



"Pentecost," Titian



**PENTECOST SUNDAY AND STRENGTHEN THE
CHURCH SUNDAY**
A Service of the Word

May 23, 2021 ✦ 10:00 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesized. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day, the day of Christ's resurrection

Prelude — "Hymn versets on VENI CREATOR" by DeGrigny

Dr. Patricia Snyder

Welcome

Greeting

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

Introit — "Pentecost Hymn" from *Peer Gynt Suite* by Edvard Grieg

Adult Choir

O beautiful morn when we gather in prayer,
Our silent hearts waiting God's word,
A rushing of wind comes, a new breath of air,
Our dreams now a vision stirred.

O beautiful morn when the rushing of wind sweeps
Upon us from heaven's gate.
The Spirit of God is a gift e'er renewing
For those who believe and wait.

O beautiful morn when the angels are singing
With tongues of God's flaming pow'r.
From earth unto heaven our hearts now are ringing
The coming of God's own hour.

Invocation

One: Spirit of the Living God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to share your gospel, through the risen Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Call to Worship

One: Here we gather for song and scripture, seeking comfort and hope, seeking to be inspired as well as challenged.

***Many:* Here we gather to retell the ancient tales and wonder how God’s story continues to unfold.**

One: Today we tell the story of Pentecost, the story of the Holy Spirit rushing in like a wild wind and dancing like flames upon each of the disciples,

***Many:* And we ask ourselves where we see the Holy Spirit present our world today.**

One: Today we tell a story of the Holy Spirit igniting hope again. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of the Spirit with the world.

***Many:* And we will ask ourselves if we are ready to share our own stories of Christ’s love.**

One: Friends, welcome. Welcome to this place with all questions, doubts, wonders, and find here an invitation to experience something ancient and something new. May we be open to the Spirit.

May we be open to learning and learning from one another.

May we grow in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

Hymn — “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

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WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Refrain — “Spirit of the Living God”

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Scripture — Acts 2:17a

“In the days to come- it is our God who speaks- I will pour out my Spirit on all humankind.”

Sermon

The Rev. Darrell Goodwin, Executive Conference Minister, SNEUCC

The refrain (“Spirit of the Living God” – music above) is repeated.

RESPONSE

We begin our lives of responding to the gospel in prayer and offering

Strengthen the Church Offering and Blessing of Gifts

The Rev. Ryan Gackenheimer & Debby Kirk

Strengthen the Church Offering, one of the 5 for 5 UCC offerings, is received on Pentecost Sunday. Your gifts will support Outdoor Ministries, Faith Formation Programs, and the new SNEUCC Center for

Transformation.

Please give generously by clicking on the “Give now” button on our SCC website, storrscngchurch.org. Thank you!

Responding with our Gifts

During the offertory music, while reflecting on the gifts we have to offer, those participating via Zoom are welcome to submit prayer petitions—joys and concerns—via the “Chat” feature in Zoom. These petitions will be collected together and transmitted to Pastor Debbie for inclusion during the time for prayers of the people. To protect privacy, surnames will not be used.

OFFERTORY MUSIC — “Fill-a Me Up!” by Choplin

Adult Choir

Rich Cowles, Elaine Chague & Cathy Jeffers, soloists

Percussion: Claire Galvin, Wade Johnson, Cheryl Roy, Leo Henderson

Refrain: Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit, fill-a me up to the top-a my soul.

Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit, fill-a me up now and take control.

Solo: So many things try to fill me up, so many things try to weigh me down.

Fill-a my heart now until you stay and chase the other things away. *Refrain*

Solo: Now my heart is an open door, here your spirit is welcome, Lord.

Fill-a my heart now and let it grow and change my life so all will know.

Refrain: Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit, fill-a me up to the top-a my soul.

Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit, fill-a me up now and take control.

The Prayers of the People, ending with The Lord’s Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Audrey Price, Executive Minister for Strategic Operations; the following members of the SNEUCC staff & churches: Rev. Terry Yasuko Ogawa, NawfalMabrouk, Carlos Aoun, Al-céu & David Carrier, Yolanda Montano, Rev. Amo Ngoepe, Rachel Mitchell, Rev. Dr. Michael Ciba

Many: Our Father, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and glory forever. Amen.

For the Lord’s Prayer, we invite you to use the language most comfortable for you: “Our Father/ Mother/ Creator/ Holy One...”

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us forth in mission for the world

News from our Life Together

Hymn — “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

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Benediction

The Rev. Darrell Goodwin

Postlude — “French Suite #5 - Gavotte” by Bach

Dr. Patricia Snyder

Following the postlude, the Zoom Meeting will remain open for those who wish to connect and chat—a bring-your-own-coffee “coffee hour”! We look forward to connecting with you!

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1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in three parts, with the first part starting at the beginning of the first system and the second part starting at the beginning of the second system. The third part starts at the beginning of the third system. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings. There are also three-measure rests indicated by a '3' over a bracketed space.

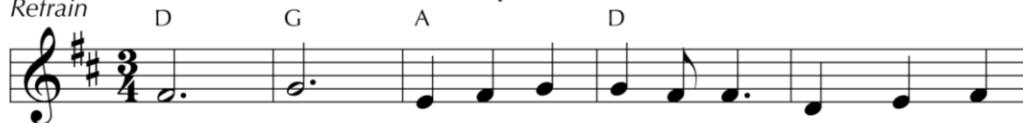
Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to
 all the way; still in pres - ence move be -
 mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
 fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
 san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

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Spirit

Refrain



Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the



wil - der - ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,



spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id - ness,



wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
- 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
- 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient



deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill; then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

E A D G

val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -
 law and a land. When they were con - found -
 whole world was still. And down in the cit -
 cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -

A G D

ons you called to each thing, "A -
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you
 y, you called once a - gain when you
 sions; our men clear their eyes. With

Bm G

wake from your slum - bers and
 spoke through your proph - ets to
 blew through your peo - ple on the
 bold new de - ci - sions your

A D G/A D A to Refrain

rise on your wings."
 o - pen their eyes.
 rush of the wind.
 peo - ple a - rise.

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