

WELCOME to worship at United Church of Christ in Norwell. Whether you are a member or affiliate member of our church, a frequent attendee, or a first time visitor, we are truly glad you are here and invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship, growth and service. We hope you will find your time here to be meaningful and the congregation welcoming. At the conclusion of the postlude, please join us for conversation and refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

LISTENING DEVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED, LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, AND LARGE PRINT HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE. An usher or deacon would be happy to assist you with any of these needs. A CD of this morning's service will be available for \$2.00 in the sound room (back left corner of the sanctuary), or you may borrow a copy through the church library.

The Deacons today are Linda Falconiero and John Galvin.

The flowers on the pedestal today are given by Jane, Andy, and Martha Bogaty in memory of their husband and father, Bob Bogaty.

Child care for infants through grade two is available downstairs in rooms 10 and 7.

Activity bags are available for children to use in the library (a Deacon or usher can direct assist you). Audio of the worship service can be heard in the library as well. Please note that a parent must remain with their child(ren) in the library to supervise them.

"Prayer Chairs" (with prayer shawls on them) are located in the back right corner of the sanctuary. You are invited to come to them any time during our service. A prayer partner from our Healing and Wholeness Ministry Team will lay hands on your shoulders and *silently* pray for you. You do not need to tell them your specific prayer concern, unless you choose to do so.

Parking notes: The front driveway and rear parking lot have reserved spaces for handicapped parking. Also, some members require easier access through the front door. Please save the front driveway and marked spaces in back for those who need them.

Flower donations: A sign-up calendar is located in Fellowship Hall *on the bulletin board near the doorway to the elevator and back stairs*. You will receive a form a few weeks before the date you have signed up for inquiring about details for your donation (flowers cost \$35).

Allergy Alert! - We have children in our church community who have life-threatening allergies to nuts and eggs. Did you know that a simple smear of peanut butter (*or the oils not washed away with soap*) can cause a child to stop breathing within 1-2 minutes? (Anti-bacterial wipes or instant hand sanitizers *do not* take care of the problem.) Thank you for your help!

Church School for Children and Youth: (Pre-K through 12th grade) meets at 9:00am downstairs. Our "Happenings..." faith formation group for 9th-12th grades meets in room 1.

The Memory Lane Singers' Schedule: Join us and help spread joy on these Mondays, 2-3pm. Bring your friends! *No singing experience necessary!* Call Kay Spurr, 781-545-6405, if you have questions:

Scituate Life Care: June 5
Norwell Royal: June 12
Scituate Cardigan: June 26



United Church of Christ, Congregational
An Open and Affirming Church

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Ministers to the Congregation

All the Congregation
All the Staff

June 4, 2017

PENTECOST

10:00 a.m.

We Gather in God's Name

CALL OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Anne Marie Holloway

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

One: Suddenly, a sound like the roar of a mighty windstorm came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

All on the Right: A wind breathes among us, calling us to gather in the name of the Holy One!

One: They saw tongues like flames of fire that separated, and one rested on each of them.

All of the Left: A fire burns within us, calling us to service, calling us to prayer!

One: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in foreign languages as the Spirit gave them that ability.

All in the Choir: A spirit moves around us, calling us to speak the universal language of love to one another!

All in unison: Wind and fire reveal truth and love! The Holy Spirit has given us courage and hope! Breath in us breathe of God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

*HYMN

#237 *On Pentecost They Gathered* v.1,3,4

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you:

For we have denied your saving presence in our lives, and we have grieved your Holy Spirit. Come to us in the fire of your love,

**And set our minds on the things of Spirit,
That we may bear the Spirit's fruit in love and joy and peace;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Hear this good news! God's Spirit reaches out to assure us of welcome in Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven by God's grace. With great joy we are made alive! Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Joy in the House

Kenn Mann;
Arr. Mary McDonald

We Receive God's Word

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21

SERMON

Something Awesome!

Anne Marie Holloway

*** HYMN**

#245 *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

BRIDEGROOM

We Respond to God's Love

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

John Galvin

Response (all seated) #241 *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine v.2*

MERCY

Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine.
Kindle every high desire, purify me with your fire.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR RESOURCES

Offertory

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life *PUER NOBIS NASCITUR*

Please sign and pass the Red Book (in aisle seats) so we may greet each other by name. If you are with us for the first time, please add your contact information.

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God, Triune, whom we adore:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine.

People: Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and that we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died.

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

(Gluten-free is available at center station. Grape juice, not wine, is served to all.)

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (debts/debtors)

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***HYMN**

#236 *Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow* *ABERYSTWYTH*

POSTLUDE

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Karen Harvey, organ

AZMON;
Arr. Michael Burkhardt

*Standing to praise God

(Pentecost is celebrated on the fiftieth day after Easter, commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem.)

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