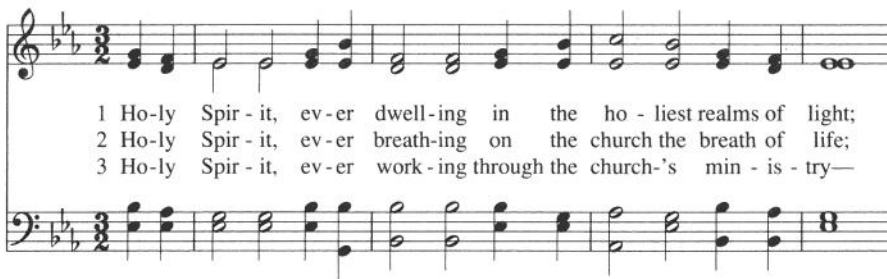
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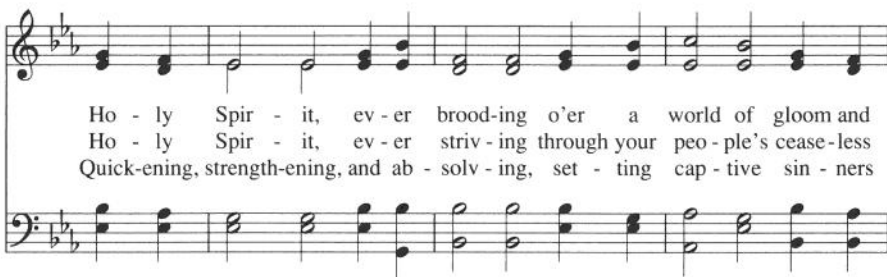
Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

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Timothy Rees, 1922; alt.



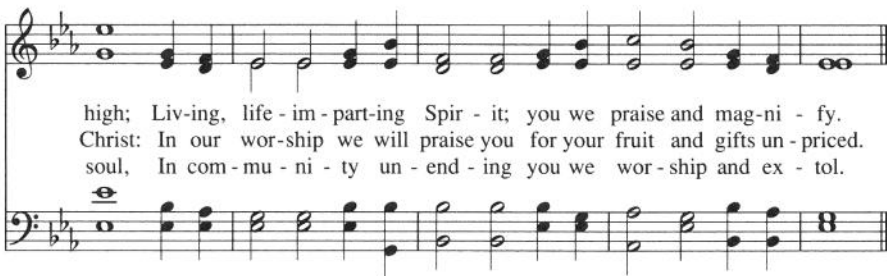
1 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing in the ho - liest realms of light;
 2 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er breath - ing on the church the breath of life;
 3 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing through the church - 's min - is - try—



Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing o'er a world of gloom and
 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through your peo - ple's cease - less
 Quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners



blight; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er rais - ing earth - bound souls to glo - ry
 strife; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er form - ing in the church the mind of
 free; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er bind - ing age to age and soul to



high; Liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it; you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
 Christ: In our wor - ship we will praise you for your fruit and gifts un - priced.
 soul, In com - mu - ni - ty un - end - ing you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Timothy Rees, Welsh curate, lecturer, chaplain, and winner of the Military Cross in World War I, was appointed Bishop of Llandaff in 1931. These words were written for the Anglican Community of Mirfield, Yorkshire, of which he was a member.

Tune: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.
 John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813

The New Century Hymnal (1995)