

PENTECOST JUNE 8, 2025

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us for worship today. We welcome you into our fellowship as together we gather in the presence of God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

If you are a visitor, please take a moment to scan the QR code below and fill out the form. We want to acknowledge your presence today with a note of thanks. Please let us know if there is a way we may be of help or encouragement to you today.

If you have any prayer requests or concerns, questions about your faith or the Christian life, if you have updates to your contact information, or if there is anything you need to communicate, please note those remarks on the form.



On the front: Pentecost woodcut. Artist unknown.

WORSHIP MEDITATIONS

You have formed us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find rest in You. - St. Augustine, 5th c.

You are a fire always burning but never consuming; you are a fire consuming in your heat all the souls selfish love; you are a fire lifting all chill and giving light. In your light you have made me know your truth. You are that light beyond all light who gives the minds eye supernatural light in such fullness and perfection that you bring clarity even to the light of faith. In that faith I see that my soul has life, and in that light receives you who are Light.

- Catherine of Siena, 14th c.

My heart I give to you, readily and sincerely.

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Upon the mountain my Lord spoke, out of his mouth came fire and smoke. Jordan river, chilly and cold, Chills the body but not the soul.

- African-American Spiritual

Advent + Christmas + Epiphany + Lent + Easter + PENTECOST + Trinity

Pentecost is the second greatest festival of the Church year. On it we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples gathered in the upper room on Pentecost Sunday nearly 2,000 years ago. Pentecost is celebrated as the birth of the Church, as the fullness of Christ's redemption for us was manifested in the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in all believers. Pentecost signals the end of Easter and the beginning of Trinity season, also called the Time of the Church. During this season we celebrate the Holy Spirit, the mission of the Church, and the growth that the church experiences guided by the Spirit. The symbols of Pentecost are a flame and a dove, and the liturgical color is red, symbolizing the fiery presence of God.

-John Calvin, 16th c.

THE WORSHIP OF ALMIGHTY GOD

GREETING

In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen. The Lord be with you. And also with you. Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, And kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia!

Let us pray.

Collect

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

These all look to you,

to give them their food in due season.

When you give it to them, they gather it up;

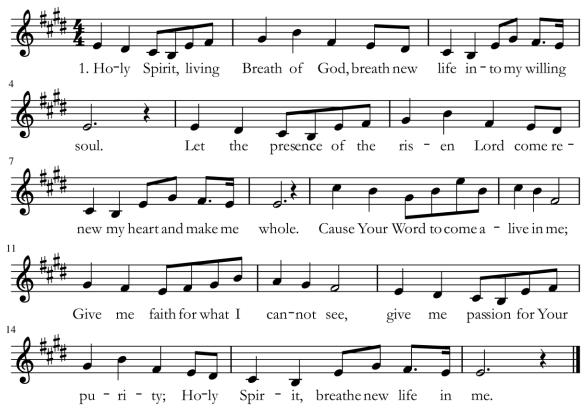
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,

and you renew the face of the ground.

- Psalm 104:24, 27-28, 30

HOLY SPIRIT

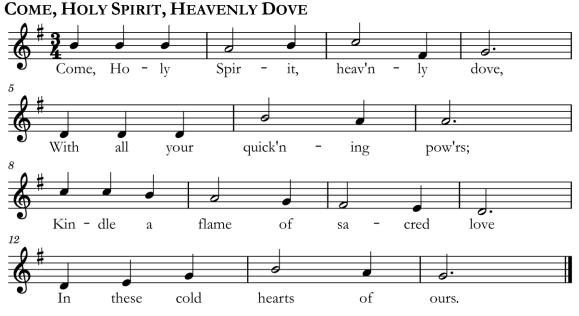


2. Holy Spirit come abide within May Your joy be seen in all I do Love enough to cover ev'ry sin In each thought and deed and attitude Kindness to the greatest and the least Gentleness that sows the path of peace Turn my strivings into works of grace Breath of God show Christ in all I do 3. Holy Spirit from creation's birth Giving life to all that God has made Show Your power once again on earth Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise Lead us on the road of sacrifice That in unity the face of Christ May be clear for all the world to see

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend 2006 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

ANTIPHON

Come, Holy Spirit, Creator! **Renew the hearts of the faithful!** Come, Holy Spirit, Comforter! **Teach us all things!** Come, Holy Spirit, Helper! **Bear witness in our hearts concerning the Christ!**



2. In vain we tune our formal songs, in vain we strive to rise; hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.

3. And shall we then forever live at this poor dying rate? Our love, so faint, so cold to you, and yours to us so great! 4. Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove, with all your quick'ning pow'rs; come, shed abroad a Saviors love and that shall kindle ours.

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707 Music: John B. Dykes, 1866

CONFESSING OUR SINS

There is therefore now no condemnation

for those who are in Christ Jesus.

For the law of the Spirit of Life has set you free in Christ Jesus

from the law of sin and death.

But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin,

the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

-Romans 8:1-2, 10

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

-Romans 8:11

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

Continue your confession of sins in silent prayer

RECEIVING ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Glory to God in the highest! And peace to his people on earth!

COME, HOLY GHOST, CREATOR BLEST

1. Come Holy Ghost Creator blest And in our hearts take up Thy rest Come with Thy grace and heav'nly aid To fill our hearts which Thou hast made To fill our hearts which Thou has made

2. O Comforter to Thee we cry Thou heav'nly gift of God most high Thou fount of life and fire of love And sweet anointing from above And sweet anointing from above

Chorus Be not afraid Where you go There I am with you (2x)

3. O Holy Ghost through Thee alone Know we the Father and the Son Be this our firm unchanging creed That Thou dost from them both proceed That Thou dost from them both proceed 4. Praise we the Lord Father and Son And Holy Spirit with them one And may the Son on us bestow All gifts that from the Spirit flow All gifts that from the Spirit flow

Chorus Be not afraid Where you go There I am with you (2x)

WOMEN (repeat Chorus 4x)

MEN (sing verses 1 and 4):

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ALL All gifts that from the Spirit flow All gifts that from the Spirit flow

Words: Rabanus Maurus, 9th c. Music and Chorus: Bruce Benedict, 20th c.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Dear Daddy God, your word says that the Spirit will fall upon little children like me. Send your Spirit on all of us that we may be filled with your love, your truth, and your power. Amen.

PRAISES AND PETITIONS

Please see page 22 for additional prayers this week.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

All children may come forward for a brief lesson and prayer by Pastor Tim.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

While the children are being dismissed, we will have a brief time of welcome and greeting. You are welcome to "pass the peace of Christ" to one another.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are visiting, or have a contact update, please scan the QR code below and fill out the form. Please see announcements on page 23.



THE LORD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD NEW TESTAMENT READING: ACTS 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6 And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. 7 And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? 9 Parthians and Medes and 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, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians-we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on 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 on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall

prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 104:24-35; ANTIPHON: V. 30

Antiphon:

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

²⁴ O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. ²⁵ Here is the sea, great and wide, which teems with creatures innumerable, living things both small and great. ²⁶ There go the ships, and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it.

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

²⁷ These all look to you, to give them their food in due season. ²⁸ When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. ²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰ When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works, ³² who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke! ³³ I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. ³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. ³⁵ Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 7:37-39

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." ³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord **People: Glory to you, O Lord!**

HEARING THE WORD PREACHED

Sermon Title: Sermon Text: Preacher: "God With Us" Acts 2:1-21 Rev. Dr. Timothy R. LeCroy

Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke through the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE OFFERING

New Life is supported by the generous gifts of our church members and friends. If you are visiting, you are not expected to give, but if the Lord has blessed you today and you would like to support our ministry, it would be most appreciated. If you don't have cash or check, you can also give on-line at www.newlifeithaca.org/giving/

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

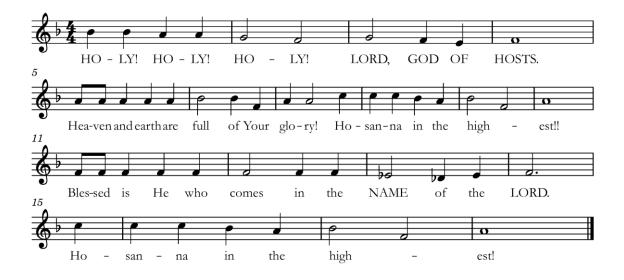
-2 Cor. 9:6-7

OFFERTORY The presentation of the gifts

EUCHARIST THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts! We lift them up to the Lord! Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. It is proper and right to do so.

Truly it is proper, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. According to whose true promise the Holy Ghost came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to thy Church the power to serve thee as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the Church on earth, we praise and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER

THE ACCLAMATION

For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of Faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

THE LITANY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters. From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith. You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples; you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God; you make us the living temple of your presence; you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life, you guide and make holy the church you create; you give gifts— the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety, the spirit of the fear of the Lord, that the whole creation may become what you want it to be.

Come, Holy Spirit!

THE 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. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

THE INVITATION

New Life Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who trust in Jesus Christ to receive Holy Communion with us. -If this does not describe you, you are invited to come forward, crossing your arms in front of your chest when you reach the front, to receive a blessing from the pastor.

DISTRIBUTION

The congregation will come forward row-by-row, forming two lines in the center aisle. Cup your hands together to receive the bread, then proceed outwardly to the wine tray. There is juice in the very center and wine on the outside. Then use the outside aisle to return to your seat and wait until we eat and drink together.

SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART 6 1. Spir-it of God, de - scend up - on my it from heart; Wean its puls-es earth, through all move; Stoop to my weak - ness. 11 might-y as thou And make me love thee as ought to art, Ι love.

2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no op'ning skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.

3. Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King?

All, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength and mind.

I see the cross there teach my heart to cling: O let me seek thee, and O let me find. 4. Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh; teach me the struggles of the soul to bear, to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

5. Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame: the baptism of the heav'n-descended Dove, my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

Words: George Crohy, 1854 Music: Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870

Prayers for Those Not Communing

New Life Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who trust in Jesus to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use the time to mediate on one of the following prayers:

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I recognize that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

For Those Struggling with Sin

If you are a baptized believer in Christ who is struggling with sin, you should still come forward for communion. As it says in our Larger Catechism 172:

One who doubteth of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation to the sacrament of the Lord's supper, may have true interest in Christ, though he be not yet assured thereof; and in God's account hath it, if he be duly affected with the apprehension of the want of it, and unfeignedly desires to be found in Christ, and to depart from iniquity: in which case (because promises are made, and this sacrament is appointed, *for the relief even of weak and doubting Christians*) he is to bewail his unbelief, and labour to have his doubts resolved; and, so doing, he may and *ought to come to the Lord's supper, that he may be further strengthened*.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

We partake together of the most holy body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. After the communion the pastor prays a prayer of blessing.

BENEDICTION

The Pastor pronounces a blessing upon the congregation from Scripture.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

> Words: Thomas Ken Music: Louis Bourgeoise, 16th c.

DECLARATION OF PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Go in peace.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD

• Pray for the mighty works of God to be known in every language, people, and nation! Pray for the Spirit to move and speak through His Church in every country of the world that all may hear His gospel in the language of their hearts.

PCA CHURCHES AND PASTORS IN THE NEW YORK STATE PRESBYTERY

• Presbyterian Church of Wellsville; Tom Kristofferson, pastor

SISTER CHURCHES IN ITHACA

o Trinity Lutheran Church; Rob Foote, pastor

NEW LIFE ALUMS IN VOCATIONAL MINISTRY

• Will and Julia Dickerson, OMS in Budapest, Hungary

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP

• New York State Governor, Kathy Hochul; Lieutenant Governor, Antonio Delgado; the members of the Legislature and the Judiciary; that they may govern with wisdom according to your word that we may all live quiet and peaceable lives.

NEW LIFE CHURCH

- **New Life Alums Kyle and Marita Wilson:** Give thanks for improved health after many years of struggles. Prayer that they would continue to be healthy and thrive in Terre Haute.
- Lucy LeCroy: Pray for her pregnant therapist Sophie, who has had to begin her maternity leave earlier than expected.
- Hannah Eagelson: Praise that her husband Nathan completed and submitted his tenure package.
- Steve & Sheryl Froehlich: Pray for Sheryl's mom as her health continues to decline due to age. Pray for Sheryl and Steve as they make decisions regarding the level of care she requires, and possible transition to a new facility.
- **Pray** for all **New Life alums** working for the federal government, that they would retain their jobs and funding during this time. **Pray** also for those working at Cornell who may be affected by the related hiring freezes and budget cuts.
- Thanks be to God a good financial report for April!

If you do not wish to have praises and requests shared during the worship service printed in the bulletin for the next three weeks, please inform Angela Brodie in an email (angelabrodie@gmail.com).

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Pentecost Pulled Pork Potluck - TODAY

Please stay after the service to celebrate the feast of Pentecost with some of Pastor Tim's pulled pork!

Youth Group: Wednesday, June 18, 6:30PM!

Join us for singing, a Bible lesson, food, and fun!

Morning Prayer & Pastor Tim's "Office Hours" - Tuesdays

Join us on Tuesdays at 7:45AM for a short time of prayer. We will be using the traditional form for the Daily Office, which has confession of sin, psalms, scripture readings, and intercessory prayer; and our time together should last about 20 minutes. Immediately following Morning Prayer on Tuesdays, Pastor Tim will be available at the church for consultation or conversation. Please feel free to stop by.

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Please let us know you worshiped with us today!

We would like to acknowledge your presence with us today. You will not be added to any mailing lists without your permission and we will not share your information with anyone. Please fill this out and place it in the offering when it comes by.

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Prayer Requests:	
	I am an out-of-town visitor.
	I reside locally and I am visiting New Life Church today.
	I would like more information about New Life. Please have someone contact me.
	Please send me more information about:
	I would like to meet the pastor for coffee.
Other comments:	