



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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JUNE 8, 2025

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING MUSIC

Chorale Prelude on "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray" (*Nun bitten wir*)
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Three Variations on the Pentecost plainsong
"Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire" (*Veni Creator Spiritus*)
"Tongues of Fire" (*Pentecost Dance*) Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)
"Aria" (from the *Partita*) Mary Beth Bennett (b. 1954)
"Prayer" Roberta Rowland-Raybold (b. 1938)

WELCOME & FRAMING

Peggy Drew

*GATHERING WORDS

We cannot see the wind, but we can witness it ripple through creation.
We cannot see the Holy Spirit, but we witness her movement enlivening God's people:
**she disrupts the order of things, she pours out awe and mystery within
our mundane lives, she prophesies through unlikely sources to offer a
fresh word of hope.**

Are we bold enough to welcome in the Spirit and the chaos she may bring?

Spirit, descend upon us like mist on a mountainside.

Consume us like a fire cleansing a forest.

As we gather for worship, unify us with your dream for the world to come—
where all speak the language of compassion and are lit with the flame of solidarity.

Let us worship the Holy One who stirs us to new life!

*OPENING HYMN

#283- *Come, O Holy Spirit, Come*

Cantor Rick Moyer

***Come, O Holy Spirit, come;
Come, almighty Spirit, come;
Come, come, come!***

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Love Incarnate, we claim that our faith unifies us across our differences, but people are still hurting. People are still starving. People are still imprisoned. We say we want to do your will on heaven as it is on earth, but we continue to choose comfort, to choose silence, and to choose complicity. We still ignore the names of ancestors who paved the way for us: who perished while seeking freedom, who challenged oppressive systems, or who lived in war-torn nations and occupied lands. Come with your fire, O Spirit of Renewal. Speak a word that will ignite passion, stir our hearts, and burn away our apathy to reveal a love that risks everything for you, for each other, for creation. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silence is kept for Prayer and Reflection.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE TO GRACE

#243- *Be Not Afraid*

***Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!***

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you!
And also with you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION & ACTIVITIES

REPORTING BACK

*RESPONSE

#281- *Veni Sancte Spiritus*

Cantor Rick Moyer

Veni Sancte Spiritus.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

*Alan Chandler, Diane Chandler, Kodzotse Dzikunu, Olga Green, Noel Hains, and
Bruce Reed*

LITANY OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at
the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

*All who have ever served as a deacon, elder, or pastor are invited to come for the
laying of hands.*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE

Don Drew, Jennifer Nelson, Fred Miller, Laura Rogers

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

*An offering plate will be passed during the service,
or you may give online through Tithe.ly: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1309305>
Please note where you would like your gift to be directed (general fund, deacons, etc.)*

OFFERTORY

#609- Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God, all creatures high and low! Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creators, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous Spirit, you have granted us visions and dreams of the new
order of things—where oppressors are no more, where healing is
readily accessible, and where all have what they need. To the new order
of things—we dedicate our gifts and resources. Come and dwell among
us, Holy Mystery, root us in your wisdom, and breathe new life into our
ministry. Amen.**

COMMUNION

INVITATION

PREFACE

May the Breath of God be with you!

May the Spirit fill you with hope.

May the Spirit stir your hearts!

We offer them to God who sets them on fire with love.

Let us sing praises to our God.

**With the Spirit as the music and Jesus as the lyrics,
we sing glad songs to our God.**

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Creator, who are in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom
come, your 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 yours is
the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

AMEN

Tune: *Kingsfold*

***Amen, amen, O Holy One!
Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One!
Hosanna and Amen!
Hosanna in the highest heav'n,
creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who came
and bears your name always!***

SHARING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN

#291- *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

Refrain:

***Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir us from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.***

***You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons you called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."
You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand;
And you goaded your people with a law and a land.
When they were confused with idols and lies,
Then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.***

Continued...

***You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;
Then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.
And down in the city, you called once again
When you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.
You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.***

SENDING MUSIC

"The Rejoicing" (from *Music for Royal Fireworks*)
George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)



Pastor: Rev. Marranda Major (marranda@unitedprestroy.org)
Guest Organist: David A. Vredenburg - Eastern NY Chapter,
American Guild of Organists (AGO)
Onscreen Visuals: Charlotte Albertin, Martha Juenger, and Jim
Parmelee
Audiovisual Production: Dan Rogers and Jim Parmelee

Class of 2025
Don Drew
Frederick Miller
Bruce Reed

Session
Class of 2026
Dan Rogers
Peggy Smith Savchik
Sue Wright

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Sue Steele
Marilynn O'Dell

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