



**Pilgrim Congregational Church,  
United Church of Christ**

**June 5, 2022**

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**Pilgrim Congregational Church,  
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A Welcoming, Open and Affirming Congregation  
Service of Worship – June 5, 2022**

**PENTECOST & SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY**

PRELUDE

He that Believes and is Baptized - Max Reger

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Reebee Girash and Deborah Burger

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Deborah Burger

ONE: Peace be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

ONE: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

\*OPENING PRAYER

Deborah Burger

**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

# Come O Spirit Dwell Among Us - Black Hymnal 267

PENTECOST

267

## Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us

Acts 2:1-36; Exod. 13:18-22; Ps. 118:19-29

Janie Alford, 1979; alt.

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us, come with Pen - te -  
2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the grace of  
3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us words of

cos - tal power; give the church a strong - er vi - sion,  
for - mer years; for to - mor - row's un - known path - way,  
fire and flame. Help our strug - gling voic - es praise you,

help us face each cru - cial hour. Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion,  
hear, O God, our hum - ble prayers. In the church's pil - grim jour - ney  
glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name. Good Cre - a - tor, Sav - ior, Spir - it,

Je - sus Christ, the Cor - ner - stone, still the church is  
you have led us all the way, still in pres - ence  
Three in One: what mys - ter - y! We would sing our

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called to mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.  
move be - fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.  
loud ho - san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

Janie Alford is often described as "the Grandma Moses of hymnody." In her nineties, this retired medical secretary and Nashville, Tennessee, shop owner remained an active church worker and wrote many hymns. Nine of her texts were published in 1979.

Tune: EBENEZER (TON-Y-BOTEL) 8.7.8.7.D  
Thomas J. Williams, 1890

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1 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.

2 We would raise our alleluias 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.

3 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.





## SCRIPTURE READING

Deborah Burger

Acts 2:1-21

<sup>2</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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

## ANTHEM

Ye Shall Go Out With Joy by Norah Duncan IV  
Pilgrim Choir with solos by Lisa Boehm and Elena Snow

## HOMILY

Rev. Reebee Girash

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Reebee Girash

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Reebee Girash

In addition to our regular offering, today we receive a special UCC Offering - Strengthen the Church. The Strengthen the Church Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ. Please use the blue envelope in the bulletin or include Strengthen the Church in your memo line.

OFFERTORY

Nocturne by Bob Moore with Elena Snow and Dot Bowe

\*DOXOLOGY

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

**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.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Our service of communion is open to all who wish to participate. The sacrament is a gift from God, and all are welcome to receive it.





# \*COMMUNION HYMN

# Sweet, Sweet Spirit - Black Hymnal 293

HYMNS OF THE SPIRIT

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## Sweet, Sweet Spirit

2 Cor. 3:17-5:5

Doris Akers, 1962; alt.

*Slowly*

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I  
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are  
know that Spir - it's full - ness; and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I  
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

*to Refrain*

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.  
going to stay with Je - sus all the way."

This is one of the most popular gospel songs from the corpus of African-American songwriters who emerged during the golden age of gospel (1930-1969). Although this era was dominated by the Baptists, Doris Akers had Methodist roots.

Tune: SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT  
9.11.9.11. with refrain  
Doris Akers, 1962

*Refrain*

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill-ing us with your love; And for these bless-ings we

lift our hearts in praise. With-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
there are sweet expressions on each face,  
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

2. There are blessings you cannot receive  
till you know that Spirit's fullness and believe;  
you're the one to profit when you say,  
"I am going to stay with Jesus all the way."

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place.



## INVITATION

## COMMUNION PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Please hold the bread and juice until all have been served. We will receive them together.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

Lord of the Dance with Nancy Fuller

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Remembering your boundless love for us in Jesus Christ, we give you thanks, oh God. Recognizing Christ in our midst, in the faces of those we love and those who are strangers, we offer our lives in your service. Lead us from this communion at your table, into communion with the world: "converting the sacred bread into real bread, the liturgical peace into political peace, the worship of the Creator into reverence for the creation, the Christian praying community into an authentic human fellowship" where all can share equally in the abundance of your gifts, and know the boundlessness of your love. Amen**



\*CLOSING HYMN

When In Our Music God is Glorified - Black Hymnal 561

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When in Our Music God Is Glorified

2 Chron. 5:11-14

Fred Pratt Green, 1972

1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -  
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -  
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and  
 4 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! Let all re -

ra - tion leaves no room for pride, It is as though the whole cre -  
 men - sion in the world of sound, As wor - ship moved us to a  
 love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, Borne wit - ness to the truth in  
 joice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to

a - tion cried: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 more pro - found Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ev - ery tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sing al - ways: Al - le - lu - ia!

1 When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!

2 How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!

3 So has the Church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong, borne witness to the truth in every tongue, Alleluia!

4 Let every instrument be tuned for praise, let all rejoice who have a voice to raise, and may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

Fred Pratt Green wrote this text at the request of British editor and composer John Wilson, who asked for a "festival" hymn to be set with Engelberg. Charles Villiers Stanford originally composed the tune for the text "For All the Saints" in Hymns Ancient and Modern of 1904.

Tune: ENGELBERG 10.10.10.4. Charles V. Stanford, 1904

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Gospel Medley with John and Zac Girash

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\*Please be in a posture of praise.

*A special thank you to our Zoom hosts, Mike Stevens and Nick Zorn and our liturgist, Deborah Burger.*

## SOURCE NOTES

The Unison Prayer is by Tim Graves. The prayer of dedication is by Edwin Beers. The Prayer of Thanksgiving includes words of Raimondo Panikkar.

## JOIN US

**Bible Study** – Join us Tuesday, June 14 at 10:30am

**Sunday School** - in person during worship on Sundays.

## IMAGE

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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

