



**NEW MILFORD
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**



Pentecost Sunday | 05 . 23 . 2021 | 9:30am

All are welcome here.



You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ. Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!

Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status, sexual orientation, or condition of ableness, **we greet each other as beloved children of God!**

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Mel

Centering Prayer

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Call to Worship

Come, Holy Spirit,
The wind of God, the breath of Life.
Come, Holy Spirit,
Our Advocate, our Counselor.
Come, Holy Spirit,
Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.
Come, Holy Spirit,
Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.
Come, Holy Spirit.
May we feel God breathing through our worship.
May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place.
Amen.

Hymn of Praise *All Creatures of Our God and King, UMH #327*

Corky Ballard

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam!

[Chorus] O praise God! O praise God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong ye clouds that sail in Heaven along, O praise God! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice! **[Chorus]**

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, O praise God! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright, That givest us both warmth and light. **[Chorus]**

Dear mother earth, who day by day unfoldest blessings on our way, O praise God! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, let them God's glory also show. **[Chorus]**

And all people of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on God cast your care! **[Chorus]**

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness, O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

New Testament Lesson: Acts 2:1-21 (NRSV)

2 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, "People 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.'

Gospel Lesson: John 15:26-27, 16:4-15

15: 26 "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Creator, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Creator will testify on my behalf. **27** You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

16: 4 "But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. **5** But now I am going to the one who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' **6** But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. **7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send the Helper to you. **8** And when the Helper comes, the Helper will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: **9** about sin, because they do not believe in me; **10** about righteousness, because I am going to the Creator and you will see me no longer; **11** about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. **12** "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. **13** When the Spirit of truth comes, the Spirit will guide you into all the truth; for the Spirit will not speak on the Spirit's own, but will speak whatever the Spirit hears, and the Spirit will declare to you the things that are to come. **14** The Spirit will glorify me, because the Spirit will take what is mine and declare it to you. **15** All that the Creator has is mine. For this reason I said that the Spirit will take what is mine and declare it to you.

*Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God!***

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn of Response *Spirit of God, TFWS #2117*

Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin, glow as you always do; create us anew.
Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing, held in your hands, born on your wings.

Spirit of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and love, healing upon your wings for all living things.
For when we live your peace, captives will find release, held in your hands, born on your wings.

Spirit of God, bright Hands, even in far off lands you hold all the human race in one warm embrace.
No matter where we go, you hold us together so, held in your hands, born on your wings.

Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in your holy name, the power to heal, to share your love every-
where. We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at all, held in your hands, born on your wings.

Spirit of God, in all, we gladly hear your call, the life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings.
Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes, held in your hands, born on your wings.

Invitation to Offering

Please consider making an offering online <https://bit.ly/NMUMCGive>

Offertory Prayer

A Choral Lord's Prayer

**Performed by CAYA
of Simsbury UMC**

*You are invited to sing or pray, aloud or silently, whichever version of the Lord's Prayer is closest to
your heart. You may also follow along with the version printed below:*

***Our Father/Mother/Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will
be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. Do not let us fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.***

WE ARE SENT

Closing Hymn *Siyahamba*

**Performed by CAYA
of Simsbury UMC**

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching ooh, we are marching in the light of God.

Caminando en la luz de Dios, caminando en la luz de Dios.

Caminando vamos, caminando ooh, caminando en la luz de Dios.

Benediction

Pastor Mel

Departing Hymn: *Shalom To You*

**Performed by CAYA
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