



Spirit  
for  
All

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. We extend a special welcome to our guests.



**F**or Children: Please feel free to attend services with your children. For the safety of the children, staff and volunteers ERUCC will not be providing childcare during services until further notice. Your children are welcome to bring their own quiet activities, no materials will be provided. Please take ALL personal items with you after the service.

**W**e have removed all items from the pew racks for your safety. Music selections will be provided within this bulletin. If you are visiting and did not stop at the welcome desk in the downstairs lobby please stop by after the service they would love to meet you or, please feel free to reach out to someone sitting near you and ask them questions about the service or church. Many of our visitors ask us about the time of offering. This is a time in our service when we respond to God's gifts of love by offering the gifts of our lives. For many of us, this is when we make a financial gift towards the ministries and programs of our church. We also use this time to ask God how we might use the gifts of our hands and hearts in sharing God's love. If you are visiting, there is no obligation to give a financial gift. We are just glad you are worshipping with us. At this time we are taking offering at the end of the service. Plates will be placed at the doors as you exit the sanctuary, Thank you.

**W**e ask that you please silence your cell phones during our worship service. We also ask that you refrain from applause after our choirs sing and allow the music to resonate in the quiet of the sanctuary and in your hearts. Our musicians are playing and singing for the glory of God. They know you appreciate their efforts and their gift.

Rest rooms (equipped with changing stations) are located on the first floor of the church building and outside the Community Room and the Nursery.

**T**here is much information about the church in this bulletin and our website: [www.erucc.org](http://www.erucc.org).

*Donate online by scanning this code:*

*Or, download the GivePlus Church application and make your donation via the app.*



Thank you.



**Ministers - All the People of Evangelical Reformed Church**

Rev. Dr. Barbara Kershner Daniel, Senior Pastor ([bkdaniel@erucc.org](mailto:bkdaniel@erucc.org))

Rev. Fred Wenner, Pastor Emeritus ([faw500@msn.com](mailto:faw500@msn.com))

Kim Sexton, Associate for Children's Ministry ([ksexton@erucc.org](mailto:ksexton@erucc.org))

Alison E. Shafer, Music Director • Tricia Coffey, Head Chimer & Children & Youth Choir Director

Sherry Murray, Nursery • Jaci Clayton, Facilities Mgr.

Amy Aguilar, Office Administrator ([erucc@erucc.org](mailto:erucc@erucc.org)) • Jenna Duranko, Social Media Coordinator

**15 West Church Street, Frederick, MD 21701 • (ph) 301-662-2762 • [www.erucc.org](http://www.erucc.org)**

# EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH

## United Church of Christ

- An Open and Affirming Congregation -

May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday

10:30 a.m.

### Greetings and Announcements

### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship

The Spirit descends like a dove,  
bringing peace to unite the world  
in a just and caring community.

**The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.**

The Spirit spreads like fire,  
bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

**Spirit of the living God,  
come to us and transform our lives by your power.**

#### \*Opening Prayer

**God of love, we thank you for the great love that comes from you and for Jesus, your gift of love to us. Help us to love you, to love each other and all your people, so that the greater commandment of Christ may fill our hearts, our lives, and our world on this day and always. Amen.**

#### \*Opening Hymn *O Spirit of the Living God*

# 263

*See back of bulletin*

#### \*Call to Confession

Jesus said: You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, but we fear the Spirit's power. Let us confess our slowness to embrace the new life of the Spirit.

#### \*Prayer of Confession

**When we do not accept as our sisters and brothers in Christ those who are different from us, forgive us, O God. When we oppose you by opposing those who disrupt our routines and challenge our assumptions, forgive us, O God. When we willfully disobey you and lose faith in your future, forgive us, O God. God, in your mercy, restore us to newness of life. Bind together your church universal through the coming of your Holy Spirit. Empower us to witness with courage to the presence of Jesus Christ among us. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**Thought For the Day**

**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. Amen.**

**The Scripture**

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27;16:4b-15

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Reception of New Members**

*page 44*

**Offering of Tithes, Gifts and Lives to Christ's Service**

**Anthem *Song of Pentecost***

*- J. Raney*

*ERUCC Singers*

**\*Closing Hymn *Spirit of the Living God***

*# 283*

*See back of bulletin*

**\* Benediction**

**\*Postlude**



**Every Sunday at 10:30**

<https://boxcast.tv/channel/bzloh0xyyacgq5fmjnoi>

**Want to listen to the sermon again? Visit our YouTube channel:**

**[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9\\_hGBb5tBHeZuvqBvSbX5w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9_hGBb5tBHeZuvqBvSbX5w)**

You can get to the link on our homepage at [www.erucc.org](http://www.erucc.org)



**The flowers on the altar this morning** are placed in loving memory of my mother, Barbara D. Kreh, by Susan E. Kreh.

The **yellow rose bud** on the stand is in honor of those currently serving in the military by Jack Day and Peter Brehm.

**Worship Next Week: May 30**

This week's scriptures seek to reckon with the mystery and power of the God whom we worship and who calls us into new life and service.

Psalms 29 uses an abundance of images from creation to describe God's power and majesty. . In Romans 8:12–17, Paul draws on this paradoxical nature of our relationship with God who is powerful enough to defeat sin, but also intimate enough that we can refer to him as a parent. John 3:1–17 presents us with the story of Nicodemus coming to Jesus, seeking to understand this new rabbi's power.

The Rev. John Shillingburg will be preaching and leading worship this Sunday.

**LIVING JOYFULLY: Reflect, Then Step Out**

**BECOMING A GOOD STEWARD OF YOUR TIME**

**Zoom discussions – Sunday June 6 and June 13 at 7 p.m.**

What is your most valuable asset? Most people would say their bank fund or their property. But truly, it is your time.

What are you engaged in when you lose track of time? What activities make you feel alive? What opportunities are you drawn to? With everything you know about yourself – your gifts, skills motivations, interests – how would you like to spend your time? God is nudging you. God wants you to live fully as your unique self.

Invest an hour of your time, guided by members of the Stewardship/Generosity Team, exploring and examining how God is encouraging you to step out in faith, living joyfully. There are two opportunities to join on Zoom: Sunday, June 6 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, June 13 at 7 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88423175369?pwd=ZkpOTZucTFaMzhJMFB2akZEQ0hBdz09>

Meeting ID: 884 2317 5369

Passcode: 473395

For more information, please contact Jeanellen Kallevang@ [geeggirl@hotmail.com](mailto:geeggirl@hotmail.com)

# O Spirit of the Living God

Acts 2:1-4, 17-21

Henry Hallam Tweedy, 1933; alt.

1 O Spir - it of the liv - ing God, pure Light and Fire Di -  
 2 Blow, Wind of God! With wis - dom blow, dis - perse and put to  
 3 Teach us to ut - ter liv - ing words of truth which all may  
 4 So shall we know the power of Christ, the strength of love to

vine: burn bright - ly in your church once more, its life and  
 flight the mists of er - ror, clouds of doubt which hide you  
 hear, the lan - guage all can un - der - stand when love speaks  
 save, so shall we rise with Christ to life which soars be -

faith re - fine, Fill it with love and joy and power, with  
 from our sight. Burn, Wing - ed Fire! In - spire our lips, re -  
 loud and clear; Till ev - ery na - tion, age, and race shall  
 yond the grave; And earth shall win true ho - li - ness, which

righteous - ness and peace, till Christ shall dwell in  
 new in us your call to preach with zeal your  
 blend their creeds in one, and all to - geth - er by  
 makes your chil - dren whole, and draws us on by

hu - man hearts, and sin and sor - row cease.  
 great good news: God's love ex - tends to all.  
 use their gifts to see your will is done.  
 grace to reach cre - a - tion's glo - rious goal!

# Spirit of the Living God

283

Daniel Iverson, 1926

Acts 11:15; 2 Cor. 3:1-6; Gal. 5:25

F Gm D Gm F Dm C F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4. The piano accompaniment consists of chords: F (F2, A2, C3), Gm (Bb2, D3, F3), D (F#2, A2, C3), Gm (Bb2, D3, F3), F (F2, A2, C3), Dm (Bb2, D3, F3), C (E2, G2, Bb2), and F (F2, A2, C3). The system ends with a double bar line.

F Gm D Gm F Bb/C C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The second system of music continues the melody. The vocal line has a quarter rest, a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4. The piano accompaniment chords are: F (F2, A2, C3), Gm (Bb2, D3, F3), D (F#2, A2, C3), Gm (Bb2, D3, F3), F (F2, A2, C3), Bb/C (Bb2, D3, F3), C7 (F3, A3, C4, Eb4), and F (F2, A2, C3). The system ends with a double bar line.

Bb F G7 C

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

The third system of music continues the melody. The vocal line has a quarter rest, a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4. The piano accompaniment chords are: Bb (Bb2, D3, F3), F (F2, A2, C3), G7 (F#2, A2, C3, G3), and C (E2, G2, Bb2). The system ends with a double bar line.

F Gm D Gm F Dm C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The fourth system of music continues the melody. The vocal line has a quarter rest, a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4. The piano accompaniment chords are: F (F2, A2, C3), Gm (Bb2, D3, F3), D (F#2, A2, C3), Gm (Bb2, D3, F3), F (F2, A2, C3), Dm (Bb2, D3, F3), C7 (F3, A3, C4, Eb4), and F (F2, A2, C3). The system ends with a double bar line.

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 23, 2021

Acts 2:1-21

## **Spirit for All** ***Strengthen the Church Offering***

Today is Pentecost, sometimes called the church's birthday. Every church was a new church start at one time and this is the day we recall and celebrate the day we were a new church. In that spirit, many churches receive the Strengthen the Church offering on this day.

“The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.” ([ucc.org/stc](http://ucc.org/stc))

Your congregation's offering provides the financial resources for the United Church of Christ to be a Spirit-inspired and world-changing Christian movement. Strengthen the Church funds ministry that allows us to benefit from best practices, insights, and innovations across the life of the UCC. Because of your support, new church starts have emerged, congregations have been revitalized, and leadership skills have been enhanced.

To find out more about how your church can Strengthen the Church, visit: <https://www.ucc.org/stc>



8 1/2" x 14" UCC SUNDAY BULLETIN SERVICE

BUL0312

Bulletin artwork and backpage stories copyright © 2021 United Church of Christ