

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth, Maine 04097
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We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *Partita on Hail to Thee My Jesu, Holy* by JS Bach

Bringing in the Light of Christ **9:30 a.m.**

Welcome *Rev. Dr. Cynthia Biggar, Interim Pastor*

Opening Sentence

Veni, sancte spiritus (Medieval Latin)
Come, Holy Spirit!

Gathering Music # 249 **“Spirit”** (refrain)

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness,
calling and free;
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.**

Response:

Spiritus adest.
The Spirit is here! (*Wave Streamers*)

French: *“L’Esprit est ici!”* Jesse Myers-Wakeman
Spanish: *“El Espiritu esta aqui!”* Jess Smith
German: *“Der Heiliger Geist ist hier.”* Kathy Whittier

The Spirit is here! (*Wave Streamers*).

Opening Prayer *from Acts 2 and I Corinthians 12* *in unison*

Holy Spirit, power of God,
come and fill us with Your strength.
Gather us with our different gifts into one community.

May the winds of the Spirit blow away our fears,
and fill us with power.
Open our hearts,
that we may welcome everyone. Amen.

***Hymn # 236 “Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow”**

Words: Thomas H. Troeger, 1983; Music: Joseph Parry, 1879

Wind who makes all winds that blow –gusts that bend the saplings low,
gales that heave the sea in waves, stirrings in the minds deep caves
aim your breath with steady power on your church this day, this hour.
Raise, renew the life we’ve lost, Spirit God of Pentecost.

Fire who fuels all fires that burn – suns around which planets turn,
beacons marking reefs and shoals, shining truth to guide our souls
come to us as once you came: burst in tongues of sacred flame!
Light and Power, Might and Strength, fill your church, its breadth and length.

Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame, move with-in our mortal frame.
Make our hearts an altar pyre, kindle them with your own fire.
Breathe and blow up – on that blaze till our lives, our deeds and ways,
speak that tongue which every land by your grace shall understand.

Responsive Scripture Reading (from Psalm 104:24-34; 35b)

With American Sign language: Gail Strattard and Nora Krainis

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom You have made them all;
The earth is full of your creatures.
Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
Creeping things innumerable are there,
Living things both small and great.
There go the ships,
And Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.
There all look to you
To give them their food in due season;
When you give to them, they gather it up;
When you open your hand,
They are filled with good things.
When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
When you take away their breath, they die
And return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit,
They are created;
And you renew the face of the ground.

**May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
May the Lord rejoice in his works—
Who looks on the earth and it trembles,
Who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have being.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
For I rejoice in the Lord.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul!
Praise the Lord!**

Choir Anthem – “God's Gonna Set This World on Fire”
arr. Moses Hogan & Edwin B. Hogan

A Moment for Honoring Graduates *Leslie Eastman, Deacon Chairperson*

Hadley Smith – North Yarmouth Academy
Marin Heath – Baxter School
Ellie Whittier – Ohio State University (Nursing)
Kate Dransfield – University of New England (Masters in Education)
Josh Brobst – Northeastern University (Masters in Data Science)
Allyson Petit (Nursing)

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21 *from The Voice* *several readers*

Message for All Ages “The Birthday of the Church”

Hymn for All Ages **“We Are the Church Together”** *on song sheet*
(with motions during Refrain)
Words and Music: Richard K. Avery and Donald S. Marsh

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow
Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we’re the church together!
The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place,
the church is a people.

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow
Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we’re the church together!

We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces, all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places.

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning, sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, always it's learning.

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying, there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying:

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it.

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 12:3b-13

Reflection: "Gifts of the Spirit"

Rev. Biggar

Prayers of the People

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in Anglo-Saxon) (from the "Wessex Gospels," 990 A.D.)

Rev. Biggar

*Fæder ure, þu þe eart on heofonum, si þin nama gehalgod. To becume þin rice.
Gewurþe ðin willa on eorðan swa swa on heofonum. Urne gedæghwamlican hlaf
syle us todæg and forgyf us ure gyltas swa swa we forgyfað urum gyltendum;
and ne gelæd þu us on costnunge, ac alys us of yfele. Soplice.*

The Lord's Prayer (in Spanish) Jess Smith with Nora Krainis (and others)

Padre nuestro que estás en el Cielo, Santificado sea tu nombre.

Venga [a nosotros] tu Reino, Hágase tu/[su] voluntad en la Tierra como [es] en el Cielo. Danos hoy [nuestro/el] pan de cada día, Y perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden, No nos dejes caer en la tentación, Y líbranos del mal, porque Tuyo es el Reino el Poder y la Gloria por Siempre Señor.

Amén

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Moville* by M. Bender

***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. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** *from Psalm 104 and I Corinthians 12.* *In unison*

Holy One, You create all that is.
Your breath sustains every living thing.
In your creation,
we see Your love of diversity.
In our community,
we celebrate the multitude of Spirit-filled gifts.
Grateful for Your care,
we bring these gifts.
May they spread Your love to all people. Amen.

Our Faith in Action (Church Announcements)

***Hymn # 494 “We Are One in the Spirit”**

Words and Music: Peter Scholtes, 1966

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side, we will work with each other, we will work side by side, and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

***Benediction**

Go forth into the world in peace.
Have courage!
Hold fast to what is good.
Return no one evil for evil.
Strengthen the faint-hearted,
support the weak, help the suffering.
Honor all people and take care of God's Creation.
Love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!

**And may the love of God,
the Light of Christ,
and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all. AMEN**

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Postlude

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

* Those who are able may stand.

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Offerings can also be made online at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1301940>.

THIS WEEK*

Today - 10:30 am, Coffee Hour

Monday, May 25 - The church will be closed in observance of memorial day.

Tuesday, May 26 – Tuesday Gals at 10am

Wednesday, May 27– Choir at 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 28 – Discipleship at 1pm

Sunday, May 31 – Choir at 8:30 am / Diaconate following worship

IN OUR PRAYERS*

We pray for those in our congregation and community who are

- mourning the loss of loved ones;
- serving our country in the military, including James Black, E-6, US Navy;
- experiencing health issues or personal concerns, including Candy B., Sandra and Vince G., Steve Q., Lori M., and Kaitlin Q., Holly and Charles S., and Susanelen S.

We pray for those in the wider world, nationally and globally who are

- hungry or unhoused,
- experiencing violence and destruction from wars and conflicts,
- rebuilding their lives following natural disasters,
- recovering from trauma.

We pray for peace within ourselves, our families, our communities, and our world.

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