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## UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH

MAY 23, 2021 Pentecost Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fusion Church

*“The early Celtic Christians called the Holy Spirit ‘the wild goose.’ And the reason why is they knew that you cannot tame it.” John Eldridge*

**PRELUDE** “Fantasia on “Come, Holy Spirit” by JS Bach

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(by Thom Shuman, adapted)*

Leader: The Day of Pentecost is here! God's children have gathered in this place:

**People: We are transformed into God's family by God's Spirit joining with ours.**

Leader: Come, Spirit of reconciliation, and open our hearts to our sisters and brothers:

**People: Come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader: Come, Spirit of peace, and calm our trembling hearts:

**People: Come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader: Come, Breath of God, and make our lives anew:

**People: Come, Holy Spirit!**

\* **HYMN #539** “O Spirit of the Living God” *(verses 1, 3-4)*

**TIME FOR THE CHILDREN**

**Opening Scripture.** II Corinthians 13:13

**Dexter Time** (Rev. DeMott and her dog, Dexter discuss the opening scripture)

**Children's Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer** *(using debts-debtors)*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God” *by Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**TIME OF OFFERING OURSELVES IN COMMITMENT**

**OFFERTORY** “Spirit of the Living God” *Daniel Iverson, arr Lani Smith*

**BLESSING & AMEN**

## RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: O Lord, from the very instant of creation, your Holy Spirit moved on the waters of creation,

**People: bringing to life the creative love that is God.**

Leader: Even when the people were forgetful and stubborn, your Holy Spirit called to them to be unafraid, to follow.

**People: It led them through the desert to a land of sweet dwelling.**

Leader: On a dark night in Bethlehem, you sang your sweetest song and sent us a Savior

**People: who came to bring us life and witness to your love and power.**

Leader: At the lakeshore you called to the simple people, the fishermen, to come and follow you.

**People: They witnessed your miracles of healing and forgiving love.**

Leader: When the night seemed to be the darkest,

**People: you gave your Son to be a witness to your love.**

Leader: On the early morning, the women were startled with the news of His resurrection.

**People: The disciples were astonished at Christ's presence among them.**

Leader: He continued with them in the Spirit, who brought to birth the church,

**People: and who leads us now.**

Leader: Spirit of Gentleness, help us to dream dreams and see visions

**People: of all that is possible for the healing and hope for this world.**

Leader: Help us cross lines which divide and unite to proclaim boldly

**People: that you are the Spirit of Absolute Love and Peace.**

Leader: Emblazon our spirits.

**People: Make bold our voices.**

Leader: Give joy to our hearts,

**People: for we have been called to be witnesses,**

**All: even to the ends of the world.**

## CONGREGATIONAL SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-6

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.

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.

## SERMON

\* **HYMN** "The Community Church" (see insert)

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Bob Kilpatrick*

Leader: In this church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In this church, Lord, be glorified today.

**Cong: In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.**

**In my life, Lord, be glorified today.**

*(Words and music by Bob Kilpatrick. Copyright 1978, Bob Kilpatrick)*

**POSTLUDE**

*Following worship, all Zoomers are invited to remain for coffee hour.*

**Serving Today**

Lay Leader.....Luanne Crosby  
Flowers.....Tiersa Watson  
Piano .....Peter O’Connor  
Organ.....Laurel Buckwalter  
Zoom Co-host.....John Buckwalter

**Sunday, May 30, 2021**

**Scheduled to Serve**

Lay Leader.....Sharon Smith  
Flowers.....Laurel Buckwalter

**MAY LEADERS**

Deacon.....Jan Casey  
Elder.....John Buckwalter  
Fellowship.....Luanne Crosby  
Trustee .....Linell Soule  
BOCE ..... TBD

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Catherine Chambers, Ding Jiayi & family, Michelle Garcia Escobar, Clayton Stutzman, Hugh Langelier, Lois Stiles, Sharon & Roger Smith, Wes Bentz, Beverly Snyder’s sister (Barbara), 3 yr. old Lowin, Marnie Johnson (Joan Schulze’s niece), Sharon Burdick, all those whose families are suffering from Covid-19, Michele Hluchy’s father (Rev. Stephen Hluchy), the Jusianic’s niece, Avery, Tiersa Watson’s great niece (Katharine) & infant (Kinsley) who were in a car accident, Linda Staiger family & friends on the death of Gene Staiger, Jan Porter, Judd Stearns, & sister Linda & family on the death of her husband, Sam, Kristen Meissner Vargason’s college roommate, Wendy (diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer).

**MISSION OF THE MONTH: Hart Comfort House**

Comfort House of Allegany County is our Mission of the Month for May. Comfort House of Allegany County, also known as Hart Comfort House located in Wellsville, NY, is a not for profit corporation providing free hospice care for patients in their last 3 months of life and support for those patients families. Hart Comfort House provides care 24 hours a day 365 days a year for two patients at a time. Money to run Hart Comfort House is entirely generated through community support, grants, and fund raising. Checks should be made out to Union University Church with “Comfort House” written in the memo line.