

**The United Church of Christ, Congregational
Burlington, MA**

PENTECOST SUNDAY

"We gather for worship, study, planning and mission to celebrate the life, teachings, death and living presence of Jesus Christ which frees us to love boldly and to serve gladly as God would want us to do."

May 24, 2026

10:30am

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We believe God calls us to love unconditionally, following the example of Jesus Christ.

Recognizing that all people are equal in the sight of God, we seek to be an inclusive and respectful community for persons of every color, age, sexual orientation, gender, ability and economic means.

In our calling to express the love and welcome of Christ, we affirm the dignity and worth of every person, and declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation.

We strive to respond to the needs of our town and world with practical deeds of love.

We welcome individuals and families of every configuration into the full life and ministry of this church, and invite you to join us on our faith journey!

***Please rise in body or spirit.**

Gathering....

Musical Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

One: Dream dreams!

All: Dream dreams!

One: See visions!

All: See visions!

One: Lift up your voice!

All: Lift up your voice

One: Sing a new song!

All: Sing a new song!

One: Pour out your spirit!

All: Pour out your spirit

One: God is with us!

All: God is with us!

One: God is with us!

All: God is with us!

*Opening Hymn

O Holy Dove of God Descending

NCH #285

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Passing the Peace

*Devotional Hymn

Joys Are Flowing like a River

NCH #284

Reflecting...

Scripture Readings

Acts 2:1-21

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 rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Our Sermon

Rev. David Woessner

Anthem

You Raise Me Up

Debbie Claar and Mark Omobono

Praying...

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offering...

Invitation of Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

Lyrics adapted by William Abernethy; tune *NCH #780*

**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.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sending...

***Closing Hymn**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

NCH #282

***Benediction**

Postlude

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Welcome our guest preacher this morning,
Rev. David Woessner

Rev. Andrew Harris, Pastor
Aline Beck, Organist
Deb Raymond, Director of Christian Education
Bobbie Killilea, Administrative Assistant
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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Conrad Fong

Skip Glancy

Nancy Davis's son George, Ross's wife Jackie

Molly Kyokunda's sister

Tom Killilea

Tonia Egan, her mom and dad

Joe Stoddard's family member Jada

Cindy Phillip's friend's husband pancreatic cancer

Prayers Laura Nowell's friend Mary

Barbara Naddaff's grandson and friend Mary

Sally Willard's sister Vicky

Anna Karwan's sister as caregiver for mom

Rev. Cheryl Kerr's son Gabe

Joyce Carpenter, nieces Breanna, MaryJane
and brother-in-law Ken

Auri Musselman and her sister-in-law's family

Woody Knowles

Donna DeSiome's sister Brenda and
brother-in-law Rick

Deana Tredeau's great niece Katie Wise

Bill Livezey

Kay Shute

Roberta Low

Debbie Claar's dear friends Victor and Bob

Jan Blandino, her grandson Toby

David Knowles

Ted Brierley

Andrew's friend Lorenzo

Bill Hitchcock

Shirley Fong's Mom Mary

Julie Lewis' cousin Alicia

Shirley Garside's daughter Lynn

Jessy McNeil's sisters Grace and Joyce

Kelly Sievert

Ginger Mungillo, daughter Cindy, son Jim

Barbara Garland

Middle East

Our Country

The World

Mother Earth

CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

Adopted February 2017:

At the UCC Burlington, we cultivate a thriving environment, which empowers us to embody the beloved, diverse community that Jesus modeled for us, proclaiming that ***all are welcome, all are loved***. We celebrate our colonial roots as we change, adapt and grow into who God is calling us to be. We respect the sanctity of each person's spiritual journey and we are blessed by the gifts that each person brings to the life of the church. We join together in faithful service and advocacy with the ongoing hope that we can make the world a better, more just, and peaceful place for everyone.

*Lynn Tirrell and family donated today's altar flowers in celebration of Lee Tirrell.
This would have been his 90th birthday!*

Join us each Wednesday afternoon for Bible Study.
We will meet in the conference room 2-3pm.
All are welcome!

Worship Participation

May 24 Labor Day Weekend

Pastor: Rev. David Woessner
Organist: Aline Beck
Lay Leader: Debbie Claar
Head Usher: Dave McNeil
Usher: Carol Downing
Greeter: Carol Downing
Collector: Dick Butler
Flowers: Lynn Tirrell
Nursery: Kritika Agarwala
Sunday School: Deb Raymond
Auri Musselman
Coffee Host: Deb Glancy
Bakers: Deb Glancy

Worship Participation

May 31 Red Wagon

Pastor: Rev. Kate Kennedy
Organist: Aline Beck
Lay Leader: Christine Stahlinski
Head Usher:
Usher:
Greeter:
Collector: Joan Zink
Flowers:
Nursery: Kritika Agarwala
Sunday School: Deb Raymond
Sue Wisniewski
Coffee Host:
Bakers:

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

Join us every Thursday afternoon from 1-3pm in the conference room as we make prayer squares, shawls, baptism blankets. If you don't knit or crochet, come for the conversation. All are welcome! If you can't join us in person, we try to make Zoom an option.

THE NEW ENGLAND TENORS

The afternoon the New England Tenors will be performing A Broadway Tribute in our sanctuary at 3pm. Doors open at 2:30pm Tickets can be purchased by contacting Mike Fay at [**coachmikefay@gmail.com**](mailto:coachmikefay@gmail.com) or at the door.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Join us on June 7th for Children's Sunday. Following worship there will be an Ice Cream Social. All are invited!

RED WAGON

Next week is Red Wagon Sunday. The Burlington Pantry needs the following items. Please bring to worship and we will bring these forward during our service.

- Applesauce cups/pouches
- Fruit Cups
- Coffee K-cups
- Tea

PRIDE DAY - June 13

Burlington Pride Day is June 13 with a rain date on June 14th. UCC will be supporting this day with a table on the Burlington Town Common. We will have literature and themed gifts to share. If you'd like to work at our table please let Susan Eby, Lucy Damiani or Sally Willard know. We will supply you with a tee shirt with the Pride flag on it.

O Holy Dove of God Descending

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Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1976

Unison

1 O ho-ly Dove of God de - scend-ing, you are the love that knows no end - ing,
2 O ho-ly Wind of God now blow - ing, you are the seed that God is sow - ing,
3 O ho-ly Rain of God now fall - ing, you make the Word of God en-thrall-ing,
4 O ho-ly Flame of God now burn - ing, you are the power of Christ re-turn - ing,

All of our shat - tered dreams you're mend-ing: Spir-it, now live in me.
You are the life that starts us grow-ing: Spir-it, now live in me.
You are the in - ner voice now call - ing: Spir-it, now live in me.
You are the an - swer to our yearn-ing: Spir-it, now live in me.

Bryan Jeffery Leech, educated in Britain and the United States, has served American churches since 1955. He has also written musical plays, assisted in preparing and editing hymnals, and co-edited The Hymnal Companion (1979).

Tune: O HOLY DOVE 9.9.9.6.
Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1976

Joys Are Flowing like a River

(Blessed Quietness)

Matt. 8:26; John 14:16; Ps. 46:4

Manie Payne Ferguson (b. 1850); alt.

1 Joys are flow-ing like a riv - er, since the Com - fort - er has
 2 Bring-ing life and health and glad-ness all a - round, this heav-en-ly
 3 Like the rain that falls from heav-en, like the sun - light from the
 4 See, a fruit-ful field is grow-ing, bless-ed fruit of righ - teous -
 5 What a won - der - ful sal - va - tion, when we al - ways see Christ's

come;
 Guest
 sky,
 ness;
 face,
 Christ a - bides with
 Ban-ished un - be - lief and sad - ness, changed our
 So the Spir - it too is giv - en, com - ing
 And the streams of life are flow - ing in the
 What a per - fect hab - i - ta - tion, what a

Refrain

trust - ing heart a home.
 wea - ri - ness to rest.
 on us from on high. Bless-ed qui - et-ness, ho - ly
 lone - ly wil - der - ness.
 qui - et rest - ing place.

qui - et-ness, what as - sur - ance in my soul. On the

storm-y sea, Je-sus speaks to me, and the bil-lows cease to roll.

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

2 Sam. 22:9; Ps. 18:8

African-American spiritual

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will

pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing

Last time, end

in my heart I will pray. 1 Up - on the moun - tain my God
2 Oh, Jor - dan riv - er, chil - ly and

spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a -
cold, it chills the bod - y, not the soul. There's on - ly

to Refrain

round me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine.
one train on this track; it runs to heav - en, then right back.

Among the thousands of spirituals that exist today are songs of gladness and songs of sorrow. This well-known spiritual is a song of joy, captured not only in the words, but in the lively rhythms.

Tune: African-American spiritual
Arr. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992