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Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song - arr. John Carter
Let Every Christian Pray - NCH #261
I Will Sing With The Spirit
We Love Your Realm O God - NCH #312
The Church's One Foundation - PH #260
Toccata - Douglas Wagner

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Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
May 23, 2021
Pentecost Sunday

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Welcome and Announcements Sarah Fuller

Call to Worship Rev. Reebee Girash and Sarah Fuller

One: Here we gather for song and scripture, seeking comfort and hope, seeking to be inspired as well as challenged.

All: Here we gather to retell the ancient tales and wonder how God's story continues to unfold.

One: Today we tell the story of Pentecost, the story of the Holy Spirit rushing in like a wild wind and dancing like flames upon each of the disciples,

All: And we ask ourselves where we see the Holy Spirit present our world today.

One: Today we tell a story of the Holy Spirit igniting hope again. We will hear Peter claim his identity, tell his story, and inspire others to see the Holy at work in the world.

All: And we will ask ourselves if we are ready to share our own stories.

One: Friends, welcome. Welcome to this place with all questions, doubts, wonders,
and find here an invitation to experience something ancient and something new.

All: May we be open to the Spirit.

May we be open to learning and learning from one another.

May we grow in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Jeff Boehm

Come Holy Spirit, come!

Move, swirl, and dance among us.

Remind us that you you are always present:

encouraging, luring, and inspiring us

to be the loving people you created us to be.

Stir us during this hour to walk humbly, embrace love,

and do justice in our unjust and fragmented world.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Amen.

Opening Hymn **Let Every Christian Pray** - NCH #261

1 Let every Christian pray, this day and every day,
come, Holy Spirit, come! Was not the church we love
commissioned from above? Come, Holy Spirit, come!

2 The Spirit brought to birth the church of Christ on earth
to seek and save the lost: God never has withdrawn,
since that tremendous dawn, the gifts of Pentecost.

3 Only the Spirit's power can fit us for this hour:
come, Holy Spirit, come! Unite, instruct, inspire
and fill us with your fire: come, Holy Spirit, come!

Let Every Christian Pray

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Fred Pratt Green, 1970; rev. 1994

Acts 2

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 Let ev - ery Chris - tian pray, this day and ev - ery day,
2 The Spir - it brought to birth the church of Christ on earth
3 On - ly the Spir - it's power can fit us for this hour:

come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! Was not the church we love
to seek and save the lost: God nev - er has with - drawn,
come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! U - nite, in - struct, in - spire

com - mis - sioned from a - bove? Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!
since that tre - men - dous dawn, the gifts of Pen - te - cost.
and fill us with your fire: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!

2When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” 12All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

14But 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. 15Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. 16No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 17‘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. 18Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.19And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 20The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. 21Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Children’s Message

Sarah Fuller

Anthem

I Will Sing With The Spirit

Sermon

Rev. Reebee Girash

Response Hymn **We Love Your Realm, O God** - NCH #312

1 We love your realm, O God, all places where you reign.
We recognize, with hope and joy, the world as your domain.

2 We love your church, O God, for Christ has given life
To form communities of love that seek to heal our strife.

3 We recognize, with pain, that we have not achieved
The faithfulness of our resolve when we at first believed.

4 Yet Christ, our friend and guide, continues to forgive,
Delivering us from our mistakes, inviting us to live.

5 Beyond our brokenness, we seek to know your ways
Of deep communication, solemn vows and hymns of love and praise.

6 We know your truth will last. We trust your reign is sure.
Equip us for those daily tasks that help your world endure.

We Love Your Realm, O God

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*Timothy Dwight, 1801
Adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1992*

Ps. 26:8

1 We love your realm, O God, all plac - es where you reign.
2 We love your church, O God, for Christ has giv - en life
3 We rec - og - nize, with pain, that we have not a - chieved
4 Yet Christ, our friend and guide, con - tin - ues to for - give,

We rec - og - nize, with hope and joy, the world as your do - main.
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The faith - ful - ness of our re - solve when we at first be - lieved.
De - liv - ering us from our mis - takes, in - vit - ing us to live.

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Passing the Peace

Prayers of the People and the Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father (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 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.

Mission Moment

Strengthen The Church/Extended Mission Giving

Doug Johnston

Invitation to the Offering

Sarah Fuller

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Offertory

Doxology (#515 Red)

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

or

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Prayer of Dedication

Jeff Boehm

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, and generous toward your world. Amen.

Closing Hymn **The Church's One Foundation** - PH #260

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation By water and the word;
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.

2 Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth,
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

3 'Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

4 Yet she on earth hath union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with thee.
Amen.

The Church's One Foundation

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Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

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Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

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3 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war,
4 Yet she on earth hath un - ion With God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the word;
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion, One Lord, one faith, one birth,
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Like them, the meek and low - ly, On high may dwell with thee. A - men.

Benediction

Rev. Reebee Girash

Postlude

Toccata

Douglas Wagner

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