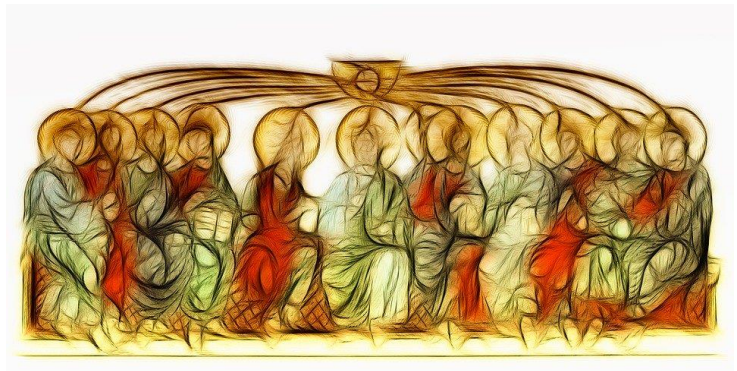


*The Congregational
Church of Salisbury*
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**31 May 2020 • 10:00AM
Pentecost Sunday**



WELCOME!

Welcome to the Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC! While we refrain from meeting in person during the COVID-19 crisis, we continue to share in worship together, virtually. This bulletin will guide you through the process of joining us in worship.

HOW WE WILL WORSHIP TOGETHER

Today's service will be held over Zoom, which is videoconferencing technology available free of charge online. Zoom allows us to see one another throughout the service. To prevent background noise, you will be put on 'mute' for the majority of the service. Even when we can't hear you, you are invited and encouraged to speak your part in the responsive readings, sing boldly, and participate fully.

PREPARE FOR OUR ONLINE WORSHIP

1. Visit zoom.us/download to find the Zoom app for desktop, laptop, or smartphone
2. For desktop computer users, make sure your webcam is plugged in
3. To practice, join a test meeting: visit zoom.us/test and click "join."

If you are not able to use a smartphone or computer, you can also call in via any regular phone (see next page).

JOIN WORSHIP ONLINE

Link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/954580657>

Or join Worship by Phone:

Call (646) 876-9923. When prompted, enter this meeting ID: 954 580 657

Notice of Livestream on YouTube

Please note that our Zoom Worship Service will be livestreamed simultaneously on YouTube, so we can welcome as many people as possible into our worship together. If you are uncomfortable with the possibility of your name or face appearing online, you can turn off your camera or watch the service on our YouTube channel:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCBLRqeZ9Gxj7828rN9sp7og/

REFLECTING AS WE GATHER

“If you want to speak to God, tell it to the wind.”

African Proverb, Ghana

“A great wind is blowing, and that gives you either imagination or a headache.”

Catherine the Great, 18th century

“Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that,
because what the world needs is people who have come alive.”

Howard Thurman, 20th century

WE GATHER AS THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

INTROIT

“Simple Gifts”

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
'Til by turning, turning we come 'round right.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Acts 2:1-4; 16-18)

“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.”

“... 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.’”

OPENING RESPONSES

ONE: The Day of Pentecost is here:

ALL: the day when the flames of faith dance in our hearts.

The Day of Pentecost is here:

**the day when our babbling speech
becomes the Good News for the world.**

The Day of Pentecost is here:
**the day when compassion
is seared into our souls.**

The Day of Pentecost is here:
let the people of God rejoice. Alleluia!

HYMN #291

**“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”
Verse I**

SPIRIT

Refrain

Spi - rit, Spi - rit of gen - tle - ness,
blow through the wil - der - ness, cal - ling and free.
Spi - rit, Spi - rit of rest - less - ness, stir me from pla - cid - ness,
wind, wind on the sea.
You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep, then you
coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep,
and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing: A-
- wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.

Fine

to Refrain

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CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We yearn for change, but hold close the comfort of what we have. We long for new life,
but let the Holy Spirit blow past without following. We could open our arms to others, but

that would mean releasing our fears. Let us pray for the Spirit to come and dance among us as we unburden ourselves together, saying:

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Your Spirit moves over the waters, Gracious God, but we prefer to splash in the puddles of temptation. You would breathe life into us in every moment, but we hold our breath, wanting to get our way. You would give us the words to bring hope to the despairing, to offer healing to the broken, and to share hope in the places of anger and violence, but we often stay silent, or use words that lack compassion.

In your mercy, forgive us, God of gusty grace!

May your Spirit sing in our hearts, so we may invite others to dance in joy with us. May your Spirit be the still, small voice that silences the shouts of fear and worry all around us. May your Spirit sweep us off our feet and into the arms of Jesus Christ, our Brother, our Savior, our Companion. Amen.

(We pray in silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In every breath we take, there is the Spirit;
in every word we speak, there is the Spirit;
in every heart we touch, there is the Spirit;
in every person we welcome, there is the Spirit.

In forgiveness, we are given the words to speak; the courage to reach out to others; the open heart to offer others, the breath of life to share with those around us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

RESPONSE IN SONG #291

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

SPIRIT

Verse 4

Refrain

Spi - rit, Spi - rit of gen - tle - ness,
blow through the wil - der - ness, cal - ling and free.
Spi - rit, Spi - rit of rest - less - ness, stir me from pla - cid - ness,
wind, wind on the sea.

Fine

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and the word 'Fine' written above the final note.

You call from to-mor-row, you break an-cient schemes, from the
 bon - dage of sor - row the cap - tives dream dreams,
 our wo-men see vi-sions, our men clear their eyes, with
 bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

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WE PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL IN WORD

A THOUGHT FOR YOUNG MINDS

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debt*s)

RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

ONE: O Holy One, how many and how varied are Your works!
 In wisdom You have made them all;

ALL: The earth is full of Your creatures.

There is the sea, vast and spacious,

With its creatures beyond number,
 Living things both small and great.

There go the ships,

And the sea monster that You formed to frolic there.

These all look to You to give them their food when it is due;
 When You give to them, they gather it up;

When You open Your hand,

They are filled with good things.

When You hide Your face,
 They are terrified;

When You take away their breath,

They die and return to their dust.

When You send forth Your breath, they are created;
 And You renew the face of the earth.

May the splendor of the Most High endure forever;

May the Almighty rejoice in the works of creation.

God is the one who looks on the earth and it trembles,
Who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Creator as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to the Eternal One,

As I rejoice in my God.

Honor the Holy One, O my soul. Hallelujah!

ANCIENT TESTIMONY:

Numbers 11:24-30

SERMON

“Get Lit”

John A. Nelson

WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND FAITH

PASTORAL PRAYER | SILENT PRAYER

OFFERTORY

ONE: The church exists because the Holy Spirit blew and burned into the hearts of people ready to respond. The same Spirit that transformed the lives of our ancestors is gusting and sparking still. We open ourselves by giving from the heart, knowing that God will use all — our tithes and offerings, our hearts and minds, our bodies and spirits and limitations and passions — to build the beloved community.

**ALL: Let us gather our gifts with grateful praise,
and offer them to God’s purposes.**

RECEIVING OUR OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

✘ **DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit ever more;
One God of grace, whom we adore! Amen.**

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✘ **UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God, we recall your Spirit poured out long ago, and we remember your Spirit poured into us today. May your generosity inspire ours; may your longing for shalom fire ours; may your dream of one human family become ours! We bless all that we give to that holy purpose: Amen.

HYMN #289

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

MUNICH

1. On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
4. O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

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BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN (Hymnal, #600)

POSTLUDE

