

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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9:00 am Faith Formation

10:15 am Worship Service

May 24, 2026

Liturgist: Ron Grace

Pentecost Sunday

PRELUDE

GREETING

If able, please rise in body or in spirit

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

The earth was without form and void,

and darkness was upon the face of the deep;

and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. (Genesis 1: 1-2)

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;

the God of glory thunders, the Lord, upon many waters. (Psalm 29: 3)

The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it,

but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.

So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. (John 3: 8)

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,

and strips the forest bare; and in God's temple all cry, "Glory!" (Psalm 29:9)

When you send forth your Spirit all living things are created;

and you renew the face of the earth. (from Psalm 104:30)

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

the world and those who live in it. (Psalm 24:1)

I baptize you with water;

but one who is more powerful than I is coming;

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. (from Luke 3:16)

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. (Psalm 29: 7-8)

May the Lord give strength to the people!

May the Lord bless the people with peace! (Psalm 29:11)

Hymn #333

Wind that Makes All Winds That Blow

Please be seated.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place. By the power of your Spirit forgive us, renew our hearts and free us to live renewed lives. Stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness, that we may proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us in the language of our hearts, that we may hear your Word with understanding and answer your call to proclaim the deeds of love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-21

The word of the Lord.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION: AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

INVITATION

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES

QUESTION OF THE CANDIDATE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death. You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CONFIRMAND

O God, my God, known to me in Jesus Christ, I give myself to you as your own to love and serve you faithfully all the days of my life. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CONGREGATION

Almighty God, who in baptism received your servant into the church, forgave her sins, and promised her eternal life, increase in Julia the gifts of your Holy Spirit.

Grant love for others, joy in serving you,

peace in disagreement, patience in suffering,

kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times,

faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things.

Thereby strengthen Julia for her ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

ACT OF CONFIRMATION

PRAYER OF CONFIRMATION

ADDRESS AND QUESTION ABOUT PARTICIPATION

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WELCOME

Let us the members of St. Andrew's United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

Hymn #559 Here I am, Lord

Please be seated.

Koinonia Time (community; communion; fellowship; intimacy)

(Please date, sign, and pass the pew pad to your neighbors)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator/Mother/Father/Spirit, 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.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

With thanksgiving for God's gifts to us, let us offer ourselves and the fruits of our labor for God's work in the world.

OFFERTORY

If able, please rise in body or in spirit.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your gift of the Holy Spirit. Help us to bless you with the dedication of our lives and the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ, we pray through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please be seated.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(If you are participating online, you're invited to have the elements of bread and the fruit of the vine or something similar to join us around Christ's Table.)

INVITATION

This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Diverse people coming from the east and the west, from the north and the south, to gather about Christ's table.

This table is for all people who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

For these mighty acts of your Holy Spirit we praise your name and join in the eternal hymn of all angels and saints.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNION PRAYER CONTINUES

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

(If you are unable to come forward for communion, please let an usher know and the pastor will bring communion to you.)

If able, please rise in body or in spirit.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, we give thanks for this meal we have received at Christ's Table. May we remember the taste of this meal in our mouths and how nourishing it is for our spirits. With your breath in our lungs, you have prepared us to be your witnesses in this world. To you be the glory. Amen.

Hymn #128

Spirit, Working in Creation

BENEDICTION

Go out into the world with the breath of God to bring forth new life. Dream dreams, pursue visions, and speak of God's goodness in the words of those who would hear. May the Holy Spirit set your hearts ablaze to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ wherever we go. Amen.

Postlude

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Head Ushers for May are Evie Starkey and Lance Ide
 Today's Ushers are Robin & Lance Ide
 Communion Servers today are Erin Rush and Amanda Duffy
 Altar Guild representative for May is Robin Ide

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2026 Consistory

Elders: Ron Grace, Tara Howell, Doris Lindmeier, Karen Peterson
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 Jen Flexer (Treasurer)



PENTECOST

333 Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

1 Wind who makes all winds that blow—gusts that bend the sap-lings low,
 2 Fire who fuels all fires that burn—suns a-round which plan-ets turn,
 3 Ho-ly Spir-it, Wind and Flame, move with-in our mor-tal frame.

gales that heave the sea in waves, stir-rings in the mind's deep caves—
 bea-cons mark-ing reefs and shoals, shin-ing truth to guide our souls—
 Make our hearts an al-tar pyre, kin-dle them with your own fire.

aim your breath with stead-y power on your church this day, this hour.
 come to us as once you came: burst in tongues of sa-cred flame!
 Breathe and blow up-on that blaze till our lives, our deeds and ways,

Raise, re-new the life we've lost, Spir-it God of Pen-te-cost.
 Light and Pow-er, Might and Strength, fill your church, its breadth and length.
 speak that tongue which ev-ery land by your grace shall un-der-stand.

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 MUSIC: Joseph Parry (1841-1903)
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ABERYSTWYTH
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Here I Am, Lord

Unison

G Am/G D7/G C/G

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them,
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them,

my hand will save. I who made the stars of night,
 they turn a - way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 my hand will save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

C/G G D G Em

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

Refrain

Am7 C Am G/B C6 *slowing* D D7/F#

light to them? Whom shall I send?
 Word to them. Whom shall I send? Here I
 life to them. Whom shall I send?

a tempo

G Gsus G D7/A C/E D7 G

am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

C/G Am G/B C6 D D7/F#

heard you call - ing in the night. I will

G Gsus G C/G G C/E D7 G

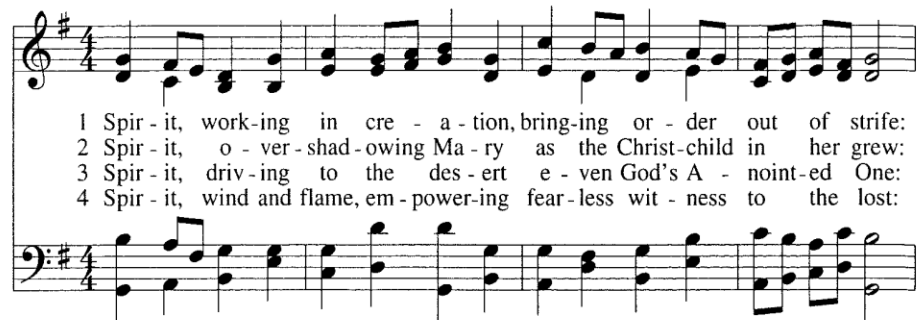
go, Lord, if you lead me. I will

Am7 C/D D G C/G G

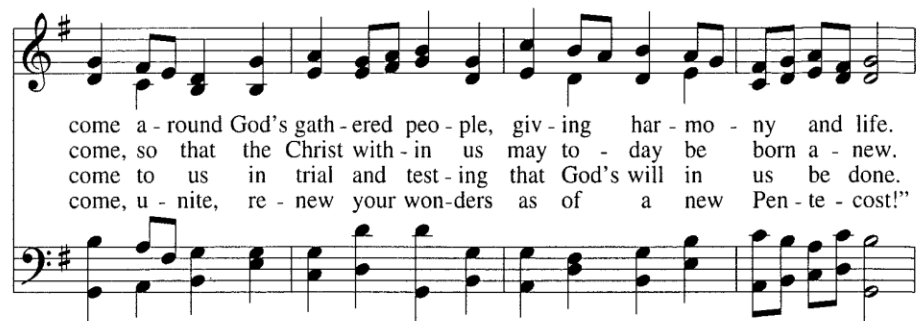
hold your peo - ple in my heart.

WORDS: Daniel L. Schutte (1947-); para. Isaiah 6:8
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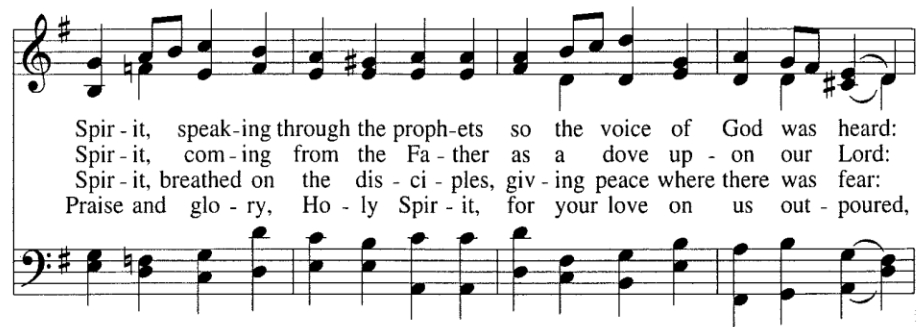
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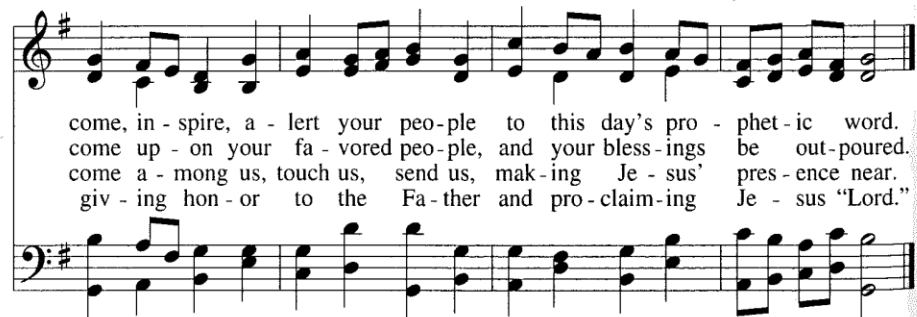
1 Spir - it, work - ing in cre - a - tion, bring - ing or - der out of strife:
 2 Spir - it, o - ver - shad - owing Ma - ry as the Christ - child in her grew:
 3 Spir - it, driv - ing to the des - ert e - ven God's A - noint - ed One:
 4 Spir - it, wind and flame, em - power - ing fear - less wit - ness to the lost:



come a - round God's gath - ered peo - ple, giv - ing har - mo - ny and life.
 come, so that the Christ with - in us may to - day be born a - new.
 come to us in trial and test - ing that God's will in us be done.
 come, u - nite, re - new your won - ders as of a new Pen - te - cost!"



Spir - it, speak - ing through the proph - ets so the voice of God was heard:
 Spir - it, com - ing from the Fa - ther as a dove up - on our Lord:
 Spir - it, breathed on the dis - ci - ples, giv - ing peace where there was fear:
 Praise and glo - ry, Ho - ly Spir - it, for your love on us out - poured,



come, in - spire, a - lert your peo - ple to this day's pro - phet - ic word.
 come up - on your fa - vored peo - ple, and your bless - ings be out - poured.
 come a - mong us, touch us, send us, mak - ing Je - sus' pres - ence near.
 giv - ing hon - or to the Fa - ther and pro - claim - ing Je - sus "Lord."

