

**Congregational Church
of Westminster West
A United Church of Christ**

May 19, 2024
Pentecost!

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Andante in C”

Samuel Wesley (1810-76)

*Call to Worship

Leader: “In the last days it will be,” God declares, “that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.”

People: And our sons and our daughters shall prophesy; and our young ones shall see visions and our old ones shall dream dreams.

L: 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 –

P: and it filled the entire house where we were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among us, and a tongue rested on each of us. All of us were filled with the Holy Spirit, and we began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave us the ability.”

L: In the sure presence of God’s Holy Spirit, let us worship God!

*Hymn No. 59 “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

*Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding o’er a world of gloom and blight;
Holy Spirit, ever raising earth-bound souls to glory high;
living, life-imparting Spirit; you we praise and magnify.*

*Holy Spirit, ever breathing on the church the breath of life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving through your people’s ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the church the mind of Christ:*

in our worship we will praise you for your fruit and gifts unpriced.

*Holy Spirit, ever working through the church's ministry –
quickenning, strengthening, and absolving, setting captive sinners
free;*

*Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul,
in community unending you we worship and extol.*

Prayer of Confession (*seated/unison*)

All: Gracious God, who pours out freely the gift of your Holy Spirit: we confess before you and to each other that we have struggled to recognize this most precious gift. We have been satisfied with ordinary things, suspicious of different things, and blind to spiritual things. Cleanse us, O God, with your celestial fire. Burn away our presumptuous self-sufficiency, and open us in faith to receive the Spirit's renewing power. Amen. (*silence for personal reflection and confession*)

Assurance of Pardon

L: Jesus promised: "Ask, and it will be given you; seek and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." Therefore, I announce that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria No. 756 (*see inside back of hymnal*)

Prayers of the People

L: May the Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

Joys and Concerns

Silence

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 let us not fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Lessons Acts 2: 1-4
 1 Corinthians 12: 1-13
 Mark 1: 4-8

*Hymn No. 267 “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”
*Come, O Spirit, dwell among us, come with Pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision, help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission that God’s love shall be made
known.*

*We would raise our alleluia for the grace of former years;
for tomorrow’s unknown pathway, hear, O God, our humble prayers.
In the church’s pilgrim journey you have led us all the way,
still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.*

*Come, O Spirit, dwell among us, give us words of fire and flame.
Help our struggling voices praise you, glorify your holy name.
Good Creator, Savior, Spirit, Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.*

Sermon

Offertory “Fanfare” Flor Peeters
*Doxology *Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God for all that Love has done.
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One.*

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn No. 377 “Forward Through the Ages”

*Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
manifold in service, one the sure reward.*

~Refrain~:

*Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.*

*Wide grows God’s dominion, reign of love and peace;
for it we must labor, till all strivings cease.
Prophets have proclaimed it, teachers testified,
poets sung its glory, martyrs for it died.*

~Refrain~

*Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;
in each loss or triumph, lose or triumph all.
Bound by God’s far purpose in one living whole,
move we on together to the shining goal.*

~Refrain~

*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude “North Country Fair” *Bob Dylan*

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**indicates that all who are able shall stand
Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments downstairs
following the worship service.*

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Worship Participants:

Musician: Fred Gray Deacon: David Mulholland

Tech: Charlotte Gifford Trustees: Guy Payne, chair

Minister to the Congregation: Rev. Susie Webster-Toleno

Ministers to the World: The Congregation

Church and Community Notes

⌘ Our pastor, Rev. Susie Webster-Toleno, welcomes visits and calls, and is also happy to visit YOU in your home, workplace, hospital room or wherever. She sets Thursday afternoons aside for church work for sure, usually spending that time in the church office; in addition, she is available at other times by appointment. Susie can be reached at the church at **802-387-1175** if it's not an emergency, but the fastest ways to reach her are via cell **802-579-8356** or email susiewt@gmail.com. Susie will be on vacation from this evening through next Sunday, May 26. In the case of a pastoral care emergency, please contact a Deacon, and they will connect you with Susie's pastoral back up (Rev. Elisa Lucozzi) if that's what is needed.

Upcoming Events:

May 26: **10 AM** David Mulholland & Fred Gray

May 26: **Noon** Morris Dancers on site.

May 26: **2 PM** Ordination of Matthew Deen at Newfane Congregational Church

June 2: Susie preaching, Eric Robinson musician

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