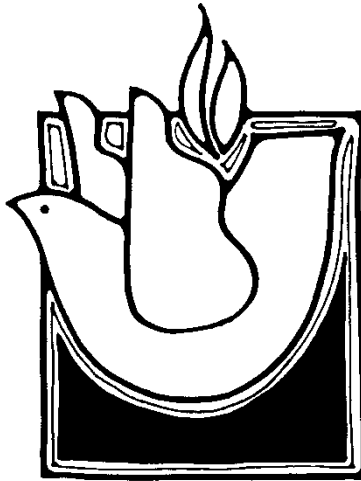


# ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 19, 2024

9:30 A.M.

*Pentecost Sunday*



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
OF LAKE RONKONKOMA

*Rev. Karen A. Burger, Pastor*

*Dr. Rex Enderlin, Choir Director*

*Heather Edwards-Wilson, Organist & Youth/Children's Music Director*

(\* *Indicates standing if possible*)

## **WELCOME VISITORS!**

Thank you for joining us today! We invite you to come grow with us at the United Methodist Church of Lake Ronkonkoma. If you do not have a church fellowship, we offer you ours. If you are a visitor today, please make yourself known to the pastor or an usher. You may find the Bible and Hymnals under the chairs.

*Please turn off cell phones! Phones set on “vibrate” still interfere with our audio equipment and may cause feedback. Thank you!*

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## **PENTECOST PRAISE:**

“I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy”

“Shine Jesus Shine!”

*Dennis Subbiondo*

## **PRELUDE**

*Henry Finnegan*

## **WELCOME**

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Here we are to give God spirited praise and enthusiastic thanks!

**People:** **As we rejoice in the ways the Holy Spirit manifested on Pentecost, may we be filled with re-energized faith and trust in the Eternal One.**

**Leader:** God the Creator is with us today.

**People:** **God has a plan for each of us.**

**Leader:** The grace of our Savior is with us.

**People:** **God has saved us by God’s love in Jesus Christ.**

**Leader:** The Holy Spirit is with us.

**All:** **May God the Creator, Redeemer and Comforter be among us as we worship. Hallelujah!**

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" **UMH #404**

*(Prayer cards will be collected at this time.)*

## **PRAYER FOR PENTECOST**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on your people gathered here and in all places this day! May the world know your desire for all people to praise and give thanks. Unite diverse people in serving You, and give us the gift of love and understanding.

Surprising God, Generous God, your Spirit is among us, sending us into new adventures in discipleship, opening new doors, exploring possibilities beyond our dreams. May we be a people filled with the desire to respond, with the energy for your purpose, for the vision and empowerment that only your Spirit can bring. Grant us new life in the Spirit this very day, we pray! Amen.

## **SILENT MEDITATION AND THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

### **PRAYERS AND CONCERNS**

#### **SCRIPTURE LESSON:**

Acts 2:1-21 (pg. 1692)

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. <sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and

Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” <sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” <sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> ““In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. <sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. <sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. <sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

The Word of God for the People of God!

(Congregation Responds: *Thanks be to God!*)

**SERMON:** “One Lord, One Spirit, Many Gifts”

*Pastor Karen Burger*

**HYMN:** “Spirit Song”

**UMH #347**

**OFFERING OF GIFTS AND SELF**

**OFFERTORY SONG**

*Dennis Subbiondo*

**\*DOXOLOGY:** UMH, #95

## **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God, you have withheld no good gift from us, graciously pouring out your love, mercy, faithfulness, joy and peace. In humble gratitude we offer back the fruits of our labor, but more importantly, we offer you our hearts. For the sake of Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN:**        “We Are The Church”                                **UMH #558**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**        *(Please use the microphone to be heard.)*

## **\*POSTLUDE**

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**GOOD MORNING!**

Welcome to Our Worship Service!

## **MINISTERS**

All the People.

## **SERVING TODAY**

Lector:        Cheryl Alejandro  
Ushers:        Charles Bornschein, Keith Bowes  
Greeter:       Diane June  
Organist:      Henry Finnegan  
Guitarist:     Dennis Subbiondo  
Today's coffee hour is served by the Trustees.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- UWIF – Join us tomorrow night for Tessa's Tea Party at 7:00 p.m. and on June 17<sup>th</sup> for a short program and to discuss plans for the Fall and beyond.