



Gathered and Scattered

THE SANBORNTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Established 1771

THE ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

June 5, 2022

Pentecost

PREPARING

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT: “Don't be satisfied with stories, how things have gone with others. Unfold your own myth.” -Rumi

We invite you to listen to the music and abide in God's presence.

PRELUDE I Feel the Winds of God Today (Kingsfold) Robert Cundick

WELCOME David Henderson

GATHERING

*Hymn # 289 Come Forth, O Love Divine Down Ampney

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Sung in Unison)

All: I don't know what you came to do, I came to praise the Lord!

I don't know what you came to do, I came to praise the Lord. (Repeat)

I came to clap my hands

I came to stomp my feet

I came to shout out loud! I came to praise the Lord.

(Repeat)

CHORAL INTROIT God's Love Richard Shephard

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Magnificent God, we come to this space today to sing your praises. We come to praise the gift of your Spirit and rejoice in the fire of your love in our hearts. Come and celebrate with us this day, Holy One. Let your Spirit flow within and among us. Magnify our voices to the world. Spreading your love with every new song. Come, Holy One, come. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, just as we praise you for your gifts, we give you thanks for your forgiveness. As we move along this journey with you, we make mistakes and stumble. We give you thanks for your continued guidance and the mercy you pass down to us. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Today is a day of celebration. A day of renewal. A renewal of our covenant with the God within us. Open your minds, open your hearts, lay bare your souls for the glory of our God.

ANTHEM “O Come and Dwell in Me” Irish Melody arr. Arlen Clarke

REFLECTING AND PRAYING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE Be Still Laura Belanger

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-4, 14-18
John 14:12-17 Debi Gray

*HYMN # 84

This Is the Day

MEDITATION

“Oh, What a Beautiful Melody”

Derek Waldron

MEDITATION MUSIC

COMMITTING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Komm Heiliger Geist

D. Buxtehude

DOXOLOGY

**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**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

**Holy One, we offer up these gifts to with hope. Hope that you will
transform them and magnify their reach. Hope that they will grow this
community and spread your love. We offer these gifts hoping and
knowing you will glorify them as only you can. Amen**

GOING TO SERVE

FINDING FAITH IN WHAT WE DO

*HYMN # 522 I Love to Tell the Story (Verses 1, 4)

Hankey

*BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Fanfare

J. Lemmens

*We invite you to be seated to listen to the postlude; if you need to leave,
please do so quietly. Thank you.*

**As comfortable, please rise.*

WELCOME!

If you are new or visiting the area, we give you *a special welcome*.

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<https://www.facebook.com/sanborntonuccchurch> and watch us on our YouTube channel –

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAeFubnOS3JWWB0xKxiNqHw>

Sunday Worship services continue to be live streamed on YouTube—join us Sunday morning at 10 am or anytime you have a chance.

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Pastoral Concerns: While Pastor Paula is on vacation please contact David Henderson, Moderator or Kim Bossey, Clerk. Rev. Andrew MacLeod pastor in Bristol and Rev. Wanda Lester are covering for Pastor Paula.

Donate Altar Flowers: If you would like to place flowers on the Altar in memory or honor of someone or if you just want to bless the congregation, please contact Barbara Osler bosler@metrocast.net.

Guidelines for in-person worship The Reopening Task Force remains in place and continues to monitor local and regional data. We are watching the current data closely as it is ever changing. **We are now requesting that all wear masks inside the church.**

Today’s Scripture Reader: David Henderson

Greeter: Sharron Usher: Rhu McBee

Next Week’s Reader: Marjorie

Greeter: Marilyn Usher: Vicki

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You – to our guest preacher today, Derek Waldron. He is a member in discernment to become a Chaplain in the Army Reserve.

Coffee Hour: During this time of High Covid risk, coffee hour is suspended.

Committee Meetings and Gatherings		
Sunday, June 12	10:00 am	In-person and Live Streaming Worship Confirmation Sunday
Wednesday, June 15	10:30 am	Seekers
	7:00 pm	Council
Sunday, June 19	10:00 am	In-person and Live Streaming Worship Father's Day
Monday, June 20		First Day of GOT LUNCH! Sanbornton
Sunday, June 26	10:00 am	In-person and Live Streaming Worship



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PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 5, 2022

Acts 2:1-21

Gathered and Scattered *Strengthen the Church Offering*

The church year begins with Advent - the four weeks before Christmas. Then there is a short season of Christmastide, followed by Epiphany. Lent is the next season of the church year, which culminates in Holy Week and Easter. Eastertide, the season that follows Easter ends with Pentecost, which is today. After this, the church is in the long season known as Ordinary Time that lasts until Advent begins again in midwinter.

In thinking of the church year, for many churches, Easter is the high point of the year. With its majestic music, resurrection message, shiny new dresses and egg hunts, it can feel like it's all downhill from there. Pentecost can be easy to miss, just a stop on the way to the long stretch of ordinary time. But what if we framed it in a new way? What if Pentecost day - TODAY - was not a steppingstone but the culmination of all that we have been preparing for and the beginning of a new adventure?

On the first Pentecost Day, the disciples, mourning the perceived loss of Jesus and the life they had known with him, were ready to give up. Then the Spirit arrived! When they felt the Spirit's presence, they were infused with new energy. New gifts flowed from them, giving them the power to speak to their neighbors of all languages. Even Peter, who had barely been able to put a sentence together until now, suddenly preached with flowing eloquence. The church received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost day, and everyone paid attention.

Like the disciples, we, in these post-pandemic days, are mourning what we have lost and are trying to adjust to the new normal of the lives we have now. Now, more than ever, let us receive the power of the Holy Spirit. Now, more than ever, let us perceive how that Spirit is already at work, empowering the gifts of our congregation. Now, more than ever, let us speak in the languages that those around us need to hear - a message of salvation and love that only we can tell.

Today, many churches receive The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering. STC reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.



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