

Pentecost 2024 Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

North Church of Portsmouth

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

May 19, 2024 10:00 AM

Pentecost Sunday

PRELUDE Come Holy Spirit Veni Creator Spiritus

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace

*OPENING HYMN "On Pentecost They Gathered" #334

(music and words in blue hymnal)

MISSION MOMENT—Gather

*HYMN "Spirit of Gentleness" #326

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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.

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^{*}Indicates those who are able may stand

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem A n d 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 be longing 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.

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.

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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" #333

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (remain seated) Rejoice, The Lord is King G. Young



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North Church Welcomes You

We are glad that you are worshiping 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.



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"

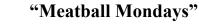
Sunday, May 12 Seventh Sunday of Easter

> 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





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.

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333 Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow



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