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**May 24, 2026**

**11:00am**

**Tower Chimes**

**Janet Cook**

**Music to Gather: : "Thy Holy Wings"**

**Arr. J. Wayne Kerr**

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## **Welcome**

**Call to Worship from UCC Life in Litany**

**One: The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing  
peace to unite the world in a just and caring  
community.**

**All: The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life  
to renew the people of God.**

One: The Spirit spreads like fire, bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

**All: Spirit of the living God, come to us and transform our lives by your power. Amen!**

## **Hymn #272 “On Pentecost They Gathered”**

### Profession of Faith

One: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here! Today we celebrate that the Holy Spirit is with us and within us!

**All: Triune God, Creator, Son, and Spirit one, surround us with your presence! As we remember the day that your spirit first came to the early believers, we rejoice knowing that your spirit is still within us and guiding us. Bless us today as we join with churches around the world celebrating Pentecost, and grant us your peace and love that we may share it with our community. Amen.**

Response to prayer of confession♪ Hymn#264 V3

**Holy Spirit, come, renew us,  
Come your self to make us live;  
Make us holy through your presence,  
Holy through the gifts you give.**

## On Pentecost They Gathered

Jane Parker Huber, 1981; rev. 1993

1. On Pen-te-cost they gath-ered quite ear-ly in the day,  
a band of Christ's dis-ci-ples to wor-ship, sing, and pray.  
A might-y wind came blow-ing, filled all the swirl-ing air,  
and tongues of fire a-glow-ing in-spired each per-son there.
2. The peo-ple all a-round them were star-tled and a-mazed  
to un-der-stand their lan-guage, as God in Christ they praised.  
What un-i-ver-sal mes-sage, what great good news was here?  
That Christ, once dead, is ris-en to van-quish all our fear.
3. God pours the Ho-ly Spir-it on all who would be-lieve,  
on wom-en, men, and chil-dren who would God's grace re-ceive.  
That Spir-it knows no lim-it, be-stow-ing life and power.  
The church, formed and re-form-ing, re-sponds in ev-ery hour.
4. O Spir-it, sent from heav-en on that day long a-go,  
re-kin-dle faith a-mong us in all life's ebb and flow.  
O give us hearts to lis-ten and tongues a-flame with praise,  
so folk of ev-ery na-tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

Acts 2:1–24, 32–47

## Words of Reassurance

One: We are filled with the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ!

**All: “Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you see and hear.” -Acts 2:33**

## Response to Words of Assurance Hymn#273 V3

**Praise the Spirit sent among us,  
Liberating truth from pride,  
Forging bonds where race or gender,  
age or nation dare divide.  
Celebrate the Spirit’s treasure –  
foolishness none dare deride.**

Scriptures

Reading 1: Acts 2:1-8 and 12-21

Judy Garrigan

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## Congregational Response ♪ (aka prayer for grace)

***Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.***

***Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.***

***Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.***

***Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.***

Children's Moment

Sermon: "Pentecost!"

Rev. Becky Sausser

**Hymn#270**

**"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"**

*(Note: Ushers will collect "Prayer Cards" during this time. Prayer cards are in the pews.)*

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**Our 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 the glory, forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response 🎵 Hymn #261 Verse 1

**Let every Christian pray,  
This day and every day,  
Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Was not the church we love  
Commissioned from above?  
Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

## Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982

1. Like the mur-mur of the dove's song,  
like the chal-lenge of her flight,  
like the vig-or of the wind's rush,  
like the new flame's ea-ger might:  
Come, Ho-ly Spir-it, come.
  
2. To the mem-bers of Christ's bod-y,  
to the branch-es of the Vine,  
to the church in faith as-sem-bled,  
to our midst as gift and sign:  
Come, Ho-ly Spir-it, come.
  
3. With the heal-ing of di-vi-sion,  
with the cease-less voice of prayer,  
with the power to love and wit-ness,  
with the peace be-yond com-pare:  
Come, Ho-ly Spir-it, come.

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

Announcements

Jeff Rissell

Offering

Offertory "Carlisle" Paul Bryan

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\* Doxology 

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* **Hymn #267 "Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us"**

\* Commission and Blessing

\* **Threefold Amen**

*Amen, Amen, Amen*

**Music to Go Forth**

"Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich"

Johann Pachelbel

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Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us

Janie Alford, 1979; alt.

1. Come, O Spir-it, dwell a-mong us,  
come with Pen-te-cos-tal power;  
give the church a strong-er vi-sion,  
help us face each cru-cial hour.  
Built up-on a firm foun-da-tion,  
Je-sus Christ, the Cor-ner-stone,  
still the church is called to mis-sion  
that God's love shall be made known.
  
2. We would raise our al-le-lu-ias  
for the grace of for-mer years;  
for to-mor-row's un-known path-way,  
hear, O God, our hum-ble prayers.  
In the church's pil-grim jour-ney  
you have led us all the way,  
still in pres-ence move be-fore us,  
fire by night and cloud by day.
  
3. Come, O Spir-it, dwell a-mong us;  
give us words of fire and flame.  
Help our strug-gling voic-es praise you,  
glo-ri-fy your ho-ly name.  
Good Cre-a-tor, Sav-ior, Spir-it,  
Three in One: what mys-ter-y!  
We would sing our loud ho-san-nas  
now and through e-ter-ni-ty.

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

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**No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.**

**God is still speaking, ...**

**Serving St. John's...**

Rev. Becky Sausser.....Pastor  
Lucia Guido.....Admin Assistant  
Lois Mease.....Music Director and Organist  
Jim Saylor.....Sunday Sexton

And too many volunteers to list!

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