

# ONE in the *Spirit*





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## Limitless Love | Courageous Action | Spirited Inquiry

### Purpose Statement

Parkway United Church of Christ strives to be an inclusive community embracing: spiritual nourishment, open—minded inquiry, courageous action, and interfaith partnerships to fulfill God's calling to create a just world for all.

### Congregational Statement

Parkway United Church of Christ, with God's grace, seeks to be a congregation that includes all persons, regardless of race, ethnic, or socio—economic background while respecting differences of gender, marital status, age, sexual orientation, and mental and physical ability. We aspire to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. We invite all to share in the life and leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities and blessings of participation in our open and affirming congregation.

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# Welcome to Parkway

**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

5/24 BARNES, Andrea & Steven (35)

5/24 KRAUSE, Ashley & Matthew (6)

## Birthdays

5/23 MASTERSON, Jamie

5/29 MCKENZIE, Thomas

# Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021 | 10:00am

## Meditations

*O Great Chief, light a candle within my heart that I may see what is therein and sweep the rubbish from your dwelling place. ~Prayer of an African Girl*

*Gracious God, oil the hinges of our heart's doors that they may swing gently and easily to welcome your coming. ~New Guinea*

**Welcome** Let us know you are here!

## Passing the Peace of Christ

“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

(We are intentional about bringing more peace into the world.)

## Prelude

## Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell

**Welcome Song** *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song, v1-2*



1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, Like the chal - lenge of her
2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, To the branch - es of the
3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, With the cease - less voice of



flight, Like the vig - or of the wind's rush, Like the  
Vine, To the church in faith as - sem - bled, To her  
prayer, With the power to love and wit - ness, With the



new flame's ea - ger might:  
midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
peace be - yond com - pare:

**Scripture** Galatians 3:27-28

For you are all children of God in the Spirit. There is no Jew or Greek. There is no slave or free. There is no male and female—for you are all one in the Spirit.

## Call to Worship

One:	In a world sometimes fainting and breathless
May:	Divine Wind blows.

One:	In a world sometimes cold and dark
<b>Many:</b>	<b>Spirit's Flame glows.</b>
One:	In a world sometimes dry and thirsty
<b>Many:</b>	<b>Living Water flows.</b>
One:	Spirit has always been here,
<b>Many:</b>	<b>and we open our awareness to perceive her and receive her.</b>
One:	Spirit is here! We give thanks and celebrate!
<b>All:</b>	<b>Let us worship our God together—Creator, Christ and Spirit.</b>

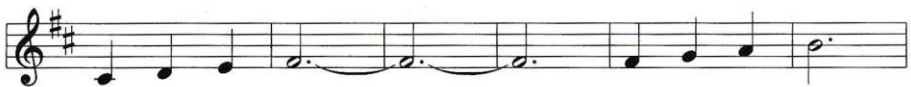
## **Song** *Spirit of God*



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



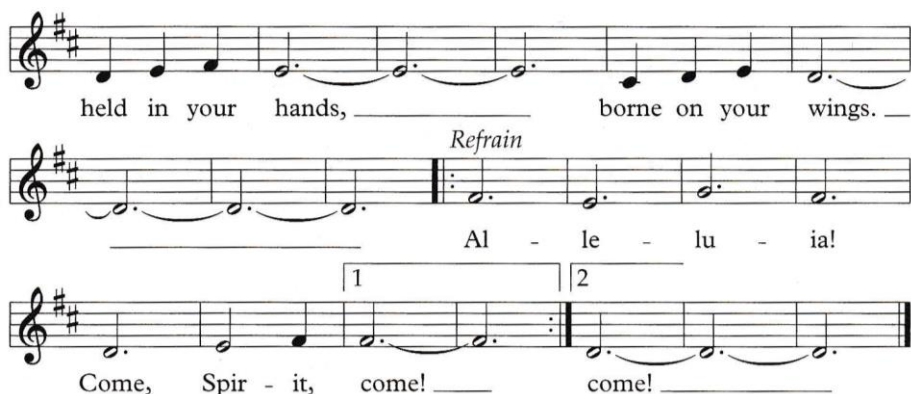
be - gin, blow as you al - ways do; cre -  
 and love, heal - ing up - on your wings for  
 off lands you hold all the hu - man race in  
 ly name, the pow - er to heal, to share your  
 your call, the life in our hands that sings, the



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, }



## Opening Prayer World Council of Churches 1983

**Eternal God, whose image lies in the hearts of all people, we live among peoples whose ways are different from ours, whose faiths are foreign to us, whose tongues are unintelligible to us.**

**Help us to remember that you love all people with your great love, that all religion is an attempt to respond to you, that the yearnings of other hearts are much like our own and are known to you.**

**Help us to recognize you in the words of truth, the things of beauty, the actions of love about us.**

**We pray through Christ, who is a stranger to no one land more than another, and to every land no less than to another. Amen.**

## Response *Spirit of the Living God*

**Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me (x2)**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me!**

**Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.**

## Children's Time Children and Youth are invited to separate Zoom classrooms immediately following this Children's Time.

## Blessing the Children *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*





## Celebration Scripture Psalm 150 (New Revised Standard Version)

Praise the Lord! Praise God in this sanctuary; praise God in the mighty firmament! Praise God for mighty deeds; praise God according to surpassing greatness! Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp! Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise with strings and pipe! Praise God with clanging cymbals; praise with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

## Pentecost Scripture Acts 2:1-12 (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?"

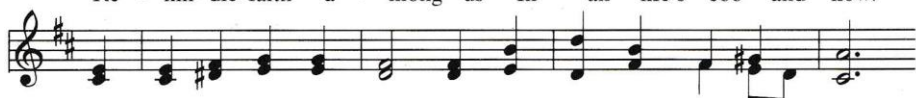
## Response On Pentecost They Gathered



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.

## Sermon

### Unison Call to Prayer

**Come and fill all my life. Each and every tender place: Holy Breath, move through me. Come and fill all my life. Pouring gently, rushing strong: Holy Breath, move through me. Amen.**

## Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

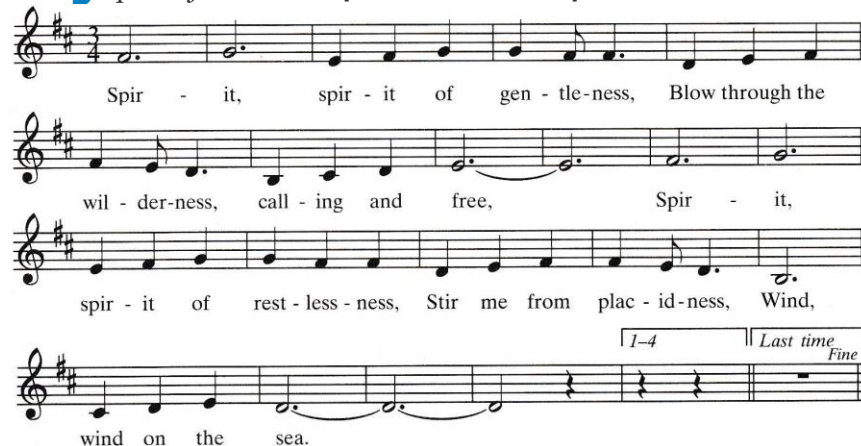
**Lord's Prayer** from *The New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book*

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo  
through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the  
peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created  
beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our  
hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb  
from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and testing,  
strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the  
grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and  
forever. Amen.**

**Song** *Spirit of Gentleness* [refrain, v1-4, refrain]





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,  
 sand,  
 hill,  
 schemes,  
 Then You coaxed up the moun - tains From the  
 And You gift - ed your peo - ple With a  
 Then You whis - pered in si - lence When the  
 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 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  
*D.C. al Fine*

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

## Offering Our Gifts to God

## Offering Interlude

## Response *We Are One in the Spirit, v1*

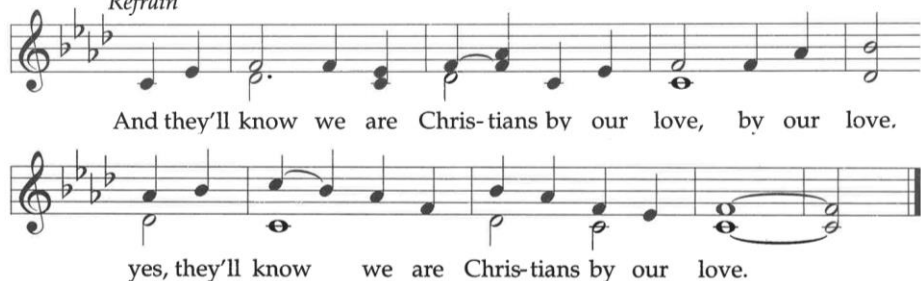
1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,  
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
 we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
 we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,  
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 and we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride:  
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

*Refrain*



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love.

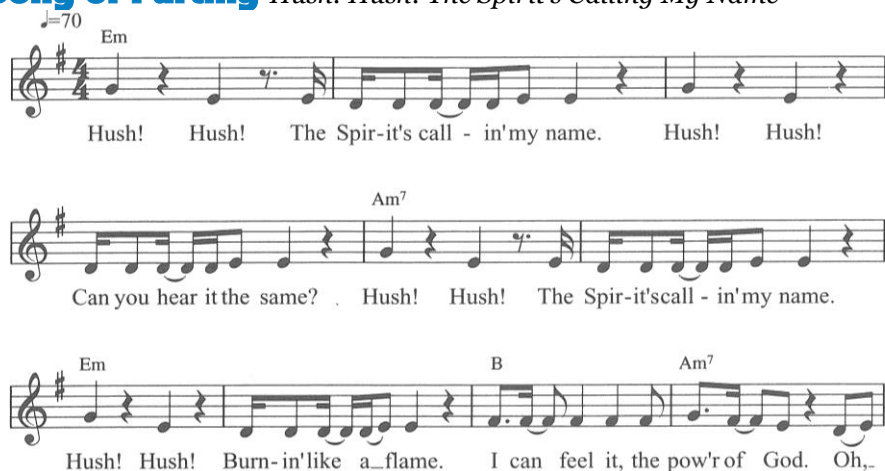
yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

## Prayer of Dedication Janet Morley

May the God who dances in creation, who embraces us with human love, who shakes our lives like thunder, bless us and drive us out with power—to fill the world with her justice. Amen.

## Song of Parting *Hush! Hush! The Spirit's Calling My Name*

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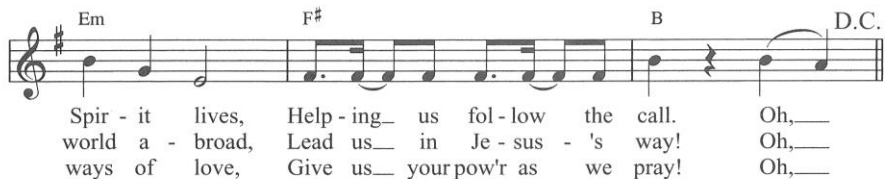
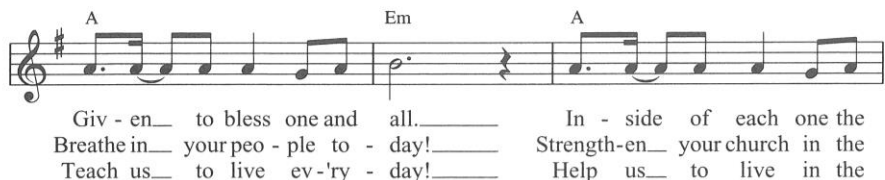
Hush! Hush! The Spir-it's call - in' my name. Hush! Hush!

Am<sup>7</sup>

Can you hear it the same? Hush! Hush! The Spir-it's call - in' my name.

Em B Am<sup>7</sup>

Hush! Hush! Burn-in' like a flame. I can feel it, the pow'r of God. Oh,



## Benediction

## God's Light Goes Forth

## Music for Going Forth

# Announcements

## Tuesday Evening Dialogue – May 25

2nd & 4th Tuesdays | 6:45pm social time | 7:00pm Book discussion | via Zoom  
 The next book for TED is a novel entitled *The Heart's Invisible Furies* by John Boyne. It's about an Irish orphan and takes place from the 1940's to present. It was a NYT bestseller in 2017. One reviewer wrote "It will make you laugh and cry while reminding us all of the redemptive power of the human spirit" Please read the first 100 pages for May 25.

**Video:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86172300024?pwd=bFdGQ0xKRHFGTnZXM0kyRC9FdDZGQT09;>

**Meeting ID:** 861 7230 0024 | (312) 626 6799 US | **Passcode:** BookClub

# Prayer List

as of May 19, 2021

## Celebrations

**All the acts of kindness, justice and equity near and far!**  
**Students, families, educators** as many graduate this month!

## Concerns

**Don Wandless** and family as they make plans to celebrate Gloria's life.  
**Ellie & Skip Larson** - as she settles into a care unit at Meramec Bluffs.  
**Mike & Gerry Rogers** - as his mother heals after hospitalization.  
**The Taylor Family** as they grieve and give thanks for Beverly Taylor.  
**Stoerzbach & Scherrer families** - mourning Dan (Audrey's father).  
**Bob Boyd** - recuperating from last Friday's knee replacement surgery.  
**All impacted by Covid-19** - individuals, families, healthcare workers...  
India and other hot spots.

**Physical Distancing...** if anyone needs groceries, medicine and/or other support OR if anyone newly vaccinated would like to be part of the Care Team, please reach out to [kevin@parkwayucc.org](mailto:kevin@parkwayucc.org); 314-330-0629.

**Healing of relationships between the public and the police.**

**Gun violence and other violence across the US and other lands.**

## Continuing

**Gail Haack** - healing from torn rotator cuff.

**Brian** - healing after double lung transplant due to COVID... is at the Transplant House in Cleveland for six weeks before release (Tossing).

**Al & Cindy** - healing from car accident (Tarr).

**Jim & Polly Winkelmann** - he is continuing to make progress!

**Cherie & Mike Stolze** - her health; her father's kidney disease.

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

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

**Bill Darland** - ongoing health issues.

**Maria Hendrix and Denise Hein** (Stifel).

**Nelson Spencer** - failing heart valve he received years ago (Svenson).

**Carolyn & Hank Kraichley** - serious health challenges.

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

**Gary** - risky behaviors; seeking balance and stability.

**Grateful Tran** - half-way house, new skills, schizophrenia (Buretta).

**Bob** - continues to struggle with Parkinson's.

**Christopher, Gail & Bill Haack** - chronic health challenges.

**The extended Eggebrecht Family** - healing and wholeness.

**Transitional Conference Minister Mary Nelson and our Missouri**

**Mid-South Conference** - beginning our shared ministry.

## Home/Care Facility/Rehab Center

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

**Marv Herpel** - *Brookdale West County*; 785 Henry Ave, #217; Ballwin, MO 63021; 636-227-5838 [birthdate: March 3]

**Pat Klein** - *Anthology Senior Living of Wildwood*; 251 Plaza Dr, #325; Wildwood, MO 63040 [birthdate: September 21]

**Bill Klein** - *Anthology Senior Living of Wildwood*; 251 Plaza Dr, #104; Wildwood, MO 63040 [birthdate: March 8]

**John and Audrey Nourse** - *The Village at Cape Albeon* 3300 Lake Bend Dr; St. Louis, MO 63088; 636-861-3200 [birthdates: Audrey - December 19; John - October 26]

**Pearl Sellenriek** - *Friendship Village Memory Care Division* #1001; 15250 Olive Blvd, Chesterfield, MO 63017 [birthdate: March 31]

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

## Other

**Pres Biden, VP Harris, Congress**, all local, national, world leaders.

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

**All people who live with mental illness.**

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

**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.

**Conversations about the Death Penalty** in the United States.

**Victims of Natural and Created Disasters** around the world.

**Peace and Justice** near and far.

**US Military** around the globe.

**The people of Yemen, Iraq, Afghanistan, Indonesia, Turkey.**

**The people of politically unstable countries across the globe.**

## St Louis Assn UCC Covenant Partner

*Week ending May 23* - **Hope UCC**, St Louis; [hopeuccstl.org](http://hopeuccstl.org)

*Week ending May 30* - **UP Unleashing Potential** (formerly Neighborhood Houses) St. Louis; [upstl.org](http://upstl.org)

# Wind, Wind – A Reflection on the Spirit

*William Loader*

Wind, wind, you come from nothingness and go to nothingness,  
and when you are still, there is nothing we see, nothing we hear,  
and you surround us in our not seeing and not knowing.

Wild, wild wind, you whip the seas, whirling great water spouts and fountains,  
crashing on the foamed edges of the shore,  
sweeping the unsuspecting fisherman from the slippery rocks,  
terrifying force, uncontrollable, beyond our power.

O wind, piercing wind, driving the blizzard, the sleet, the rain,  
trampling earth with wild tempests and tantrums  
that uproot trees, unroof houses and wreak devastation in your path.

Wind, wind, wondrous wind, hovering at the birth of creation,  
whisking secretly among the wonders of new life,  
bearing the seed, lifting high the heads of mighty trees,  
swirling among the grasses, celebrating life.

Wind, wind, we know your ways, we trace your web on the map of highs, lows,  
today's weather, tomorrow's predictions, depressions and sea breezes,  
we harness your power, our weather cocks point to you,  
a cross shows where you have been and we do not know.

O wind, O silent wind, where do you go?  
Do you go away and play, in outback gorges or bare mountains of the desert,  
stirring small clouds of red dust among the bushes,  
kissing the rippled smile of the billabong,  
running down the slopes, exulting at the rock face,  
passing by the mountain with none to see and none to know your trail.

Wind, gentle wind, wind of our breathing, our life, our hope,  
renewing, refreshing, sighing in our stress,  
moaning in our pain, still in our dying.

O wind, wind, you breathed upon the clay and there was life,  
you danced down to the forehead of a Galilean and there was hope,  
you shook the foundations of community and there was Pentecost.

Wind of nothingness and awe, wind of knowing and unknowing,  
wind of bearing and begetting, wind of secrets and mystery,  
O wise, wise wind, whisper to us your grace.



## ProgressiveChristianity.org

is a website that many UCCers appreciate and are inspired, encouraged, nurtured by.

Progressive Christianity is an open, intelligent and collaborative approach to the Christian tradition and the life and teachings of Jesus that create pathways into an authentic and relevant religious experience.

Take a look at these *8 Points of Progressive Christianity*.

How many of them resonate with you?

Are there some that challenge you?

1. Believe that following the path and teachings of Jesus can lead to an awareness and experience of the Sacred and the Oneness and Unity of all life.
2. Affirm that the teachings of Jesus provide but one of many ways to experience the Sacredness and Oneness of life, and that we can draw from diverse sources of wisdom in our spiritual journey.
3. Seek community that is inclusive of ALL people, including but not limited to: conventional Christians and questioning skeptics; believers and agnostics; women and men; those of all sexual orientations and gender identities; those of all classes and abilities.
4. Know that the way we behave towards one another is the fullest expression of what we believe.
5. Find grace in the search for understanding and believe there is more value in questioning than in absolutes.
6. Strive for peace and justice among all people.
7. Strive to protect and restore the integrity of our Earth.
8. Commit to a path of life-long learning, compassion, and selfless love.

Make plans to share this with others and have a deep conversation.

# Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021

## Spirit for All

Acts 2:1-21

*Strengthen the Church Offering*

Today is Pentecost, sometimes called the church's birthday. Every church was a new church start at one time and this is the day we recall and celebrate the day we were a new church. In that spirit, many churches receive the Strengthen the Church offering on this day.

"The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults." ([ucc.org/stc](https://www.ucc.org/stc))

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