

Pentecost

June 5, 2022

10:00 A.M.



(You are invited to a time of quiet preparation for worship during the Prelude.)

Prelude *Veni, Creator Spiritus* Larry Visser
Come, Creator Spirit

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Informal Moments

This is the day the Lord has made... Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

Musical Introit *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* (arr. Joel Pierce)
Chime Choir

***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.

Many: May your Spirit refill our souls with peace.

*Gathering Hymn *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* No. 39

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Holy Winds of Mystery, as the Pentecost 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. When questions surround us, help us know that your Spirit will lead us forward. Amen.

Choral Anthem *The Gift of Love* arr. Hal Hopson

Scripture Acts 2: 1-21 Reader: Jane Junkert

Morning Message "Pentecost" Rev. Dr. Amy Lignitz Harken

*Hymn *Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow* No. 217

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Offering Invitation

Offertory Music *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* arr. Joel Pierce
Chime Choir

*Doxology No. 46

**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 for the Offering:**

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.

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Prayer & Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*Closing Hymn *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us* No. 218

*Benediction

Sung Benediction *Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

Postlude

*Komm, Heiliger Geist
Come, Holy Spirit*

Andreas Armsdorf



**All who are able may stand.*

Those serving you today:

Bell Ringer: *Brad Adler*
Ushers: *David and Becky Lenz*
Flowers: *Sarah Whitfield*

Interim Minister: *Rev. Dr. Amy Lignitz Harken*
Organist: *Joel Pierce*
Sexton: *Mary McKinney*

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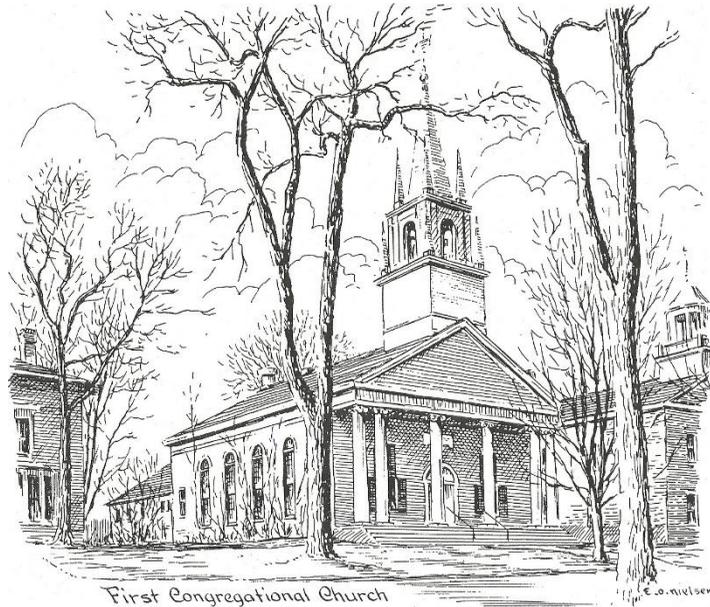
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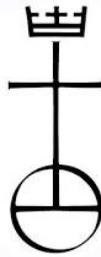
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We welcome you to the First Congregational Church of Wiscasset.
We are an open and affirming congregation and are open theologically,
growing spiritually, and concerned socially.



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Today:

We are taking a collection today to support the church's Special Needs Fund, which helps those in our community with emergencies and other needs. Due to inflation and the high cost of fuel oil, this Fund has shrunk considerably. Please put your contribution in one of the red, orange or pink envelopes, and drop it in the collection plate. Thank you for helping this important ministry!

Coming Up This Week:

Monday, June 6, Game Night 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, June 8: Feed our Scholars -packing boxes, 10:30 am

Sunday, June 12: Worship 10am

Upcoming:*Community Book Discussions*

Do you like to discuss books with friends? You are invited to join one of two book groups. First, a Zoom community discussion on two books by James Weldon Johnson. Preview copies are available in the church office. Discussions are held at 5:30 p.m. on June 1, 6, and/or 13. To register, e-mail Leigh Anne Keichline at paperandshells@gmail.com. Second, Rev. Amy will host a book group to meet in-person this summer at the church. The time is TBD, based on participants' availability. Please see details in the June Chimes, and e-mail Amy this month at revlignitzharken@gmail.com if you are interested.

Organ Society Picnics

The Organ Society is taking a break for the summer, but has planned two picnic lunches at Fort Edgecomb. The first is Wednesday, June 8. The second is Thursday, July 21. Both are at noon, and weather-permitting. Everyone is invited and welcome!

Supporting the Ministry of our Church

Thank you for your continued support in sustaining our ministries Offerings can be mailed to the church at: First Congregational Church, P.O. Box 350, Wiscasset, ME 04578. Thank you!

Acts 2:1-21

- 1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
- 2 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.
- 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.
- 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
- 5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.
- 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.
- 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"
- 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?
- 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
- 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,
- 11 Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."
- 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"
- 13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."
- 14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.
- 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.
- 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
- 17 '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.
- 18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
- 19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- 20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
- 21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
 2. My gra-cious Sav - ior and my God, as - sist me to pro-claim,
 3. Je - sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease,
 4. Glo - ry to God, and praise and love be ev - er, ev - er given

the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of God's grace!
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
 is mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!
 by saints be - low and saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.

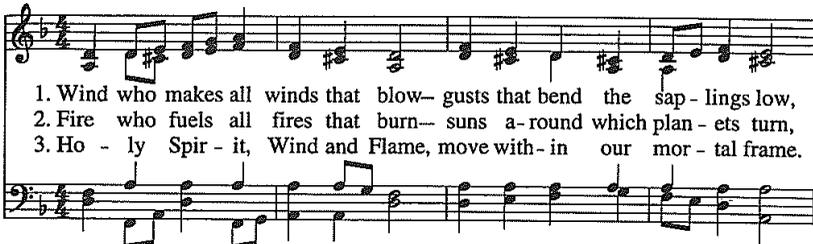
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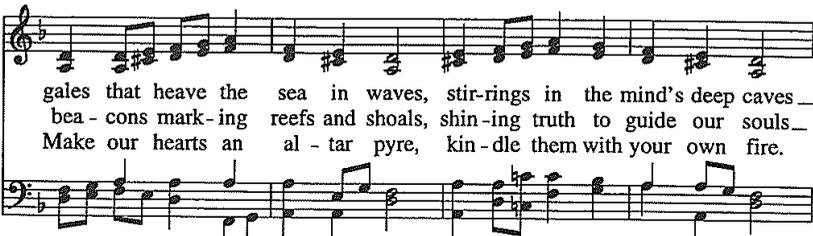
Charles Wesley wrote this hymn on the first anniversary of his conversion experience. In its original version it had eighteen stanzas. It is the first hymn in most Methodist hymnals.

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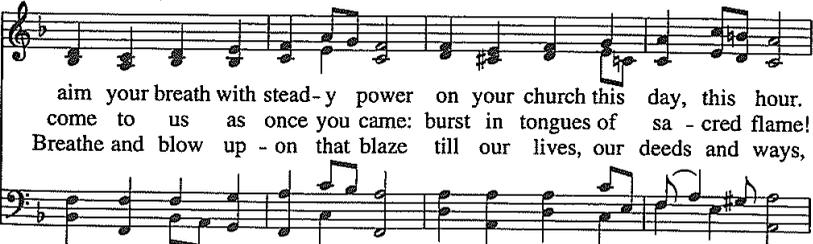
Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow 217



1. Wind who makes all winds that blow— gusts that bend the sap- lings low,
2. Fire who fuels all fires that burn— suns a- round which plan- ets turn,
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, Wind and Flame, move with- in our mor - tal frame.



gales that heave the sea in waves, stir-rings in the mind's deep caves —
bea - cons mark - ing reefs and shoals, shin - ing truth to guide our souls —
Make our hearts an al - tar pyre, kin - dle them with your own fire.



aim your breath with stead - y power on your church this day, this hour.
come to us as once you came: burst in tongues of sa - cred flame!
Breathe and blow up - on that blaze till our lives, our deeds and ways,



Raise, re - new the life we've lost, Spir - it God of Pen - te - cost.
Light and Pow - er, Might and Strength, fill your church, its breadth and length.
speak that tongue which ev - ery land by your grace shall un - der - stand.

WORDS: Thomas H. Troeger, 1983
MUSIC: Joseph Parry, 1879

ABERYSTWYTH
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Troeger's contemporary text is set to ABERYSTWYTH,
composed by Welshman Joseph Parry. The tune is named for
a city in North Wales where Parry was a professor of music.

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GOD PRESENT IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

1. Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us, come with Pen - te -
 2. We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the grace of
 3. Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us words of

cos - tal power; give the church a strong - er vi - sion,
 for - mer years; for to - mor - row's un - known path - way,
 fire and flame. Help our strug - gling voic - es praise you,

help us face each cru - cial hour. Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion,
 hear, O God, our hum - ble prayers. In the church's pil - grim jour - ney
 glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name. Good Cre - a - tor, Sav - ior, Spir - it,

Je - sus Christ, the Cor - ner - stone, still the church is
 you have led us all the way; still in pres - ence
 Three in One: what mys - ter - y! We would sing our

WORDS: Janie Alford, 1979, alt.
 MUSIC: Thomas J. Williams, 1890

EBENEZER (TON-Y-BOTEL)
 87.87D

Janie Alford, an active Presbyterian laywoman in her nineties and a retired medical secretary, wrote this text based on the story of Pentecost, Acts 2:1-36, for her collection *Nine Hymns for the Church Year* (1979).

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