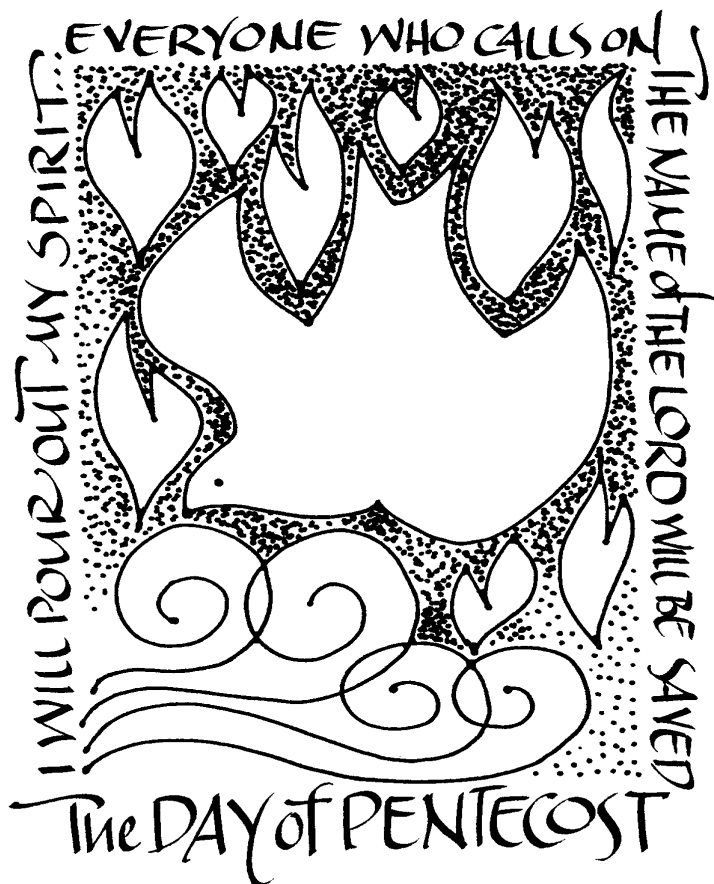


Welcome to the
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*You will always be welcome here. This is God's house and a happy church home.
Let us be your church family, for we are all beloved children of God.
Join us regularly for Christian worship, nurture, and the doing of God's work in the world
—that you might have life, and that more abundantly.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP PENTECOST

GATHERING MUSIC

We use this time to make the transition between “getting here” and “being here”. Take these few minutes to find the still, deep places within you, where God's Spirit dwells. Relax the body; quiet the mind. Be aware of being together in silence with others. Feel the spirit of the community.

+CALL TO WORSHIP

from Joel 2:28

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh, says the LORD:

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

The old shall dream dreams,

And the young shall see visions.

+HYMN IN PROCESSION no. 131

Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Through all our differences, and in all our wanderings, may our hearts still sing a single melody. Forgive us our divisions, our fears, and our tired old selves. Show us how to be your joyful, grateful family. Join us with those who at all times, and in all places, have praised your name. We ask that you tune our wills to your will, that we may live in your promise of abundant life, and show forth in all the world the radiant glory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, whose spirit gives us power, and in whose strong name we pray...

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

...Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

+SUNG RESPONSE *from the Iona community*

***Pour out, I will pour out my spirit: earth shall be more than it seems.
Both sons and daughters will prophesy, young and old shall dream dreams!***

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

please turn and share the Peace of Christ with your neighbors

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION no. 322

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; melt me, mold me, fill me, use me...

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 44:2-8

ANTHEM *Over My Head, I Hear Music In the Air* Traditional Spiritual

SECOND LESSON: Acts 2:1-11

SERMON **A Thousand Tongues** Rev. Speers

✚**HYMN** no. 466 *O, For a Thousand Tongues!*

OFFERTORY *Rain On Us* Traditional Gospel Song

✚**DOXOLOGY** no. 592 and **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Almighty God, you who have come with the Holy Spirit and with power, and who with the eternal life of Jesus have given us all things: help us, we pray, with all our gifts to yield ourselves unto you, so that with our whole selves we may truly serve you, and in your service find our deepest joy, through Christ Jesus, our Risen Lord, whose spirit is alive in us, his body. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

○ Holy Spirit, we thank you!

When you bring together the family of faith,

We thank you for love.

When you call us to service in the church and the world,

We thank you for joy.

When you pray with us in the struggle for justice,

We thank you for peace.

When you remind us that the Kingdom *is* coming...in your time and your way,

We thank you for patience.

When you comfort us in our weariness as we care for one another,

We thank you for kindness.

When you surprise us with the power to give far more than we could ever imagine,

We thank you for generosity.

When you give us the strength to follow Jesus,

We thank you for faithfulness.

When you enable us to prevail with grace over all manner of rage, hatred and abuse,

We thank you for gentleness.

And when all these fruits are beyond our reach,

When we are tempted to return evil for evil, or simply to give up,

We thank you for self-control.

○ Holy Spirit, you are the mighty wind of righteousness,

You are the very breath of our life,

○ Holy Spirit, we thank you...

Isaiah 44:2-8 NRSV*God speaks to the grieving people through the prophet Isaiah*

Thus says the Lord who made you,
who formed you in the womb and will help you:

Do not fear, O Jacob my servant,
Jeshurun whom I have chosen.

³For I will pour water on the thirsty land,
and streams on the dry ground;

I will pour my spirit upon your descendants,
and my blessing on your offspring.

⁴They shall spring up like a green tamarisk,
like willows by flowing streams.

⁵This one will say, 'I am the Lord's',
another will be called by the name of Jacob,
yet another will write on the hand, 'The Lord's',
and adopt the name of Israel.

⁶Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

Acts 2:1-11 NRSV*the Spirit comes to the Church*

When 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."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal p. 16: "debts"

+HYMN IN RECESSION no. 433

There's a Spirit in the Air

+CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

...and let the whole church say, **Alleluia! Amen.**

MUSIC FOR GOING FORTH *please keep silence for those who wish to listen or pray.*

+*all who would like to may stand;* **Unison prayers are in bold.**

Announcements

Visitors, welcome! Please join us after worship for refreshments and conversation, and please sign the guest book in the back of the Sanctuary so that we may get to know you better.

Many thanks to all worship leaders: Vince Peterson and the choir; Mary Chamberlain for today's refreshments; Maryellen Van Royen (Communion 'bishop'), Kristin Miller (coffee hour 'bishop') and Michele DiBartolo (Sunday school 'bishop').

The Book of Remembrance is open to remember: today, 5/31—John Ward; 6/7—Laura Cramer; 6/14—Ruth Cranstoun; 6/21—Madeline Stutz; 6/28—Estelle McKay; 7/5—Alice Johnston; 7/12—Jennie Thompson; 7/19—Warren Dean; 7/26—David Alekel.

Prayer List requests should come to the church office by telephone **718.745.0438**.

We note with sadness the death of Ruby Moy's mother on May 4. Condolences may be sent to Ruby at 255 79th Street, Apt. D7, Brooklyn, NY 11209.

Continue to pray for peace; for all living in the midst of war, poverty, natural and economic disaster; for prisoners and all who watch and pray for them, especially the Church of Gethsemane. Continue to pray for/stay in touch with: Ruby Moy and her family, Arabella Meadows-Rogers, Art Samuel, Iris Norstrand, Emile Serposs, Milford Anderson, Nazik David, Amanda Silverman, Bill Louisa, Helen Kretiv; also Lynn, Geraldine, the family and friends of Jaye and Violet, the Vandermarcq family, Bob and Louise, Ed, Mark and Audrey, Helen, Wendy, Sally.

Session meets tomorrow, June 1, at 7pm in the Parish House.

Upcoming Happenings and Opportunities

Fortnightly Tuesday Bible Study will have its year-end dinner and birthday celebration June 2.

Wednesday midweek Bible Study, 11am at Redeemer-St John's Lutheran church, 939 83rd St.

Support group for parents of children with special needs first Mondays, 11-1: call Isabel Morales 800.405.8818 if you or a friend would be interested: **June 1** is the next meeting.

Yoga continues on Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:45-8:15 in the Sanctuary. Each class is \$15, pay as you go; wear comfortable clothes and bring a towel and a yoga mat if you have one.

Today at 4pm: Presbyterian Welcome service at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church; Union Church brings the coffee hour, and Mary Cusack will sing... See Rev. Speers.

Sunday, June 14: Strawberry Fields Picnic in the park at 79th St and Shore Road: Jane Feazell, picnic "bishop". Bring a picnic dish and juice or soft drinks to serve 6 (8 if you have a big family), *bring your own folding chairs*, outdoor games if you have them. Ice, plates, cups, forks, spoons and knives provided. Strawberry-themed items, and anything red, including Union Church T-shirts, are particularly appropriate.

Sunday, June 21: Fathers' Day and Last Day in Sanctuary until Homecoming, September 13

Sunday, June 28: 10am Summer Worship in our air-conditioned chapel, June 28-September 6.