



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CANTON CENTER, CT

May 19, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Pentecost Sunday
In Person & Live Streamed



*The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us,
so that we can become living Christs here and now. ~Henri Nouwen*

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

Please stand if able. **Bold denotes unison response.*

CHIMES

Karen Needham

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Those wishing to make a brief announcement are asked to be in the front pews at the start of the announcement period. Prayer request cards may be found on the tables at the back of the church.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDELS BY THE ACOLYTES

PRELUDE

Creation Will Be at Peace

Anna Laura Page

CALL TO WORSHIP

The wind rushes, a mighty roar!

The Spirit descends, filling all the space!

Tongues of fire ignite the air!

The Spirit empowers, dispelling every fear!

Come, Holy Spirit, breathe on us anew!

Fill us with your gifts, joyful and free!

Now comes Pentecost, the Spirit's flame!

**Filled with the Holy Spirit we are called to
share compassion and love in Jesus' name!**

***HYMN**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Chalice (Blue) #4

***GATHERING PRAYER & *THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Almighty God, on this Pentecost Sunday, we come with hearts open kindled by the fire of Your Holy Spirit. We recall the Holy Spirit descending upon the disciples, empowering them to share Your Gospel message with all the world. Like the disciples experiencing this mystical event, we yearn for Your transformative touch. Ignite in us the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and courage,

allowing us to step outside our comfort zones and share Your love with boldness and clarity. As a church family, unite us in Your Spirit. May Your Spirit bond us with our brothers and sisters around the globe breaking down the walls that divide us, and foster a spirit of unity and fellowship. Holy Spirit, guide us, strengthen us, and send us forth to be Your witnesses in the world. Amen.

Our Father, 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.

***Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen, Amen*

MISSION MOMENT

Paul Stansel

(The youth are excused for Church school)

OFFERING

Through our offerings, we support the mission of this church. Let's embrace the joy of giving as we contribute to the important work of our church and spread the love of God. Our morning offering will now ensue.



OFFERTORY



Come to the Water John Foley arr. Lynda Hasseler
Senior Choir

***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

Loving God, as we offer our gifts this morning, we also dedicate ourselves to building a stronger, more unified church family. Guide us Lord Jesus in using these resources to nurture a spirit of cooperation, understanding, and love amongst all members. May these gifts become bridges that connect us, fostering a harmonious and welcoming community for all. Amen.

SCRIPTURE



Acts 2:1-21 Pew Bible page 885

SERMON

Unleashing Your Inner Power: Gifts of the Holy Spirit

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



Joys & Concerns ~ Moment of Silence ~ Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen

*POSTLUDE

SpiritWind

John Bartsch

The Worship is ended ~ Our Service Now Begins

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