

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BUCKLAND  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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Pentecost Sunday  
May 31, 2020

“Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass.....It’s about learning  
to dance in the rain.” by Vivian Greene

OPENING FANFARE - Melissa Griffin on trumpet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Helen: The day of Pentecost has come and we are together.

Pat: Will the works of God be known among us today?

Helen: God comes to us as a gentle breath or challenging wind.

Pat: We catch our breath, God's breath, and come alive.

Helen: The fires of love dispel life's shadows.

Pat: Behold, the Christ spirit comes to bring wondrous new life.

HYMN “Spirit of God in the Clear Running Water”

(Everyone will be muted except for Sandy who will play three verses, so you can sing along or just listen.)

Spirit of God in the clear running water,  
blowing to greatness the trees on the hill.  
Spirit of God in the finger of morning,  
fill the earth, bring it to birth, and blow where you will.  
Blow, blow, blow till it be but breath of the Spirit blowing in me.

Down in the meadow the willows are moaning,  
sheep in the pastureland cannot lie still.  
Spirit of God, creation is groaning,  
fill the earth, bring it to birth, and blow where you will.  
Blow, blow, blow till it be but breath of the Spirit blowing in me.

Spirit of God, every man’s heart is lonely,  
watching and waiting and hungry until -  
Spirit of God, man longs that you only  
fulfill the earth, bring it to birth, and blow where you will.  
Blow, blow, blow till it be but breath of the Spirit blowing in me.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Rich

Come Holy Spirit, persistent breath of God, move among us, browse  
in our midst, seek out the cracks in our facades, and break us open  
to the liberating spaciousness of your love. Breathe deeply into us as we  
become breathless in You. Now in your presence, in this place, with  
this beloved community, move us gently into unclenched moments of  
possibility, make us acutely aware of our constricted lives and your  
expansive grace. Through the gift of the Holy Christ Spirit, make us  
clearer channels of your love and grace in the world. Amen

FIRST SCRIPTURE - Evelyn John 14: 15-17, 25-27

COMMUNITY MOMENT

PRAYER REQUESTS

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. Lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”

PRAYER RESPONSE - Sandy "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

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donations are greatly appreciated and needed!

SCRIPTURE READING - Anita Acts 2: 1-21

MESSAGE “Pentecost: Personal, Purposeful, and Planetary” – Rich

MUSICAL SELECTION - Shelley Roberts

BENEDICTION

“God Be with You ‘til We Meet Again” - Doug

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP