



Pentecost

Sunday, May 31, 2020

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Purpose Statement

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Welcome

Thank you for joining us this morning. Please let us know you are here by commenting in the chat.

Welcome Children. We invite children to full participation in worship.

Bell Rung During Lord’s Prayer. A tradition begun when farmers working in surrounding fields would stop their work and join in prayer.

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Anniversaries

6/3 DWYER, John & Dottie (47)

6/5 TALLYN, Kent & Diane (22)

Birthdays

5/31 SHELTON, Karla

5/31 GROVE, Jo

6/1 DOMBEK, Claire

6/2 BUMGARNER, Carmen

6/2 SPERRY, Abby

6/3 WATSON, Jenna

6/5 BRUEGGEMANN, Paige

6/5 DISCHINGER, Doug

Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020 | 9:55am

Meditation *As swimmers dare to lie face to the sky and water bears them, as hawks rest upon air and air sustains them; so would I learn to attain freefall, and float into Creator Spirit's deep embrace, knowing no effort earns that all-surrounding grace.* ~Denise Levertov

Announcements Let us know you are here!

Pentecost Welcome

Peggy Mohl, Mike Mohl, Ouseynou Diakite, Cindy Wessel,
Iris Cameron, Eduard de Vries, Sarah Machado, Laurent de Vries,
Evelyn Buretta, Stephanie Polster

Sharing God's Spirit

Prelude *Three Gymnopedies, #1*—Eric Satie
Joe Hess, piano

Lighting the Candles & Ringing the Bell

Welcome Song *Spirit of the Living God*
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me!
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.

Scripture Acts 2:1-18a (NRSV – New Revised Standard Version)

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.”

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.

Call to Worship

One:	Come, O Spirit, Come.
Many:	O Spirit, come with your sound like the sound of a mighty rushing wind—quick rushing.
One:	Come from heaven and stir our hearts.
Many:	Touch each disciple/apostle—each of us and all of us together.
One:	Come, O Spirit, with your leaping flames and tongues of fire.
Many:	Come inspire all our thoughts and ways.
One:	Come fill our church—making strong our mission to be more faithful and effective.
Many:	Bring your Spirit to help us with our vision of limitless love, courageous action and spirited inquiry.
One:	We want to make room for one another in this sacred space and in the world. We want to understand one another and work together across all of our differences.
Many:	You teach us and lead us in this adventure of unity as you live the relationship of three in one...
All:	Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.

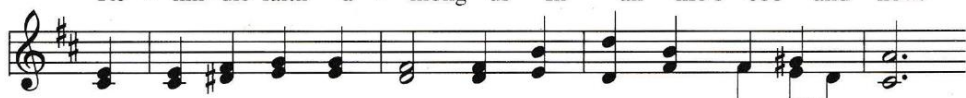
Song #128—On Pentecost They Gathered (red hymnal)



1. On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered Quite ear - ly in the day,
2. The peo - ple all a - round them Were star - tled and a - mazed
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,



A band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, To wor - ship, sing, and pray.
To un - der - stand their lan - guage, As Christ the Lord they praised.
On wom - en, men, and chil - dren Who would God's grace re - ceive.
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,
What un - i - ver - sal mes - sage, What great good news was here?
That Spir - it knows no lim - it, Be - stow - ing life and power.
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.
That Christ, once dead, is ris - en To van - quish all our fear.
The church, formed and re - form - ing, Re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
So folk of ev - ery na - tion Glad songs of joy shall raise.

Opening Prayer Bryan Jeffrey Leach

O holy Dove of God descending, You are the love that knows no ending. All of our shattered dreams You're mending. Spirit now live in me. O holy Wind of God now blowing, You are the seed that God is sowing. You are the life that starts us growing. Spirit now live in me. O holy Rain of God now falling, You make the Word of God enthralling. You are that inner voice now calling. Spirit now live in me. O holy Flame of God now burning, You are the power of Christ returning. You are the answer to our yearning. Spirit now live in me.

Amen.

Response *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*



1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Un - til my
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I



life a - new, That I may love what Thou dost
heart is pure, Un - til with Thee I will Thy
whol - ly Thine, Till all this earth - ly part of
nev - er die, But live with Thee the per - fect



love, And do what Thou wouldst do.
will, To do and to en - dure.
me Glows with Thy fire di - vine.
life Of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Children's Time *Children and Youth are invited to Zoom classrooms.*

Blessing the Children *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*



Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my



heart I will love. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the



Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will love.

Scripture *John 14:15-17, 25-27 (CEB – Common English Bible)*

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. I will ask God, and God will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can't receive —

because it neither sees this Spirit nor recognizes it. You know this Spirit, because it lives with you and will be with you.

“I have spoken these things to you while I am with you. The Companion, the Holy Spirit, whom God will send in my name, will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I told you.

“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don’t be troubled or afraid.”

Moment of Silence

Reflections

Mike Rogers

Kathleen Tarr

Kevin Cameron

Song *Spirit of Gentleness*

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 gift - 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

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

ons You called to each thing, "A -
ed With their i - dols and lies, Then You
y You called once a - gain eyes. When You
sions, Our men clear their eyes. With

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

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

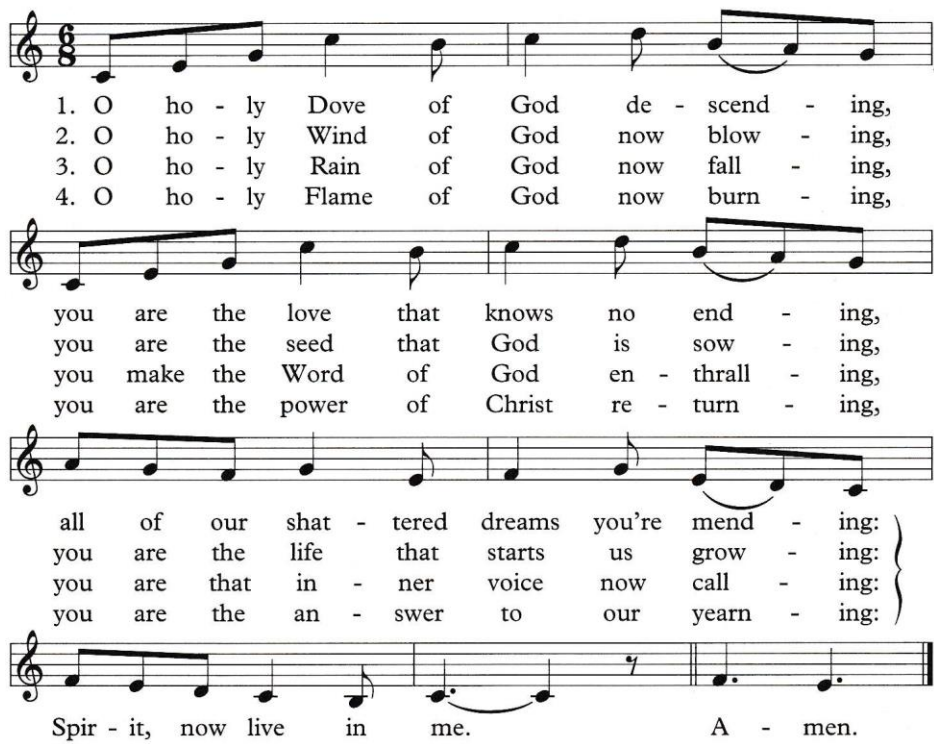
Lord's Prayer

Our [Creator/Mother/Father/Holy One] **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 the glory forever. Amen.**

[A variety of names for God are welcome here – including in the Lord's Prayer.]

Offering Our Gifts to God

Anthem Spirit, Now Live in Me



1. O ho - ly Dove of God de - scend - ing,
2. O ho - ly Wind of God now blow - ing,
3. O ho - ly Rain of God now fall - ing,
4. O ho - ly Flame of God now burn - ing,

you are the love that knows no end - ing,
you are the seed that God is sow - ing,
you make the Word of God en - thrall - ing,
you are the power of Christ re - turn - ing,

all of our shat - tered dreams you're mend - ing:
you are the life that starts us grow - ing:
you are that in - ner voice now call - ing:
you are the an - swer to our yearn - ing:

Spir - it, now live in me. A - men.

Response Make Me A Channel of Your Peace, v1-2



1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where

there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. _____ Where
there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. _____ Where

there is in - ju - ry, your par-don, Lord, _____ and
there is dark - ness, _____ on - ly light, _____ and

where there's doubt, true faith in you. _____
where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy. _____

Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, we give our time, talents and treasure as a way to show our commitment to Your ways of descending, not ending, mending, blowing, sowing, growing, rain falling, enthralling, calling, burning, returning, yearning. Help us to live in the Spirit with generosity, grace and gratitude each day. Amen.

Parting Song *Open My Eyes That I May See*



1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see Glimps - es of truth Thou hast for me;
2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear Voic - es of truth Thou send - est clear;
3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear Glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where;



Place in my hands the won - der - ful key That shall un - clasp and set me free.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, Ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear.
O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare Love with Thy chil - dren thus to share.

Refrain



Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy will to see;



eyes,
O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
heart,

Benediction

Choral Response *Spirit of God* (see next page)

God's Light Goes Forth

Music for Going Forth *How Great Though Art*

John Hess, organ

What languages did they speak in the *Pentecost Welcome*?

1. Peggy and Mike Mohl;
2. Ousseyoun Diakite;
3. Cindy Wessel;
4. Iris Cameron;
5. Eduard de Vries;
6. Sarah Machado;
7. Ousseyoun Diakite;
8. Eduard and Laurent de Vries;
9. Evelyn Buretta;
10. Sarah Machado;
11. Stephanie Polster

Choral Response *Spirit of God*



1. Spir - it of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life
2. Spir - it of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace
3. Spir - it of God, bright Hands, e - ven in far -
4. Spir - it of God, bright Flame, send us in your ho -
5. Spir - it of God in all, we glad - ly hear



be - gin, blow as you al - ways do; cre -
 and love, heal - ing up - on your wings for
 off lands you hold all the hu - man race in
 ly name, the pow - er to heal, to share your
 your call, the life in our hands that sings, the



ate us a - new. _____ Give us the breath
 all liv - ing things. _____ For when we live
 one warm em - brace. _____ No mat - ter where
 love ev - ery - where. _____ We can - not fail
 power of your wings. _____ Born of your grace



to sing, lift - ed on soar - ing wing,)
 your peace, cap - tives will find re - lease,)
 we go, you hold us to - geth - er so,)
 or fall, or know de - feat at all,)
 we rise, love shin - ing in our eyes,)



held in your hands, _____ borne on your wings. —



Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia!



Come, Spir - it, come! _____ come! _____

Announcements

Give-A-Meal --- Anytime this Summer!

Please consider making a financial contribution and/or sharing non-perishable food items with Isaiah 58 or Circle of Concern. They are doing critically important work these days. Monetary support can be sent to them directly. Food can be dropped there (note their restricted hours) or here on the table just inside the main doors.

Learn more about these ministries:

<https://i58ministries.org/>

<http://www.circleofconcern.org/>

Fellowship Time Next Sunday - June 7

A chance to hang out together after worship. An idea from a UCC congregation in Martha's Vineyard, we will put a PUCC twist on it. Bring a cup of coffee, tea or lemonade and visit with us!



MAD Camp Goes to the Circus ONLINE

Monday, July 27-Thursday, July 31

Join us online for a fun-filled week as we put together a video circus! We will get together online daily on Zoom to sing songs, learn tricks, play games, listen to stories, and share our amazing talents and creations in a giant circus!

It's an exciting week of learning, playing, and using the gifts God has given us! Ages 3 through entering 5th grade (Hey-6th graders and up: We need YOU to be circus leaders!)

Cost: FREE (donations are appreciated; all funds raised will go to Every Child's Hope children's home)

Register online:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCTLKm8mxIxxvjXsI57U1YUenR2xxt-nbjyc8qEGTabydBHA/viewform>

Questions? Email us at madcamp@parkwayucc.org

St Louis Metro Area Crop Walk 2020

Sunday, October 25

Please visit www.crofhungerwalk.org/saintlouismo for all details. We hope to be walking in person as a group, but it may be a virtual walk. When you go to the website, enter the name of our walk, Parkway UCC and it will take you to our donation page. The need for food is HUGE this year, both locally and internationally, so we are accepting donations now so the monies can be distributed immediately. Thanks for all you do, Parkway. Your Crop Walk Team, Sue Moellering, Gerry and Mike Rogers, and Pamela Manning.

Prayer List

as of Wednesday, May 27

Celebrations

All the acts of kindness that are happening near and far!

Rosanna & Kevin Hogarty, first-time grandparents as they welcome *Audrey Ronayne Hogarty* born Saturday in Seattle; 7'2" and 20" long.

Nick – just graduated from Camp Hope (PTSD Foundation of America).

Melissa and Kwame - engaged to be married (niece of Donna Carey).

Concerns

Ellie Larson - fractured bone in her leg from a fall... wearing a brace.

Carol Wilbois and family - as they grieve and give thanks for Ron.*

Georgia Herpel - receiving hospice care at the end of life at *Cedarhurst*

Rosanna and Kevin Hogarty - as her mother lives with Covid-19.

Nathaniel, son of Wendy Olk - died at a health facility in CO (Svenson).

Sonny R - for healing and wholeness (Donna Carey).

Healthcare workers, homeless and many others at risk right now.

Social Distancing... if anyone needs groceries, medicine and/or other support, please reach out to kevin@parkwayucc.org; 314-330-0629

People who are struggling with their mental health.

People who aren't feeling safe at home but are remaining there.

Individuals in all levels of leadership as they make decisions today.

Deadly violence in the maternity clinic in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Continuing

Cherie Stolze - ongoing health issues; navigating medications/fatigue.

Randal Barnes - receiving hospice care (Steve's brother).

Rod and Linda - his bone cancer treatments and broken bones; her grief over her father who died from COVID-19 (Tarr).

Lori Connors - for strength, stamina through some health challenges.

Ruth Peace & Pinky Wilcoxon - PUCC sisters with health challenges.

Bill Darland - ongoing health issues.

Sister Mary Kay McKenzie - for health/wholeness (Tom's sister).

Ken and Rose - as they await nursing home placement for him (Peace).

Nelson Spencer - chemotherapy treatments (Svenson).

Chuck Miller and family - as he lives with cancer (William Tharp).

Alan Nichols - treatments for multiple myeloma; less pain (Pleis).

Tina - undergoing tests for cancer; crafting a treatment plan (Scharf).

Anthony - multiple challenges as he lives his post-incarceration life.

Martha - receiving treatment for leukemia (sister of Mary Lynn Dario).

Gary - risky behaviors; seeking balance and stability (McKenzie).

Grateful Tran - in prison; struggles w/schizophrenia (Evelyn Buretta)

Bob - still struggling with Parkinson's (McKenzie).

Christopher, Gail & Bill Haack - chronic health challenges.

The extended Eggebrecht Family - healing and wholeness.

The United Methodist Church and our LGBTQIA siblings there.

Pregnancy

Laura & Phil Waite... pending big brothers Henry, Oscar and Felix.

Home/Care Facility/Rehab Center

Millicent Guerri - living with cancer... 14300 Conway Meadows Ct E, Chesterfield, MO 63017 [birthdate: December 5]

Georgia Herpel - *Cedarhurst*: 12826 Daylight Cir, St. Louis, MO 63131

Marv Herpel - *Brookdale West County*; 785 Henry Ave, #217;

Ballwin, MO 63021; 636-227-5838 [birthdate: March 3]

Ruth Murray - *Villages of St Peters Memory Care*:

5300 Executive Centre Pkwy, #107; St. Peters, MO 63376; 636-477-6955. [birthdate: September 11] Best times to visit – before 11am or after 2pm.

Pearl Sellenriek - *Friendship Village Care Center*; #725-2

15201 Olive Blvd, Chesterfield, MO 63017 [birthdate: March 31]

Dwight Smith - *Manor Grove*; 711 S Kirkwood Rd; Kirkwood, MO 63122; 314-965-0864 [birthdate: September 6]

Ellen Surber - *Delmar Gardens*: 14855 N Outer 40 Road, #508;

Chesterfield, MO 63017 (Lisa Davidson's mom) [birthdate: November 3]

Sue Houser - *Bethany Ctr for Rehab & Healing*; 421 Ocala Dr - #209B; Nashville, TN 37211; 615-577-2049. [birthdate: July 8]

Other

Dan Connors - completed writing a novel... taking next steps.

President Trump, Congress, all local, national, world leaders.

The “me too” Movement - shining a light on sexual abuse.

Healing of relationships between police and the public.

All people who live with mental illness.

PUCC Family (and others) struggling with healthcare costs and limits.

Our Missouri Mid-South Conference and St Louis Assn UCC

Variety of Parkway members/friends - employment issues.

Victims of Natural and Created Disasters around the world.

Peace and Justice near and far.... **US Military** around the globe.

St Louis Assn UCC Covenant Partner

Week ending May 31 - **UP** (*Unleashing Potential*)... formerly Neighborhood Houses ... upstl.org

Week ending June 7 - **Immanuel UCC**, Ferguson; immanuelucc.church

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Pentecost Welcome:

1. English, German, Norwegian; 2. French; 3. Tagalog; 4. Spanish;
5. German; 6. Italian; 7. Bambara; 8. Dutch; 9. Vietnamese; 10. Portuguese;
11. German... several people speaking German as a way to honor our German Heritage at PUCC.

May 31, 2020

Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost Sunday *Strengthen the Church Offering*

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4*

You might have heard someone joke, “King James English was good enough for Jesus and it’s good enough for me.” Today we tell the story about the first day this small ragtag group of followers of Jesus became a church, the church we still are today.

It’s our story. Do you notice that this is not a story about everyone suddenly speaking the same language? It’s a story about everyone speaking, all of them, all at once, the languages of each other. This is not a story about understanding each other. It’s a story about understanding that each of us speak to God in our own way, and God speaks to us each in our own way.

You might have had such a Pentecost moment. It happens whenever you sit down to a meal with a youngster whose music you don’t understand, but who you love just the same. It happens when you sit with a loved one, whose words have been lost to disease, but you love just the same. It happens when you pay attention to the voices of “the other side” in a political debate.

These are scary times. And in scary times, it’s tempting to circle the wagons, protect ourselves, all try to do the same thing at the same time in the same way. But maybe the story of Pentecost, which is both the past of the church and the future of the church, rests in listening, just to listen, not to understand. Maybe we are not meant to understand one another, really. Maybe we are here to walk together in the same direction, knowing that God is still speaking in God’s inviting, loving, challenging language to each of us, in the words that each of us, individually, can understand.

That we don’t all speak the same language doesn’t make us less of a community, it makes us more of one. Whether you came to this place today speaking the language of health or of illness, the language of joy or of sorrow, the language of despair or hope, the language of raking the grass or giving out warm hugs, let your prayer this Pentecost day be that your community be a place where all those languages are spoken and all are heard, even if all are not understood by all.

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