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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF MONTCLAIR & VERONA**



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**WE WELCOME YOU ALL TO OUR SUNDAY SERVICE
AND APPRECIATE YOUR VIRTUAL PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION.**

May 23, 2021 + Pentecost + 10:00 AM

Bolded text - said in unison by all
* If able, please stand where indicated.

UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal*

TFWS – *The Faith We Sing*

CALLED TO PRAISE AND PRAY

Prelude

"Come, O Spirit" - Robert J. Powell

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: The wind of God, the breath of Life.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: Our Advocate, our counselor.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: May we feel God breathing through our worship.

All: May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;

Crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Opening Prayer

Leader: Holy One, for all of the ways you speak to us – in rushing wind, in dancing flames, in words we understand, and in all that transcends language, we give thanks. Give us courage to speak your love, everywhere we go, to everyone we meet. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

People: Gracious God, we do not often listen for your Holy Spirit. We turn from your guidance and your inspiration. The whispers and the shouts do not penetrate the noise of our daily lives. We silence the wisdom available to us through your Spirit of Truth. Open our lives to your holy whispers and shouts, that our very lives may testify to unseen hope. Amen.

(Pausing for Silent Prayer...)

Words of Assurance

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, who sent us the Spirit of Truth, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Please share your joys and concerns in any of the following ways:

- Share it in the church's WhatsApp group (First UMC of Montclair).
- Write it as a comment on the wall of the Facebook Livestream.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Dr. Leslie Lester

Responsive Hymn

Halle, Halle, Halleluja

TFWS 2026

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja!

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CALLED TO THE WORD

***Psalter Reading**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Leader: O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

People: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

Leader: There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

People: These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

Leader: when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

People: When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

Leader: When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

People: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works-

Leader: who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

**People: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

Leader: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

Hymn of Illumination

Spirit Song

UMH 347

O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love.

Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

O let Him have the things that hold you, and His Spirit like a dove

Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

Scripture Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

Eliza Lopez

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 nation 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, "Men of Judea 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.'

Worship Dance

Nicole Peaks

Sermon

"GIFT OF THE SPIRIT"

Rev. Myungim Kim

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

CALLED TO SHARE

Offering

***Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below:
Praise him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn**

O Spirit of the Living God

UMH 539

O Spirit of the living God, thou Light and Fire Divine,
descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;
Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.

Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free
From mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal,
To preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.

***Sending Forth**

Rev. Myungim Kim

***Circle of Blessing**

Shalom to You

UMH 666

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Postlude

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" - Arr; James Denton