



*Pentecost 2024*  
*Come, Holy Spirit, Come!*



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.'

The word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

Sent to Serve

Rev. Jennifer Mazur

MUSIC MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*If you have a prayer you would like to share out loud, please raise your hand and a deacon or usher will bring a microphone to you. If you would like to write a prayer down for our pastor to pray for you this week, please write it on the pieces of paper provided in the pews.*

SONG OF PRAYER

Draw the Circle Wide

M. Miller

Draw the circle draw the circle wide draw the circle draw the circle wide  
No one stands alone we'll stand side by side draw the circle draw the circle wide.  
Draw the circle wide draw it wider still Let this be our song No one stands alone  
Standing side by side draw the circle draw the circle wide.

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.**

RITE OF CONFIRMATION - Allison and Jillian Prince

Introduction of Candidates

Congregational Promises

Loved ones, confirmation is not graduation. It is not the end of a journey but the beginning of one. As a church, we are called to welcome in all those who seek to be members here with love and abundant joy. Please join me in welcoming the Confirmands into the full membership of this church by reading together the Congregational Response:

**We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

Gifts to the Confirmands

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

Like the Murmur

Daw/Cutts

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Indicates those who are able may stand

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God, we thank you for these gifts and offer them up to you. May they help us to be the church in the world: a place and a people of love and justice, mercy and peace. Move among these gifts, so we might be gifts to your world. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

"Wind Who Makes All Winds"  
*(music and words in blue hymnal)*

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (remain seated)

Rejoice, The Lord is King

G. Young

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\*Indicates those who are able may stand

# *North Church Welcomes You*

We are glad that you are worshipping here today.

If you seek a church home in Portsmouth, we hope that you will return to worship with us again. The tear off form on this bulletin filled out and placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher or the pastor, will help us to know you better as we serve God together.

*On this day and all days we keep Marondera Church, our Ukama partner in Zimbabwe in our prayers.*

## *Worship* SCHEDULE

**All Worship services  
begin at 10:00 am**

**Sunday, May 5  
Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
*The Sacrament of Communion will be Celebrated  
"Abiding in Love"*

**Sunday, May 12  
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday, May 19  
Pentecost Sunday**

**Sunday, May 26  
First Sunday After Pentecost**



- Webster-at-Rye Service, May 20th, 3pm
- Wentworth Senior Living, Mary 23rd, 2:15pm
- Daisy Gate Sunday, June 9th, 10am
- Annual Meeting, June 9th, 11am



### “Meatball Mondays”

The Mission Board will be collecting a free-will offering today. This money will enable our North Church team to buy the supplies needed for the monthly dinner we provide to the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen.



### Bible Study

Bible study continues every **Tuesday at 1pm** in the Sanctuary. Here are a few reasons you might like to join in: It's fun.

- ❖ We have wonderful, lively conversations.
- ❖ We take time in prayer and connection with God and each other.
- ❖ We learn something new from one another each week.

Interested? Come join in! Time doesn't work for you, but you'd like to participate? Let Pastor Jenn know. If we have enough interested people we'll set up time for another Bible Study gathering.

## On Pentecost They Gathered 334

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

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PENTECOST

# 326 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*Refrain*

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the wil - der-ness

call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,

stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,  
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand  
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,  
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

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(continued)

# Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (continued)

PENTECOST

Em7 D Bm E A

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

D G A G Bm D/F# D

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Bm D/G Em7 A7 D *to Refrain*  
A

“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”  
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
 With bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

PENTECOST

# 333 Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

1 Wind who makes all winds that blow—gusts that bend the sap-lings low,  
 2 Fire who fuels all fires that burn—suns a-round which plan-ets turn,  
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, Wind and Flame, move with-in our mor - tal frame.

gales that heave the sea in waves, stir-rings in the mind's deep caves—  
 bea - cons mark - ing reefs and shoals, shin - ing truth to guide our souls—  
 Make our hearts an al - tar pyre, kin - dle them with your own fire.

aim your breath with stead-y power on your church this day, this hour.  
 come to us as once you came: burst in tongues of sa - cred flame!  
 Breathe and blow up - on that blaze till our lives, our deeds and ways,

Raise, re - new the life we've lost, Spir - it God of Pen - te - cost.  
 Light and Pow - er, Might and Strength, fill your church, its breadth and length.  
 speak that tongue which ev - ery land by your grace shall un - der - stand.

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