

United Methodist Church of Westport & Weston
Sanctuary & Livestream Worship

June 5, 2022, 10:00am

Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday

Our Vision is to Know, to Live and to Share the Love of Jesus Christ.

*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

Galatians 5:22-23

PRELUDE

There's a Spirit of Love in This Place

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Ahyoung Son, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Heather

OPENING LITANY

“Center of Wind and Fire, Circle of Love”

Jesus told his disciples to wait in the city for the Spirit to come from God, and they would be ‘clothed with power from on high.’

Come Holy Spirit! Breath into us the winds of new life.

Kindle in us a holy fire of love.

Jesus said that God would send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, in his name to teach us everything and remind us of all that Jesus said.

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“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place, 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. Divided tongues, as of fire appeared among them and a tongue of fire rested on each of them.” (Acts 2:1-3)

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The apostles were led by the Spirit to witness to Jesus’ resurrection and bring people from every race and nation to faith in God through Jesus Christ. Paul, even though a prisoner, made “every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” He preached that “there is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling. One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God of all, who is above all and through all and in all.” (Ephesians 4:3-6, paraphrased)

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Let us pray: **God of wind and fire, you have breathed into us the new life of our risen and ascended Lord. As your Spirit anointed Jesus to heal the sick and proclaim the good news to the oppressed, send us, empowered by that Spirit, to bring comfort to those who suffer, release to the captives, food and drink to those who hunger and thirst. May the Holy Spirit bind us in your love and unite us in the one body of Jesus Christ our Lord. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

*PRAISE SONGS

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, who comes to us in breath and sets our hearts aflame with amazement and joy, you open our eyes to new visions and guide our hearts deeper into your wisdom. Without your power, O God, we are lost. We have done the things we should avoid, and what you desire, we have not done. By your purifying fire transform our lives; guide us into honesty and compassion so that filled with your peace our dreams and visions may be one with yours. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

By the power and grace of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 5:16-18, 22-26 (MSG)

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

A MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

“Fruit of the Spirit”

Pastor Heather

All children are welcome to come forward for a special message. Children over the age of five will remain in Worship. The Nursery is open and staffed by professionals for those under the age of five.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Spirit of God

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THE CONFIRMATION COVENANT

INTRODUCTION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Through confirmation, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and in us, and affirm our commitment to Christ and the church.

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS BY MENTORS

Ryan C. Boynton

Jason Russell Dize

Ophelia Sarah Kirwan

Ryan Jeremy Richards

Grace Elizabeth Sinclair

Sophia Anne Sinclair

Gretchen Blake Zabicki

Trevor Christian Zabicki

Pastor to Confirmands: As those who come to join this part of Christ's family, I ask you on behalf of the whole church:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations and races? **I do.**

According to the grace given you and by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, will you remain a faithful member of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representative in the world? **I will.**

Pastor to Parents: As promised at their baptism, will you continue to nurture your children in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life? **I will.**

Pastor to Mentors: Will you who sponsor these candidates support and encourage them in their Christian life? **I will.**

Pastor to Congregation: Do you, as Christ's body, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND LOCAL CONGREGATION

As a member of Christ's universal church, will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries? **I will.**

As a member of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in our ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness? **I will.**

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

Pastor: Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Halle, Halle, Halleluja

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

On this Day of Pentecost, we gather in celebration of the gift of God's spirit. From deep within us, and from our daily round, and beyond all worlds we can be touched by this spirit. By the power of spirit, faith is born. Like the first Christians so long ago, we have many languages for faith, many gifts of the spirit.

We speak from our hearts, of what we know and love. We speak from our minds, of our doubts, of our skepticism, searching for truths to live by.

We speak from our faith, be it fragile or firm; we speak of how it shapes our lives.

We speak from compassion, reaching to one another, stretching for understanding.

We remember the great story – the rushing wind, the tongues of flame and the many different voices, all hearing in harmony, the pouring out of God's spirit on all people.

We remember Jesus' promise to his followers to always be with them. We remember how, on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

We remember how, after supper, he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood poured out for you and for everyone. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

By the power of the Holy Spirit, may this bread and cup be the body and blood of Christ for us. May we receive them as the very being of Christ in us, and as the power of the Spirit to fire our hearts and minds and wills for love and service. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*You are invited to pray in the version and language of your heart.*)

BREAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

In the United Methodist Church, all people, of all ages, and church affiliations, who love Jesus Christ, and seek forgiveness and peace are welcome to the Lord's Table. We will form a circle around the sanctuary and the confirmands will serve the gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic grape juice. The glasses will be collected by an usher. If you prefer, pre-packaged communion is available. If you are worshipping at home, be assured that God's blessing is upon the bread and cup which you bring to the online gathering.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Take Our Bread

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Fill My Cup, Lord

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and strength, now and always. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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CHORAL BENEDICTION

Make Us One

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C. Cymbala

POSTLUDE

Holy Spirit, Rain Down

R. Fragar, arr. C. Tornquist, ©1997 Hillsong MP Songs, CCLI Song #2405227

Ahyoung Son, piano

A SPECIAL THANKS to Rev. Ximena A. Diaz-Varas and Rev. Karen Eiler for assisting in today's service and to musicians, Mike Asetta and Artie Dixon, for lifting us up in song.

ALL ARE WELCOME after the Worship Service to enjoy a time of fellowship and celebration of our new Confirmands in Fellowship Hall.

Your gifts, tithes and offerings allow us to continue the mission and ministries of this congregation and the connectional church. Checks may be brought to worship and dropped in the offering box in the narthex, mailed to the church office or given online through our website. Your generosity is a blessing. Thank you.



WELCOME! It is a blessing to welcome you to worship today. If you are visiting, please sign the guestbook, introduce yourself to Pastor Heather, an usher or greeter and check out WestportUMC.org to find out more about the mission and ministries of this community of faith.

Welcoming Statement

The United Methodist Church of Westport and Weston is a community of faith that is committed to growing in grace and supporting one another in love. We affirm the sacred worth of all of God's children and welcome people of all ages, races, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and economic circumstances to join us in the membership, participation and leadership of our church.

Our hearts, our minds and our doors are open to all.

Portions of the worship service are adapted from:

Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion, Year C, Volume 1, Westminster John Knox Press, 2012
Blair Gilmer Meeks, Seasons of Ash and Fire: Prayers and Liturgies for Lent and Easter,
Abingdon Press, 2003, 97.

Progressive Christianity, <https://progressivechristianity.org/resources/eucharistic-prayer-on-pentecost/>

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