



*"Filled with the Holy Spirit, they began to speak in other languages. And at this, the crowd was bewildered. They asked, 'How is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?'"*

Acts 2: 4, 6, 8

## **Pentecost Sunday**

**First United Church of Christ, Northfield**

**An Open and Affirming, Just Peace,  
Immigrant-Welcoming Congregation**

**May 28, 2023 – 10:30 a.m.**

Welcome to worship! Are you visiting us today? We invite you to fill out our [Virtual Visitor Card](#).

**Prelude** *Morning Song* Edward Elgar (1857-1934)  
Kay Sahlin, flute

## Welcome and Announcements

**Gathering Music** *Come, Let Us Worship God* Ray Makeever  
(join in as directed)

**Call to Worship** adapted from Steve Garnaas-Holmes

One: At Pentecost we're pretty sure the miracle was *speaking* in tongues.

**Many: But what if in fact the miracle was that those people from every nation *heard* in tongues?**

One: What if they had the God-given gift to listen deeply enough to know the work of God when they heard it, even in a foreign language?

**Many: Maybe the Pentecostal gift isn't speaking at all, but listening:**

One: and letting the Spirit listen through us, listening in new ways for what we haven't heard,

**Many: listening deeply enough to hear God, in the life of someone not like us. What miracles might emerge! Let us worship God together.**

**Opening Hymn** *Come Forth, O Love Divine* #289 (Down Ampney)

**Verse 1:** Come forth, O Love divine,  
seek now this soul of mine,  
and visit it with your own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

**Verse 2:** O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;

And let your glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round,  
the whole my path illuming.

**Verse 3:** And so the yearning strong  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace,  
till love create a place

wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

### **Time with Children**

**Let the children come unto me, for theirs is the realm of God.  
All who believe must become like a child; theirs is the realm of God.**

### **Covenant: Racial Justice**

**As members of the First United Church of Christ of Northfield, we covenant with God and each other to engage in the work of racial justice to unmask, dismantle, and eradicate racism from our society. We make this commitment knowing we are fallible people in a fractured world. Our actions will include building an anti-racist community through confronting our own racism, owning our racist history, and repenting of our role in systemic racism; fostering existing and new relationships to work toward racial equity; committing resources to racial justice; and listening to, trusting, and valuing the experiences of the people most impacted by racism. Our commitment to this covenant rests on our belief that God envisions a world in which people are treated with equality and dignity.**

### **Anthem**

*I Will Pour Out My Spirit*

Jeremy Rawson (2020)

I will pour out my spirit on everyone.  
Your sons and daughters will proclaim my message;  
The old will have dreams, the young will see visions.  
(Acts 2:17, quoting Joel 2:28)

### **Scripture**

Acts 2:1-21

Michael Pender

### **Sermon**

Rev. Lauren Baske Davis

### **Prayer Hymn**

*Breath of God, Breath of Peace*

see page 9

**The Prayers** *(All joining worship online are invited to share prayers with the congregation by using the chat function at any point during this time.)*

## Prayer Response

One: As your spirit moved upon the waters,

**All: God, let your spirit move in us.**

## Prayer of Jesus

*You are invited to speak the words most meaningful to you, or follow with this version:*

**Our God, 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.**

## Sharing Our Gifts

### Offertory

### *May Carol*

Anders Öhrwall (1960)

Awake, awake, good people all,  
Awake, and you shall hear  
That Christ has died for our sins  
For he loved us so dear.

So dearly Christ loved us  
And for our sins was slain,  
Christ bids us leave off our wickedness  
And turn to the Lord again.

The early cock so early crows  
That is passing the night away,  
For the trumpet shall sound  
And the dead shall be raised  
At the great, great judgment day.

A branch of May I've brought to you,  
And at your door it stands.  
It is but a sprout, but it's well budded out,  
By the work of our Lord's hand.

Now my song that is done, and I must be gone,  
I cannot longer stay.  
So God bless you all, both great and small,  
And I wish you a joyful May!

## Prayer of Thanks

adapted from Carol Penner

**Holy One, you enliven us to be ambassadors of life divine. Bless the gifts we give, that they may invigorate our neighbors near and far with the blessings of your unending, eternal, and ever new Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## Hymn of Sending

*There's a Spirit in the Air*

#294 (Orientis Partibus)

**V1:** There's a spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:

"Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world."

**V2:** Lose your shyness, find your tongue; tell the world what God has done:

God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today.

**V3:** When believers break the bread, when a hungry child is fed:

Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world.

**V4:** Still the Spirit gives us light, seeing wrong and setting right:

God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today.

**V5:** When a stranger's not alone, where the homeless find a home:

Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world.

## Benediction

## Postlude

*Gigue Fugue in C Major*

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

## **We're so glad you worshiped here today!**

Please join us for a coffee hour in the Assembly Room after worship!

### **Thanks to this week's leaders:**

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## **This Week at First UCC**

### **Sunday, May 28**

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

### **Wednesday, May 31**

7:00 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, June 1**

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Knitting Group

7:00 p.m. NA Meeting (Big Room)

### **Sunday, June 4**

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

11:45 a.m. Fred Rogers' Experience in Palestine

### **Pride in the Park**

Bring your family and join us at Northfield's Pride in the Park on Saturday, June 3 from noon to 4p.m. The event will feature 60 exhibitors, remarks by Representative Kristi Pursell and City Council-member Davin Sokup, an open runway with Mrs. Moxie and Lexi D., LGBTQIAP+ resources, food trucks, and more! Be sure to drop by First UCC's booth for a special photo op!

### **Presentation on Palestine**

Join us on Sunday, June 4 for a presentation on Fred Rogers' reflections on visiting Palestine in 2023. To read his essay, please see the May 10th Chronicle and click the link. We hope to see you there!

### **Calling All Gardeners!**

Join the Annual Spring Clean-up and Mulch Renewal efforts on June 10 from 8:30-11:30. Make sure to bring your own grain scoop! Please RSVP by June 7 to Elizabeth Olson via text at 651-233-9986 or email at [elizabeth.k.olson1@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.k.olson1@gmail.com).

### **A Note from ISAIAH**

Experts are calling the achievements that the House, Senate and Governor have produced this legislative season "historic." The effort so many of you have put into electing a trifecta of caring government officials and making sure bills are ready ahead of time has made this possible. We'll highlight specific achievements in the weeks to come.

### **Creation Care Eco-Info: Recycling**

Plastic bags never go in the recycling bin. Take them to the collection bins at grocery stores.

### **Water from Many Places**

Are you traveling this summer? Whether you are traveling to faraway lands or your family's cabin here in the Land of 10,000 Lakes, we invite you to bring back a small container of water from your trip. In the fall we will all bring the water we collected to be part of a ritual where we name the sources and bless our Water from Many Places. Then the water will be filtered and boiled to purify it, and it will be used in baptisms for years to come.

### **Strengthen the Church (STC)**

STC is a special offering which reflects the shared commitment of UCC churches across the denomination to strengthen our ministry. You are invited to give during worship today or on a succeeding Sunday. Or, you can give online at [firstucc.org](http://firstucc.org) or by mailing a check to First UCC. When giving, please be sure to indicate that your contribution is for STC. Thank you!

### **Delegates Needed**

We need delegates to attend the Minnesota Conference Annual Meeting June 9th and 10th. The registration and housing are paid by the church. Please let the church office know if you are interested in serving in this capacity.

### **Volunteer to Help Fill Little Free Libraries**

Ever wonder what's up with the children's books in the library and the Books on Break basement room? It's a Healthy Community Initiative (HCI) project led by Laura Turek. Donated books are collected and shared in various ways with schools, teachers, Head Start, summer programs, and more. We could use your help now to make sure Little Free Libraries are well stocked for the summer. If you have a Little Free Library in your neighborhood or pass one on your way to run errands, you know how this community resource makes an impact. There are more than 40 Little Libraries throughout Northfield. We have a list of locations and invite your help stocking an individual site or several in an area. To volunteer, contact Charlotte Melin at [rohnfam@gmail.com](mailto:rohnfam@gmail.com). Thank you!

# Welcome to Worship at First UCC!

We are an Open and Affirming, Just Peace, Immigrant Welcoming Congregation.

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here!

We especially welcome all who are visiting this morning. Please let us know you're here by sharing your information in a welcome pad.

## Worship Information

First UCC worships at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. Worship is also live-streamed each week on Zoom and YouTube. Whether you are joining us in person or online, we're glad to have you here!

## Giving to the Church

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of First UCC's ministry. You may give online by visiting [firstucc.org](http://firstucc.org) and clicking on the "Give" button, or you may place your gift in the offering plate, or send in your gifts via mail.

## News & Announcements

Keep up to date with all of the latest news and upcoming events! Subscribe to The Chronicle, First UCC's weekly e-newsletter, at [firstucc.org](http://firstucc.org), and find First UCC on Facebook and Instagram. Past issues of The Chronicle are available at [firstucc.org](http://firstucc.org).

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# BREATH OF GOD, BREATH OF PEACE

Adam M. L. Tice

PATTERNS  
Sally Ann Morris



1. Breath of God, Breath of peace, Breath of love,  
2. Word of God, Word of peace, Word of love,  
3. Voice of God, Voice of peace, Voice of love,



Breath of life, Breath of jus - tice, Breath of pas - sion,  
Word of life, Word of jus - tice, Word of pas - sion,  
Voice of life, Voice of jus - tice, Voice of pas - sion,



Breath cre - at - ing, Breath of heal - ing, Breath of sing - ing,  
Word cre - at - ing, Word of heal - ing, Word of sing - ing,  
Voice cre - at - ing, Voice of heal - ing, Voice of sing - ing,



Breath of pray - ing, Come up - on us, come re -  
Word of pray - ing, Come up - on us, come re -  
Voice of pray - ing, Come up - on us, come re -



store us, come in - spire us, Breath of God.  
store us, come in - spire us, Word of God.  
store us, come in - spire us, Voice of God.