



Pentecost Sunday
Sayville Congregational United Church of Christ
May 19, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude "God Be In My Head" by John Rutter

Call to Worship

We gather as one in the Holy Spirit on this Pentecost Sunday,
as we call out:

"Come, Holy Spirit, wild and untamed.
Ignite our hearts, unbind our shame.
Break down walls that divide and confine,
In this sacred space, Love intertwines."

With open hands and hearts, we embrace this transformative
power of the Spirit. We invite the fearless Love that transcends
barriers and sets us free...into our hearts. Now and always.

Hymn "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" #270 NCH

Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the church in faith assembled,
to our midst as gift and sign:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Responsive Opening Prayer

Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

Come, Holy Spirit.

With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues.

With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

Come, Holy Spirit.

With power from above to make our weakness strong,

Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

Congregational Song Response "Hush" #30 SPP

Hush! Hush! The Spirits callin' my name.
Hush! Hush! Can you hear it the same?
Hush! Hush! The Spirits callin' my name.
Hush! Hush! Burnin' like a flame.
I can feel it, the power of God.
Oh, Hush! Hush! The Spirits callin' my name.
Hush! Hush! The Spirits callin' my name.

Many the gifts that the spirit gives,
Given to bless one and all.
Inside of each one the Spirit lives,
Helping us follow the call. Oh,

Pour out your Spirit,
O breath of God.
Breathe in your people today!
Strengthen your church in the world abroad,
Lead us in Jesus's way! Oh,

Come, Holy Spirit, the Heavenly Dove,
Teach us to live every day!
Help us to live in the ways of love,
Give us your power as we pray! Oh,

Assurance of God's Love

Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you! And also with
you! Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Chancel Choir Anthem "Deep Peace" by David N. Davenport

Joys, Celebrations and Concerns

Friends, we now invite you to share your Joys, Celebrations and Concerns. Please wait for the microphone and respond with: "God, hear our prayers."

The Prayer of Jesus, (from The New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book)

Eternal Spirit, Earthmaker, Painbearer, Lifegiver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father, Mother, Guardian of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name
echoes 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 test, 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

Hymn "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" #286 NCH

Refrain

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,
Calling and free, Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons you called to each thing
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain*

You swept through the desert, you stun with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
When they were confounded by their idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain*

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
Then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
And down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams;
Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain*

First Reading Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room.
² Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting.
³ Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. ⁴ They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them. ⁵ Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, ⁶ and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. ⁷ They were amazed and astonished: "Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans! ⁸ How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue? ⁹ We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt

and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome—¹¹ all Jews, or converts to Judaism— Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God!”

¹² All were amazed and disturbed. They asked each other, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others said mockingly, “They’ve drunk too much new wine.”

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd: “Women and men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say! ¹⁵ These people are not drunk as you think—it’s only nine o’clock in the morning! ¹⁶ No, it’s what Joel the prophet spoke of: ¹⁷ ‘In the days to come— it is our God who speaks— I will pour out my Spirit on all humankind. Your daughters and sons will prophesy, your young people will see visions, and your elders will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on the most insignificant of my people, both women and men, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will display wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below: blood, fire and billowing smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon will become blood before the coming of the great and sublime day of our God. ²¹ And all who call upon the name of our God will be saved.’

Choir Anthem "Comfort Ye, My People" by John Carter

Second Reading Romans 8:19-27

¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we

ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes^[o] with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Sermon

Spirit Children

Rev. Noel Vanek

Invitation to Give

We welcome your offerings at this time and invite you to place your prayer and information cards in the plate as we sing our Church Covenant.

Church Covenant

In response to God's love, we covenant with each other to be faithful to the demands and inspiration of the eternal spirit, revealed in the event of Jesus Christ; to accept and respect each other with love and concern in our worship and witness; to reach out with the courage of our convictions in the cause of justice, liberation and equality for all; in this, we covenant to keep the ultimate promise; "I care, I am with you."

Benediction

Choral Blessing

"Go Now In Peace" by Don Besig and Nancy Price

The Bell is Rung

Postlude

"energy flow" by Ryuichi Sakamoto



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Thank You, Worship Leadership!
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Peace. Shalom. Salaam. For the ways of peace are many.
"Namaste"