



## Main Street Congregational Church, United Church of Christ-

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,

Come, experience God's love.

Go, serve God's world.

The Congregation  
The Reverend Josh Lunde-Whitler  
Danny Smith

Ministers  
Pastor and Teacher  
Music Minister

**Pentecost Sunday**

**10:00 AM**

**May 24, 2026**

Prelude Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that you're my God  
You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me  
*For your love so broad and welcoming can heal the world's deep suffering*

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

*Steve Garnaas-Holmes, adapt..+*

One: As we breathe, you breathe. In and out. You breathe fire.  
Many: **We breathe fire, the making of stars, the winds of creation.**  
One: You breathe a Word that goes out and lays hands  
Many: **We breathe a Word, of bravery and love, of healing and blessing.**  
One: We breathe God in.  
Many: **We breathe God out.**  
One: You speak grace in us, tongues we can't possibly know.  
Many: **Look at us, here where we are – glowing embers!**  
One: Spirit, awaken, enliven, renew!

\*Hymn

Spirit of the Living God

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\*Opening Litany & Lord's Prayer

*David Long-Higgins, adapt., w/ add.++*

One: Holy Spark of Life, fan into flame your Pentecost fire, cast its light across Your creation.  
Many: **Let it be a fire of inspiration, bearing a hope that heals.**  
One: Let it be a fire of consolation, mending every old brokenness with surprising beginnings.  
Many: **Let it be a fire of possibility and promise, spreading surprising hope in every tongue.**  
One: Let it be a fire of strength, burning deep within the heart a passion for flourishing justice.  
Many: **Let it be a fire of love binding everything, and everyone to You,  
as You arrive unexpectedly In the one called stranger, who is never strange to You.**  
One: Yes, O Spark of Life, fan into flame your Pentecost power. Dispel every deep chaos, and  
light our waiting wicks to bear Your Holy radiance – Here and Now, in witness to your Holy  
Community, still being born in the world, for which we pray as You taught us:

**Our Father/Mother/Creator\*\***, 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*\*\* please use the address to God that feels right for you*

\*Gloria

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo  
Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Story for All Ages

Joys, Concerns, Prayers for the World

- *Family & Friends of Hawley Lawliss, Marie Arrendale, Debbie, Erin Bass, Michael Fino, Tim Hoyt, Kaarin, Gay Main, Joseph McBride, Connor Olsen, Jim Smith, Judy Smith, M, Kay Weiner, Sally Zagaja;*
- *All living with chronic disease (Lori Belleville, Ryan Boothroyd, Irene Finnegan, Al Mackie, Rachel Monroe, Sue Ranshaw, Barbara Taylor, Theresa Trick);*
- *All living with cancer (Paul Bareford, Steve Belmonte, Robbie Canales, Lucille Cynewski, Teri Gouin, Jeanne Judson, Karena Morse, Joanna, Bruce Rogge, Felicia Ryan, Dave Simoneau);*
- *The mental health of youth, all feeling threatened or unsafe, and all who feel the impact of war, poverty, disaster, and oppression around the world (Iran, Lebanon, the Arabian Peninsula, Ukraine, Russia, Palestine, Israel, US)*

\*Hymn

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Words From our Sacred Story

Jodi Symes

Message:

Offering

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*Baskets are passed to all in worship. Your offering can be a prayer, a financial gift, a drawing, etc. Other options for financial gifts include mailing a check to the church, using your financial institution's online bill pay, and the Venmo mobile app (Venmo ID @mainstreetchurch). Donations go to the general ministry of the church, unless specified otherwise by donor(s).*

Offertory

Our Great Savior

arr. Melody Bober

\*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow / Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heav'nly host / Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen

\*Hymn

Help Us Accept Each Other

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Commissioning and Benediction

Benediction Response

*Carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn  
Hold out your candle, for all to see it  
Take your candle, go light your world  
Take your candle, go light your world.*

Postlude

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Glenda Austin

**Participating in Worship Today**

**Deacon** Jen Moughan

**Technology** Charlie Monroe

\* All who are able please stand

+ <https://worshipwords.co.uk/pentecost-steve-garnaas-holmes-usa/>

++ <https://worshipwords.co.uk/spark-of-life-pentecost-prayer-david-long-higgins-usa/>

## Announcements

For a quick look of what's coming, pick up a "What's Happening" calendar from the back 😊

See ALL our upcoming announcements in the "Happenings" weekly newsletter

Prayers for Peace 🙏

May 27th and June 10th – 6 pm at the Sanctuary.

Jesus and Java ☕ (no-prep Bible Study)

June 3rd – 2 - 3:30 pm at Ovedia.

Please welcome our guest music minister this morning, **Morgen Dieringer**. Morgen is a lifelong musician with a background in classical piano and vocal performance. In addition to freelance church music work, she performs regularly as a pianist and soprano with local ensembles and chamber groups. She also works full time as a paralegal for a crisis management law firm. She lives in Exeter, NH with her two daughters and their chocolate Lab.

Communion Offering for May is going to support the **Epilepsy Foundation and Team FFREE**. The **Epilepsy Foundation of New England** is hosting their annual Walk for Epilepsy on **Sunday, May 31, 2026**, and **Team FFREE** (Family and Friends of Rachel Ending Epilepsy) are walking again! Our church family at MSCC has been staunch supporters these past three years, and we're hoping to pull together another great team this year. Team FFREE will again have complementary bus service to and from the event. To donate or to sign up for this event click here:

<https://efne.epilepsynewengland.org/Team-FFREE>



TEAM FFREE

**Tuesday Night Group: 6:45 - 8pm at the Parish House: Worth Fighting For: Finding Courage & Compassion When Cruelty Is Trending**, by John Pavlovitz. **This will be our last meeting for the season (Tuesday, May 26)! Tuesday Night Group will resume in September.** For more information, contact Arlyn or Connie Weieneth (515) 577-6869 or [weieneth@msn.com](mailto:weieneth@msn.com).

Missions collection for the month of May is **women's hygiene products** - These items are taxed and not covered by food stamps. Please help support our mothers, daughters, and sisters. There is a donation box on the porch of the Parish House. The donations will be distributed to food banks in our community.

**The Yoga Class will not meet today (Memorial Day Weekend) There are still places available in the Yoga Class - May 3 - June 14, 6:00pm** at the Parish House/Webster Room. Hosted by Sandy Jennings, class will meet for 6 weeks. The classes are free, but voluntary donations will be given to the MSCC Social Justice Team. [Click here to register.](#)

The prayer shawl knitting group will not meet tomorrow (Memorial Day), but will meet on Monday, June, 29th. This will be the last meeting for the season.

**Craft Fair, Saturday, June 6th, 9:00-3:00** - There are still tables available, if you are interested please contact Heidi - [shfram@gmail.com](mailto:shfram@gmail.com) or 978-457-0208.

Free Chairs! The chairs on the front porch of the church are looking for a new home - feel free to take one or all!

**COMING in June - 🗓️ MILESTONE Sunday 🗓️ (June 21st):** We will take time to 🎉 celebrate the end of the church and school year and the beginning of the summer, **by giving thanks to God and celebrating any important "Milestones" of the past year!** Beyond the usual "graduation Sunday," **everyone from age 3 to 103 is invited to SUBMIT their own (or a family member's) name and celebration moment:**



Milestone Sunday Signup!

Just use the QR Code! 🎉

## Upcoming Outreach/Social Justice Opportunities:

Prayer Vigil / Standing for Love – Date/Time TBD  
MVP Amesbury Protect Act Planning: May 28th 7pm (120 Friend St)  
Newburyport Pride Parade (join MSCC) – June 6th, noon (meet 11am, Bartlett Mall)  
Merrimack Valley Project Regional Gathering – June 7th, 3pm in Lawrence  
Amesbury/Newburyport Juneteenth – June 19th  
Amesbury Pride Celebration – June 28th, 1-3pm



### Main Street Church

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QR code →



*Your gifts (as you feel led, and are financially able) are deeply appreciated and help support a variety of ministries at Main Street, as we strive to shine God's light of love and justice in the world.*

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Spirit of the Living God

St. 1, Daniel Iverson, 1890-1977  
Sts. 2, 3, Lowell Alexander, 1963-

Daniel Iverson, 1890-1977

1. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me,  
 2. Soul of heav - en, heart of God, Wash o - ver me,  
 3. Ho - ly pres-ence, love di-vine, Cast out my fear,

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me.  
 Soul of heav - en, heart of God, Wash o - ver me.  
 Ho - ly pres-ence, love di-vine, Cast out my fear.

Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.  
 Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me.  
 Shield me, free me, call me, lead me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me,  
 Soul of heav - en, heart of God, Wash o - ver me,  
 Ho - ly pres-ence, love di-vine, Cast out my fear,

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7.5.7.5.8.7.5

Acts 2:1-4, 17-21

# O Spirit of the Living God

Henry Hallam Tweedy, 1933; alt.

1 O Spir - it of the liv - ing God, pure Light and Fire Di -  
 2 Blow, Wind of God! With wis - dom blow, dis - perse and put to  
 3 Teach us to ut - ter liv - ing words of truth which all may  
 4 So shall we know the power of Christ, the strength of love to

vine: burn bright - ly in your church once more, its life and  
 fight the mists of er - ror, clouds of doubt which hide you  
 hear, the lan - guage all can un - der - stand when love speaks  
 save, so shall we rise with Christ to life which soars be -

faith re - fine, Fill it with love and joy and power, with  
 from our sight. Burn, Wing - ed Fire! In - spire our lips, re -  
 loud and clear; Till ev - ery na - tion, age, and race shall  
 yond the grave; And earth shall win true ho - li - ness, which

right - teous - ness and peace, till Christ shall dwell in  
 new in us your call to preach with zeal your  
 blend their creeds in one, and all to - geth - er  
 makes your chil - dren whole, and draws us on by

hu - man good their to  
 great use grace to  
 hearts, and sin and sor - row cease.  
 news: God's love to see  
 gifts to cre - a - tion's  
 reach to a - tion's  
 will glo - rious goal!

Henry Hallam Tweedy served Congregational churches in New York and Connecticut from 1898 to 1909 before joining the faculty of Yale University Divinity School.

Tune: ST. MATTHEW C.M.D.  
 William Croft, 1708

# Help Us Accept Each Other

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*Fred Kaan, 1974; alt.*

- 1 Help us ac-cept each oth-er  
as Christ ac-cept-ed us;  
teach us as sis-ter, broth-er,  
each per-son to em-brace.  
Be pres-ent, God, a-mong us,  
and bring us to be-lieve  
we are our-selves ac-cept-ed  
and meant to love and live.
- 2 Teach us, O God, your les-sons,  
as in our dai-ly life  
we strug-gle to be hu-man  
and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for peo-ple,  
for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them,  
or as they may be-come.

*Dutch theologian Fred Kaan was ordained in the United Reformed Church in England and Wales and has served as an international church administrator. Author of more than 200 hymns, Kaan frequently has addressed contemporary issues in his texts.*

*John 15:12; 17:20-23; Eph. 4:1-6, 11-16*

- 3 Let your ac-cep-tance change us,  
so that we may be moved  
in liv-ing sit-u-a-tions  
to do the truth in love;  
To prac-tice your ac-cep-tance,  
un-til we know by heart  
the ta-ble of for-give-ness  
and laugh-ter's heal-ing art.
- 4 God, for to-day's en-coun-ters  
with all who are in need,  
who hun-ger for ac-cep-tance,  
for righ-teous-ness and bread,  
Bring us new eyes for see-ing,  
new hands for hold-ing on;  
re-new us with your Spir-it;  
God! Free us, make us one!

Tune: AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.  
*Samuel S. Wesley, 1864*

# Sunday Scripture and Scrawlings

Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026

Passage: Acts 2:1-21 (New Revised Standard UE)

## **The Coming of the Holy Spirit**

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 people 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."

## **Peter Addresses the Crowd**

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews<sup>[a]</sup> 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.'

Notes, Thoughts, & Questions:

My Prayer List & My Takeaways for Today: