DAY OF PENTECOST, JUNE 5, 2022

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, BLUE HILL

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

ONE: Oh Lord, what a variety of things You have made! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your creatures.

**MANY**: **Every one of these depends on You to give them their food as they need it.**

ONE: When You supply it they gather it. You open Your hand to feed them, and they are satisfied.

**MANY**: **But if You turn away from them, they panic.** **When You take away their breath, they die and turn again to dust.**

ONE: When You send Your Spirit, new life is born to replenish all the living of the earth.

**ALL**: **Lord, we thank You for sending us Your Spirit!**

Adapted from Psalm 104, v. 24 and 27 – 30

Hymn # 272 NCH “On Pentecost They Gathered” v. 1, 2, 3, and 4

1. On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,

A band of Christ’s disciples to worship, sing and pray.

A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air

And tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.

1. The people all around them were startled and amazed

To understand their language as God in Christ they praised.

What universal message, what great good news was here?

That Christ, once dead is risen to vanquish all our fear.

1. God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,

On women, men, and children who would God’s grace receive.

That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power

The church formed and re-forming, responds in every hour

1. O Spirit sent from heaven on that day long ago,

Rekindle faith among us in all life’s ebb and flow.

O give us hearts to listen and tongues aflame with praise

So folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

On this Pentecost Sunday, breathe on us, breath of God. We yearn for the amazing, life changing power that Your Holy Spirit brings us. We ask that You would infuse each of us with the fruits of Your Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Show us how to use these gifts to deepen our relationship with You and with each other, and to minister to those in our world who are suffering.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

A Reading From The Hebrew Bible Genesis 11:1 – 9; The Tower of Babel

A Reading From The New Testament Acts 2:1-21 Pentecost

SERMON: Every Time I Feel the Spirit…

ANTHEM: “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit In This Place”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (sharing of joys and concerns)

THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts and debtors)

INVITATION TO GIVE

OFFERTORY “Father, I Adore you”

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**God, we bring these, our gifts to You in a spirit of love, of joy , and of peace. We ask You for Your guidance, in a spirit of patience, kindness, and goodness so that we may know best how You want us to use these offerings. In a spirit of faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, we will endeavor to glorify You and to do Your will as Your Holy Spirit empowers us to do so. We are blest. AMEN**

HYMN # 286 “Spirit of Gentleness” v. 1, 3, and 4

CHORUS

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea

1. You moved on the waters; You called to the deep

Then You coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;

And over the eons You called to each thing

“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”

REPEAT CHORUS

1. You sang in a stable; You cried from a hill

Then You whispered in silence when the whole world was still;

And down in the city You called once again

When You blew through Your people on the rush of a wind.

REPEAT CHORUS

1. You call from tomorrow, You break ancient schemes,

From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams

Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.

With bold new decisions our people arise.

REPEAT CHORUS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE