

# *First Congregational Church*

June 5, 2022 10:00 AM

Pentecost

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PRELUDE *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* – arr. Don Hustad Adam Peithmann

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Barbara Papagian

TIME OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: On this day of Pentecost, we have gathered to rejoice in our oneness in Jesus Christ!

**People: With other congregations around the world, we celebrate that we have one God, one faith, one baptism, and one Spirit who unites us all.**

Leader: With brothers and sisters everywhere, let us lift our hearts as one, in songs of praise, in prayer, and in listening for God's word.

**People: And as we leave this place of Sanctuary, let us be joined in common concern for humanity, like that shown by Jesus our Christ, our crucified and risen Lord.**

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Carolyn Keilig

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**O God, we are frightened by strange tongues and people out of control and are skeptical of dreams and visions. We want to manage our own lives and safety. We are afraid that you will ask more of us than we are willing to risk. Forgive us our unwillingness to be open to your amazing Spirit that offers to us more than we can even imagine. O Spirit come to save us from ourselves. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news for us. God pours the Spirit upon us in these moments - the Spirit which comforts us, which encourages us, which transforms us through God's grace.

**People: Thanks be to God! The Spirit brings us peace, comforts our hearts, and fills us with hope. We are forgiven and made new. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 272 *The Church's One Foundation*

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PRESENTATION Dawn Gagnon, Ellie Stetson & Peter Perich

*High School Graduation Gift*

Olivia Brown

*Higher Education Awards (Undergraduates)*

Ethan Krueger

Garrison Gagnon

Connor Lyons

John Thornton

Ethan Lyons

*Higher Education Awards (Post Graduates)*

Adam Peithmann

Jennifer Irving

James Irving

MUSICAL OFFERING *Child of God* – by Mark Miller Bridget Thornton, soloist,

Leo LeBlanc, Percussionist & Chancel Choir

No matter what people say, or think about me, I am a child of God. No matter what people say, or think about you, you are a child of God. No matter what the world says, or thinks about me, I am a child of God. No matter what the church says, decision, pronouncements on you, you are a child of God. And there is no thing, or no one who can separate, they can't separate you from the truth that you're someone, you are family, you are meant to be, a child of God!

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Barbara Papagian

SILENT MEDITATION

OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

**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.**

OUR MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn No. 46)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**Bless these gifts, O God, and bless us as we offer ourselves to serve you in different ways and to praise you in many voices. Send your Spirit upon us, that when we speak the word of your love, people may hear and understand as on that Pentecost day so long ago. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-21

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SERMON

*Speak Up*

Rev. Carolyn Keilig

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

\*COMMUNION HYMN NO. 425 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

CALL TO COMMUNION AND COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF REMEMBERING AND PRAYER OF BLESSING

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

**We give you thanks, Still Speaking God, for your spirit that still moves among us and your word that comes to us in ways we can hear and understand. You bring all of us to this table as sisters and brothers. Lead us now, through each of our moments, to that glorious day when all your children will gather as family. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 261 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

BENEDICTION (Responsive)

Leader: Lord, may your Spirit be alive among us,

**People: Transforming us into a vibrant people.**

Leader: May we come alive in your joy,

**People: Revealing your ways to others.**

Leader: May we be your church alive in the world,

**People: Bringing your healing and peace to all.**

Leader: May the blessings of God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People: And also with you. Amen.**

POSTLUDE *Gigue Fugue in C Major – Dieterich Buxtehude*

\*You are invited to stand if you wish.

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Manchester, New Hampshire  
United Church of Christ

508 Union Street, Manchester, NH \* 603-625-5093  
Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

You are welcome here!  
An Open & Affirming Congregation