

# STORRS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ (UCC)



*Open and Affirming † Intergenerational † A Just Peace Church*

***“We share in God’s love by growing in faith, courageously seeking justice, and generously caring for all people.”***

~ Our Mission at Storrs Congregational Church

**SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**



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Please stand as you are able “\*”.

Please remember to **silence cell phones** and other devices and be mindful of those who wish to use the prelude as a time of prayer, meditation, and preparation for worship.

**Accessibility:** See an usher for **large-print** bulletins and **wheelchair** or **accessible seating**.  
Devices necessary to access worship fully are welcome.

**The restroom in this building** is at the front of the church behind the doors to the right of the chancel. A **PRAYGROUND** is also located in the northeast corner of the building and available for children and families.

**Our services are recorded on Zoom and live-streamed on YouTube.**

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## GATHERING

*Whatever your faith tradition, doubts or questions about God; whatever your color skin, gender identity or expression, wherever you find yourself on life’s journey, you are welcome here. You matter to God, and you matter to us. Welcome!*

**Prelude** – “Veni Creator Spiritus – En taille à 5” by Nicholas de Grigny *Dr. Patricia Snyder*

**Introit** – “All Things Bright and Beautiful” by Terry Osman *SCC Ringers*

**Welcome** *Rev Diane Peterson Seaborn*

**Call to Worship** (*responsive*) *Marsha Creese*

*One:* As we gather together in this place, Church—listen! Strain your ears—can you hear the rush of wind, the crackle pop of fire?

**Many:** **God of spirit and flame, we listen for your call. We take our place in your unfolding creation.**

*One:* Beloved, God’s spirit flows among us. Transformation is working upon us even as we struggle to understand it.

**Many:** **Can rebirth come without struggle? With hope, we pray, saying: come, o Spirit, come and dwell among us. Let us worship God!**

### \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*One:* Friends, we invite you to rise in body or in spirit and offer one another a sign of God’s peace. May the peace of Christ be with you.

**Many:** **And also with you!**

**\*Hymn** – “Come O Spirit, Dwell among Us” *New Century Hymnal [Black] p. 267  
this bulletin p. 8*

**Call to Confession** *Rev. Diane Peterson Seaborn*

*One:* We do not stop enough to listen to the still-speaking God. Like the people of Jerusalem long ago, we often misunderstand the Spirit’s movement among us. In the stillness of this moment, let us draw near to God. Please join me in our prayer of confession.

## Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God, you invite us to wonder. Yet we confess that we find more comfort in the mundane. We lean into the familiar and treat the amazing as suspicious or even threatening. We long for a routine to keep us safe from pain, and we're willing to give up joy in exchange. Reshape our hearts for possibility, O God. Awaken our senses to your wondrous work in the world and give us the courage and will to follow you. (*time of silent confession*)

## Words of Assurance

*One:* Amazed, bewildered, astonished. God's Spirit catches us unaware.

*Many:* Thanks be to God for the bewildering power of God. May it be so!

## Children's Moment

*Our Family Room is not staffed during the months of May-August. However, families are always welcome to seek out the Family Room space if a break from worship is desired. Children are always welcome in worship.*

## WORD

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*God Speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

**ANTHEM** – “The Lone, Wild Bird” Southern Folk Tune arr. David N. Johnson

*Adult Choir*

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight,  
Is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight,  
And I am thine! I rest in thee,  
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

The ends of earth are in thy hand,  
The sea's dark deep and far-off land,  
And I am thine! I rest in thee,  
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

*Text: Henry Richard McFadyen, 1877-1964*

## Prayer of Illumination

*Marsha Creese*

## Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

*pew Bibles p. 885*

## Refrain — “Spirit of the Living God”

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Musical score for the refrain "Spirit of the Living God". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;". The first system ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The second system ends with a double bar line and a final chord.

## Sermon — “Bewildered”

*Rev. Diane Peterson Seaborn*

## \*Hymn — “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

*New Century Hymnal [Black] p. 270  
this bulletin p. 10*

## RESPONSE

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

### Responding with our Gifts

*As the offering is collected, prayers of either joy or concern may be written on the purple prayer request cards found in the pew rack and placed in the offering plates as they are passed. Offerings may be made electronically through our online ‘Give Now’ option. Scan the QR code for easy access.*



### Call to Offering

OFFERTORY ANTHEM – “Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me” arr. K. Lee Scott

Adult Choir

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;  
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;  
And with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;  
And with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;  
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;  
And with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;  
And with actions brotherly, speak Christ’s sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;  
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;  
Separate from sin I would and cherish all things good,  
And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;  
Help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee;  
‘Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;  
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.  
Gracious Spirit Dwell with me, I would be like thee.

*Text: v. 1-3, Thomas Lynch (1818-1871), v. 4 K. L. Scott*

**\*PRESENTING OUR GIFTS: The Festival Doxology**

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here be - low:  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Je - sus Christ whose pow'r up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it!  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

**\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

**God of the Spirit, we dedicate our time and treasure to you for the good of your whole Creation, which even now you are still enacting. Holy one, we pray you will multiply these humble gifts toward a future of greater justice, flourishing, and joy. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People, ending with The Lord's Prayer

**Many:** Creator/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.

## SENDING

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*God Blesses us and sends us forth in mission for the world*

### News from our Life Together

\*Hymn – “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

*New Century Hymnal [Black] p. 59  
this bulletin p. 11*

\*Benediction

Postlude – “Trumpet Tune in D” by David N. Johnson

*Dr. Patricia Snyder*

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### Be Our Guest for Potluck Fellowship!

Come on over to the Parish House Lounge and share a beverage, a bite to eat, and a chat! The Parish House is located in the buildings to the west of the Meeting House. Follow the others on over, or ask an usher to guide you... We look forward to seeing you! Remember to wear your Name Tag!

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### Worship

Every Sunday, 10:00 am, in the Meeting House and on Zoom & YouTube. Expressive, participatory liturgy; thoughtful preaching; and a soul-stirring blend of new and traditional music are some of the elements you can expect to encounter each Sunday.

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### Thank You Sunday Morning Servers for Assisting in today's service ...

**Liturgist:** Marsha Creese; **Greeter:** ; **Ushers:** Ray Joesten, Jane Joesten; **Welcome Table:** Heather Elliott-Famularo; **Fellowship Host:** ; **Tech Team:** Andy McCabe, Erin Scholes, Jan & Don Castle, Susan Irvine.

**Sunday Morning Server Reminder for Next Week:** **Liturgist:** Mary Lake; **Greeter:** Mike Lake; **Head Usher:** Carolyn Holmy; **Usher:** Donna Latincics; **Welcome Table:** Laurie Brookes; **Fellowship Host:** Needed.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Today, Sunday May 24, 2026

8:45-9:45am	Student Breakfast
9:00-10:00 am	Adult Choir
10:00-11:00 am	Worship
11:00-12:00 pm	Potluck Fellowship
11:00-11:30 am	Library Open
2:30-5 pm	<i>Consonare</i>
7:30-8:30 pm	<i>Speaker Meeting</i>



SCC offices will be closed on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

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### News and Notes

**We're scooping up the fun!** Stick around after the service on **June 7<sup>th</sup>** for our yearly Ice Cream Social. Bring a friend! Hosted by Fellowship Coordinator Rosemary Marcellino and Andy Gütt. If you are able to help with set up or clean up, please contact [Rosemary](#) or [Andy](#).

**The L. Cameron Johnson Memorial Organ Competition** for High School students is coming up **Saturday, May 30 at 11:00 am**. We have three incredibly advanced and talented finalists. The competition usually ends by 12:45 with results announced by 1:30pm. We host a light luncheon with the AGO while awaiting the adjudicator's results. All are

welcome to attend this free event and support these rising young musicians!

**Calling all Singers and Instrumentalists:** Summer is around the corner and we are looking for Sunday Morning Singers to join the choir on their last Sunday, June 7 for a little singfest. It's a great way to try out the choir. Rehearsal at 9:00AM, sing for worship. Questions? Ask Trisha. Instrumentalists are warmly (haha) welcomed to contribute their talents year-round but especially during the summer months. Time to dust off that trombone, guitar, or even your hurdy-gurdy as you are moved by the Holy Spirit. Please speak to Trisha with any questions.

**The Vision Team:** The team has created a "Dreaming Summary" sheet for the congregation. **TODAY, hard copies of the Dreaming Summary are available for you to take home and read.** It will also be sent out via email in News and Notes. **On Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, be sure to come to worship!** The congregation will be invited to **complete a short survey during worship.** The survey answers will **help our congregation discern priorities** for living out God's vision here at SCC over the next 2-3 years, and **how we will all work together to get there!** – Your Vision Team

**Lunch Bunch** – June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 at Applebees' at the Eastbrook Mall. Nancy Tomastik at 860-429-3593 or [etomastik@earthlink.net](mailto:etomastik@earthlink.net) by Thursday, June 4 to save a seat.

## Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us

Acts 2:1-36; Exod. 13:18-22; Ps. 118:19-29

Janie Alford, 1979; alt.

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

cos - tal power; give the church a strong - er vi - sion,  
 for - mer years; for to - mor - row's un - known path - way,  
 fire and flame. Help our strug - gling voic - es praise you,

help us face each cru - cial hour. Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion,  
 hear, O God, our hum - ble prayers. In the church's pil - grim jour - ney  
 glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name. Good Cre - a - tor, Sav - ior, Spir - it,

Je - sus Christ, the Cor - ner - stone, still the church is  
 you have led us all the way, still in pres - ence  
 Three in One: what mys - ter - y! We would sing our

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

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### Music Notes:

“The Lone, Wild Bird” is David N. Johnson’s most well-known anthem. The text meshes so well with the early American melody that many think they were written together. Johnson (1922-1987) was a prolific composer of organ works, an organ teaching method and hymns. This Postlude, “Trumpet Tune in D”, is his best-known organ piece.

The 9th century Gregorian plain chant ‘Veni Creator Spiritus’ is associated with Pentecost. It was adapted as a hymn “Komm, Gott Schopfer” by Martin Luther and appears in German organ settings by Bach and Pachelbel, among others. This morning’s prelude is the first movement of a set of hymn variations for French classical organ. The chant is featured prominently ‘en taille’ (in the tenor) in the pedal on a Trompette stop.

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### Online Giving for the completion of the Sanctuary Audio System Upgrade:

Donations are being accepted for the completion of these important upgrades. For your convenience, online giving for this purpose has been activated by clicking on any of our online giving buttons, links, or the QR code below. Any of these will take you to our online giving page which will give you a choice of accounts to apply your donation to on a drop-down menu. Please select MH Audio Initiative.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to making our Meeting House an inclusive, engaging, and connected space for everyone. Together, we can ensure our message is heard loud and clear!

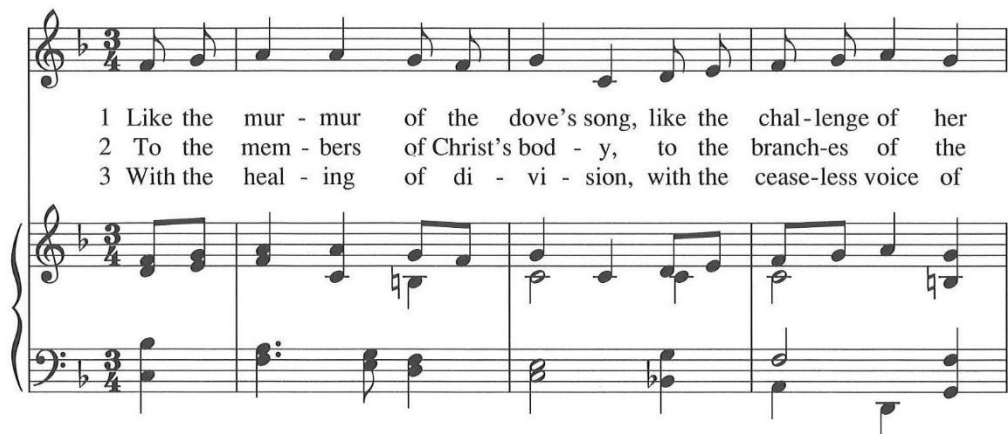


# Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

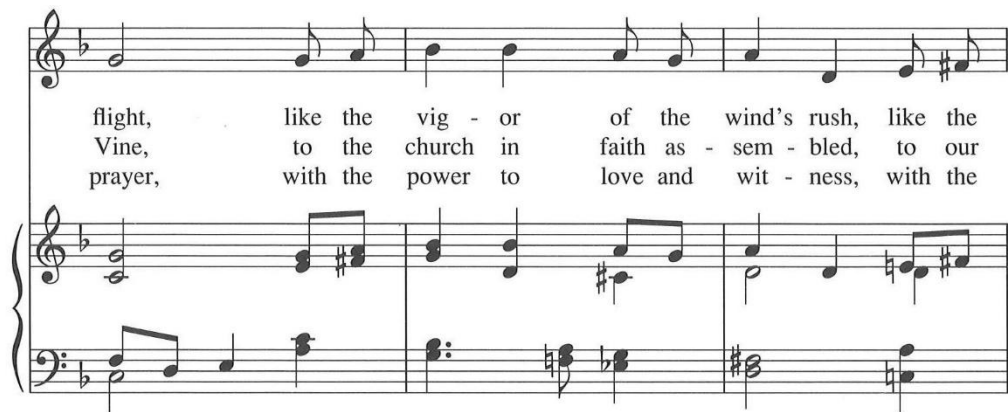
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Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982

Isa. 38:14; Rom. 8:26; 12:4-5; John 15:1-5



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 our  
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:

# Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

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Timothy Rees, 1922; alt.

1 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing in the ho - liest realms of light;  
2 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er breath - ing on the church the breath of life;  
3 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing through the church - 's min - is - try—

Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing o'er a world of gloom and  
Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through your peo - ple's cease - less  
Quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners

blight; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er rais - ing earth - bound souls to glo - ry  
strife; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er form - ing in the church the mind of  
free; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er bind - ing age to age and soul to

high; Liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it; you we praise and mag - ni - fy.  
Christ: In our wor - ship we will praise you for your fruit and gifts un - priced.  
soul, In com - mu - ni - ty un - end - ing you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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## Notes and Acknowledgements

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## We Welcome All!

We extend a welcome as broad as the outstretched arms of God.

Questions about our life together are always welcome. Ask any one of us!

If you are visiting, or looking for a church home, or simply wish to connect after worship, please introduce yourself to our pastor or any member.



### We would love to meet you!

More information is also on our website, [www.storrscongregation.org](http://www.storrscongregation.org).

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