



*An Open & Affirming, Creation Justice  
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

23 May 2021 – 10:30 AM  
**Pentecost Sunday**

The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP Karen Cozza, liturgist

One: The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing a new day of justice and peace.  
**All: The Spirit comes like breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.**  
One: The Spirit spreads like fire, burning with light and energy in witness to God's love.  
**All: Spirit of the living God, come to us and teach us to sing the new song of your love transforming all things**

**HYMN #267** *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us* **EBENEZER**

### *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

## EBENEZER

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us, come with Pentecostal power;  
Give the church a stronger vision, help us face each crucial hour.  
Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,  
Still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known.**

We would raise our alleluias for the grace of former years,  
For tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O God, our humble prayers.  
In the church's pilgrim journey you have led us all the way,  
Still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame.  
Help our struggling voices praise you, glorify your holy name.  
Good Creator, Savior, Spirit, Three in One: what mystery!  
We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**ANTHEM** *Mangisondele Nkosi Yam* arr. Michael Barrett  
Chancel Choir • Cheryl Anderson, director • Jorge Torrez, tenor and Joshua Porter, baritone

*Be nearer (to me) my Lord, even when I suffer Lord  
And when in pain I am (still) happy  
Let me be near to you, my Lord*

*Even if bad things happen Lord, if suffering occurs Lord  
In my dreams I will always believe, so  
Let me be near to you, my Lord. Amen!*

## PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

**Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven:  
May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe.  
May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small.  
And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.  
Through times of temptation, 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.  
Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

### *Acts 2:1-21*

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.  
And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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.

## OFFERTORY

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Offertory Music *Praise the Lord* (from *Judas Maccabeus*) G. F. Handel

## COVENANT

We covenant with God and with each other:  
to walk together in all God's ways  
as the Holy is revealed to us;  
to give ourselves freely and without reserve  
to Jesus' ministry in this church;  
to celebrate through worship God's  
amazing gifts of unity and diversity;  
to take up Christ's mission around the world,  
striving for justice and peace;  
to care for the earth and all her creatures,  
reconciling ourselves to them in love;  
for God gives immeasurable grace  
into all life and every life. Amen.

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Hail Thee, Festival Day* Michael Burkhardt