

First Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth, Maine 04097  
**Organized in 1806**



PENTECOST  
SUNDAY

**Youth Sunday**  
**June 12, 2022 ~ 9:30 a.m.**

# **Service of Prayers Pentecost Sunday (observed)**

## **June 12, 2022**

Prelude                                      O Trinity, O Blessed Light                                      Robert Farley

Sung: **God welcomes all! Strangers and friends!**  
**God's love is strong! And it never ends!**

Words: John L. Bell, Music: South African traditional,  
transcribed by John L. Bell at the Sunrise Hospice, Themba  
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Welcome and Announcements

### **Call to Worship**

One: Divine Teacher, whirl around us with your wisdom,

**Many: Divine Comforter, encircle us with the peace that comes only from you.**

One: As the Holy Winds fill our lives with dreams, empower us to live God's hope in this world.

**Many: As the Holy Fire fills our hearts with visions, empower us to create a world of justice and peace.**

One: May the Divine Gales of this day move us to know the love of God.

**\*Hymn                                      Wind Upon the Waters                                      CH#247**  
Words and Music: Marty Haugen, 1986

**Wind upon the waters, voice upon the deep;  
rouse your sons and daughters, wake us from our sleep.  
breathing life into all flesh, breathing love into all hearts,  
living wind upon the waters of my soul.**

**Showers from the heavens, water from the earth;  
gift so wholly given, source of every birth;  
joy of every living thing, making all creation sing,  
shower down upon the dry earth of my soul.**

**Rock and hill and garden, wood and desert sand;  
prairie, field and meadow, shaped by Love's own hand,  
love that fills the world around, springing up from barren ground,  
grow your love within the garden of my soul.**

**Blazing light of wonder, flame that pierces night;  
burst the dark asunder, fill our souls with light.  
Lord of glory, fill the skies, make an end to hatred's cries,  
be the blazing Sun of justice in our lives.**

**Wind upon the waters, rains upon the sand,  
grace your sons and daughters, newborn by your hand.  
Come, O Spirit and renew all the life that comes from you,  
send your winds upon the waters of my soul.**

Invocation

Holy Winds of Mystery,

As the dawn breaks forth, your Spirit exhales your intentions for our world. As new chapters and eras arise in our lives, your Spirit invites us to wisdom that only comes from you. Open our souls to the wonders of your being. Settle our hearts when questions surround us. Fill our minds with the knowledge that your Spirit will lead us forward. Amen.

### **Prayer of Reflection and Growth**

Loving God, Divine Comforter,

Peace is absent from our hearts. From pain to grief, and from turmoil to frustrations, we yearn for what we lack. We ache for the pains and injustices of this world to cease. What we forget is to pause and voice our concerns to you. How can we better integrate your presence in our lives? When have we forgotten to include you in our joys and heartaches? Move us to seek you and speak the burdens of our hearts to you. May your Spirit refill our souls with peace. Amen.

*Silence*

## **Assurance of Grace**

The Spirit of God delivers grace and peace as we move through our journeys and inspires us to connect with God and neighbor to create a world of hope and joy. Amen!

Passing the Peace

Choral Anthem      How Will They Know?

Scripture reading: Acts 2:1-21

Message              Don Strawbridge

Scripture reading: Acts 4:32-35

Message              Caroline Rose

**\*Hymn                      This Little Light of Mine                      (Insert)**

**This little light of mine, I'm, gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm, gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm, gonna let it shine.  
*Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

**This great joy I have, I'm gonna let it shine  
This great joy I have, I'm gonna let it shine  
This great joy I have, I'm gonna let it shine  
*Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

**Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
*Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

**Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
*Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

**This little light of mine, I'm, gonna let it shine.**

**This little light of mine, I'm, gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm, gonna let it shine.  
*Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

### ***Recognition of Graduates!***

Prayers of the People

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **Reflection on Giving**

Because of our love for the Divine Giver, we seek ways to share our love through our treasures, talents, and time. Whether we give in this hour or throughout this week, may we remember that God's Spirit encircles these gifts with hope.

Offertory                      You Say by Lauren Daigle                      Nora Strawbridge in ASL

### **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.**

### **Blessing of the Gifts**

Holy Winds of Excitement,

May the gifts we share today and throughout this week nudge us to dream your dreams. May our giving inspire us to embrace your visions for our world. Holy Spirit, enliven our souls to create your realm of justice and peace on earth. Amen.

**\*Sending Song                      We Are Walking      (Siyamhamba)                      CH#442**

Words and Music: South Africa (20th Century)

**We are walking in the light of God, we are walking in the light of God. We are walking in the light of God, we are walking in the light of God. We are walking, walking, we are walking, walking, we are walking in the light of God. We are walking, walking, we are walking, walking, we are walking in the light of God.**

**We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God. We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God. We are singing, singing, we are singing, singing, we are singing in the light of God. We are singing, singing, we are singing, singing, we are singing in the light of God.**

**We are dancing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God. We are dancing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God. We are dancing, dancing, we are dancing, dancing, we are dancing in the light of God. We are dancing, dancing, we are dancing, dancing, we are dancing in the light of God.**

**We are praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God. We are praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God. We are praying, praying, we are praying, praying, we are praying in the light of God. We are praying, praying, we are praying, praying, we are praying in the light of God.**

**Si-ya-hamb' e-kukha-nyen' kwen-khos', Si-ya-hamb' e-kukha-nyen' kwen-khos', Si-ya-hamb' e-kukha-nyen' kwen-khos'. Si-yaham-ba, ham-ba, si-ya-hamba, ham-ba, si-ya-hamb' e-ku-kha-nyen' kwen-khos.**

**\* Benediction**

In each gust of wind, may we reach out to the God of inspiration.  
In each flicker of flame, may we follow the Christ of light.  
For the Spirit of God surrounds us, filling our hearts with dreams, our minds with visions, and our souls with the energy to create the realm of God on earth. Amen.

Postlude

Come, God Creator, Holy Spirit

J.S. Bach



## High School

Emma Bickford  
Graduating from Gray-New Gloucester High School  
Attending Vermont Technical College to become a Veterinary Technician  
Granddaughter of Jon and Terri Bickford

Elizabeth "Lizzie" Black  
Graduated from Bourne High School in Cape Cod, MA.  
Attending College in South Carolina to study Forensic Science  
Granddaughter of George Black

Don Strawbridge  
Graduating from Greely High School  
Attending the Air Force Academy  
Son of Patrick Strawbridge and Kristi Wright

Ellie Whittier  
Graduating from Freeport High School  
Attending Ohio State to study Nursing  
Daughter of Linda Whittier, Granddaughter of Kathy Whittier

Katie Whittier  
Graduating from Freeport High School  
Taking a gap year  
Daughter of Linda Whittier, Granddaughter of Kathy Whittier

## College

Madelyne Day  
Graduated with a degree in Pharmacy  
Grand-Niece of Susan Day Elliott

Ellie Dickson  
Graduated from Point Park University – Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Fine Arts  
Daughter of Peter Dickson and Rachel Farrington

Devan Glassock  
Graduated from the University of Southern Maine - Majored in Theater & Minored in Honors  
Daughter of Frank and Lyn Glassock  
Plans to teach English as a second language in Seoul, South Korea.

**Thanks to all our youth for participating today.**

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