



May 23, 2021
St. John's United Church of Christ

As believers in Jesus Christ, we strive with unconditional love and selflessness – using our God given gifts – to provide a nurturing shelter for those seeking a Christian home. We offer opportunities for spiritual growth through worship, education, fellowship, prayer and Christian action throughout our community and the world.

Called by God
Sharing with the World

May 23, 2021
Pentecost Sunday

Gathering

Meditation

“We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.” – The Nicene Creed 325 AD

Chimes

Prelude

Holy Spirit

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

Holy Spirit Rain Down

Verse 1

Holy Spirit living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Verse 2

Holy Spirit come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Verse 3

Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

CCLI Song # 4779872

Lifting up our Joys

Passing of the Peace

✠ Call to Worship (Congregation reads bold print)

The Spirit blows life through us all.

We gather in the renewing life the Spirit gives to us.

Let us then worship with great joy and celebrate the new life among us.

We bring praise and song, joy and laughter before God! Let the world hear our praises!

✠ Opening Prayer

Pastor Jeff

✠ Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Dear God, as we celebrate the coming of your Spirit on this Pentecost Sunday, we come to you in a spirit of repentance. We confess that life's busyness, our worries and cares, and our own self-centered needs hold us back from realizing our potential as your faithful disciples. Forgive us, O Lord. We open ourselves anew today to the work of your Holy Spirit in us.

Silent pause for reflection Amen.

✠ Assurance of Forgiveness

Our Lord is full of compassion, long-suffering, and abounding in mercy. We are forgiven. **We give thanks and praise to God's name!**

(the congregation may be seated)

Bible Readings

Proverbs 3: 1-12; Acts 2: 1-8, 12-21

Ethan Frantz

The Sacred Rite of Confirmation for Ethan Frantz

✠ The Apostles 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 again 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. *(from the UCC Book of Worship)*

(the congregation may be seated)

Prayer for Our Confirmand

Let us pray together: Almighty God, who in baptism received your servant Ethan into the church, forgave his sins, and promised him eternal life, increase in him the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The 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.

(Children will be dismissed to Sunday school)

Charge to Our Confirmand

Pastor Jeff

✠ Giving our Gifts to God

✠ Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(the congregation may be seated)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

✠ Invitation to the Table

✠ Communion Prayer

Pastor Jeff

May the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy God, creator of heaven and earth. In the fulfillment of Christ's promise, you poured out the Holy Spirit upon the chosen disciples and filled the church with power. We thank you for sending your Spirit to us today to kindle faith and lead us into all truth, working in the church to make us faithful disciples and empowering us to proclaim the living Christ to every nation. And so we join our voices with all creation to praise you saying:

✠ **Sanctus** *(recited)*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of thy glory, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
(the congregation may be seated)

Words of Institution

Hear the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Blessing of the Elements

Pastor Jeff

Dear God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be a means through which we may sense your presence. May we all be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The gifts of God for the people of God. Prepare your hearts for all things are ready.

Partaking of the Elements

Take and eat; this is the body of Christ, broken for you. **Amen!**

Take and drink; this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you. **Amen!**

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving *(unison)*

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(congregation may be seated)

Closing Hymn *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Chorus

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit
Movin' in my heart
I will pray
Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit
Movin' in my heart
I will pray

Verse 1

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke
Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke
Looked all around me, it looked so fine
Tull I asked my Lord if all was mine

Chorus

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit
Movin' in my heart
I will pray
Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit
Movin' in my heart
I will pray

Verse 2

Jordan River chilled and cold
It chills the body but not the soul
There is but one train upon this track
It runs to heaven and then right back

Chorus

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit
Movin' in my heart
I will pray
Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit
Movin' in my heart
I will pray

✠ **Sending Forth and Final Blessing**

✠ **Chimes/Meditation**

Postlude

Come Holy Spirit - J S Bach



ALTAR FLOWERS

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God,
In Memory of my loving husband, who I miss very much,
he was loved dearly by everyone.*

Presented by Dee Perzel.

Worship Leader: Pastor Jeff Johnson

Blessings to you from St. John's United Church of Christ in Orwigsburg.