

Worship Bulletin - Bethel Congregational Church UCC

May 28, 2026 – Pentecost Sunday

“The Spirit for ALL”



Centering Words (Acts 2, 1 Corinthians 12)

*We wait for your Spirit, O God. Stretch our imaginations
that we may see your presence in every person.*

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Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Quienquiera que seas y dondequiera que estés en el camino de la vida, eres bienvenido aquí.

Bethel Congregational Church, UCC

Sunday – May 24, 2026

Prelude

Music for Gathering

Sandy Gunn

Call to Worship

L: Beloved, the Spirit of Truth gathers us here to receive and discern God's good news working among us.

P: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

L: The Spirit of Love draws us together to receive and restore life-giving relationships with God and one another.

P: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

L: The Spirit of Freedom knits us together to receive and renew the bonds of empathy, justice, and peace that bind us together in the work for liberation and wholeness.

P: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

L: Beloved, the Holy Spirit is here, moving and working among us. Will you come and receive all the Spirit has to give?

P: We come to receive the Spirit's abundant and gracious gifts that we may be a people who live out God's truth, love, and freedom in our neighborhood, community, and throughout all creation. Amen.

Unison Opening Prayer (*Acts 2, 1 Corinthians 12*)

Holy Spirit, blow through our gathering

as you blew through that Pentecost gathering so many centuries ago.

Breathe in us your new creation, that we may be renewed

and revived to be your people once more.

Speak through our differences and our diversity,

and bind us together in unity and love.

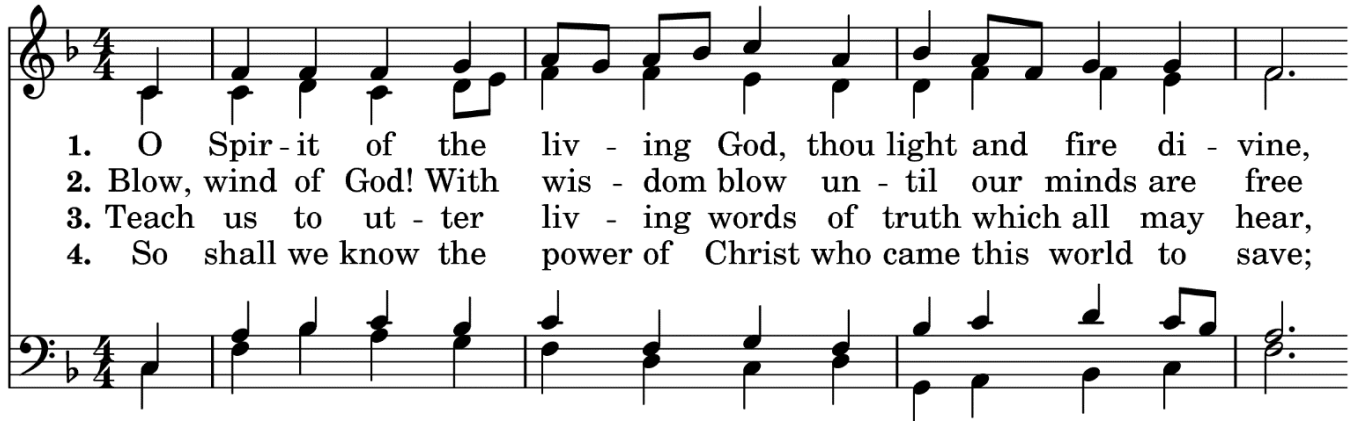
1 O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.

2 Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.

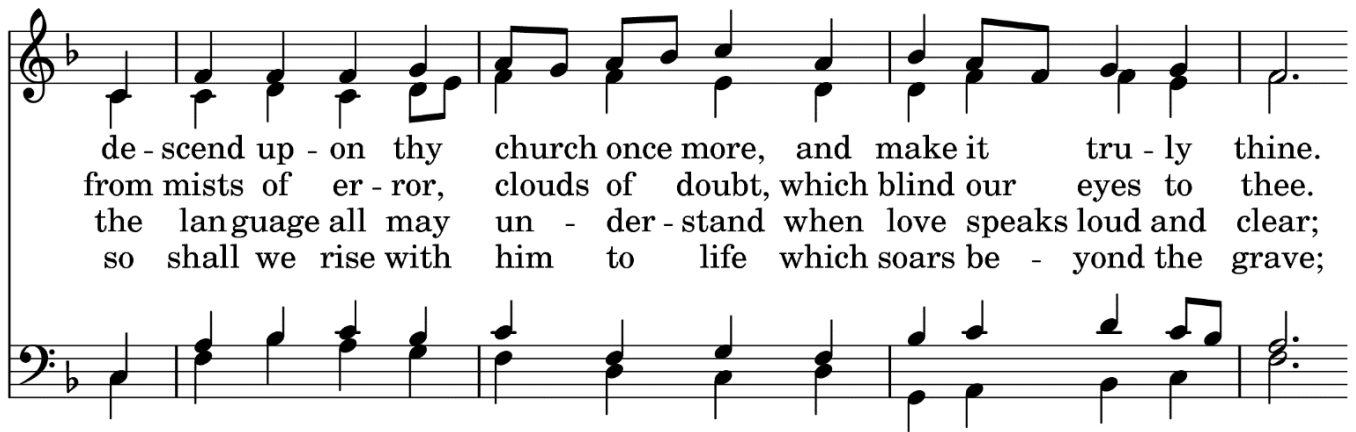
3 Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear;
till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one,
and earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.

4 So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!

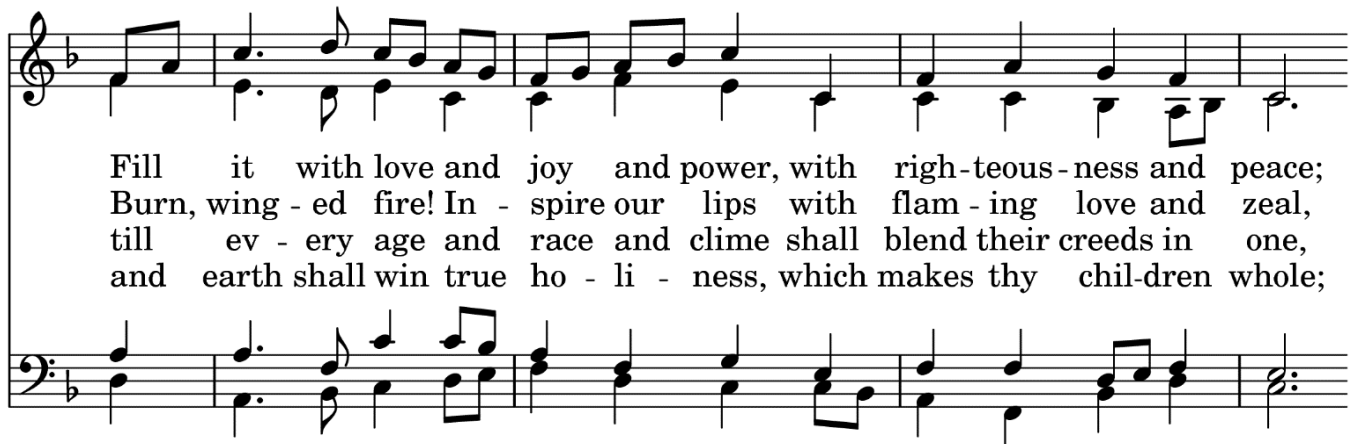
O Spirit of the Living God



1. O Spir - it of the liv - ing God, thou light and fire di - vine,
2. Blow, wind of God! With wis - dom blow un - til our minds are free
3. Teach us to ut - ter liv - ing words of truth which all may hear,
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Welcome, Passing the Peace – Announcements

- **Sundays** – Worship! (Bethel 10am Sanctuary/Parlor; FCCO 11:30am)
- **Wednesdays** – **4:30pm** – OYS; 6pm Scouts(basement)
- **Thursdays 10am** - Qi-Gong/Tai Chi
- **Fridays** – evenings SWE Rehearsals (sanctuary/parlor)
- **Upcoming Concerts**
 - **OYS – Wednesday June 3rd**
 - **Southland Jazz Orchestra – Saturday June 6th**

Para información en español, por favor hable con nosotros después del servicio.

Children's Time

"God Sends the Holy Spirit"

Kids' Video

* Gloria

Glory to the Creator

The Christ, the Holy Spirit Three in One

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be

World without end, Amen, Amen.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems of music. Each system includes a treble clef staff with a vocal line and a bass clef staff with a guitar accompaniment. Chords are indicated above the treble staff.

System 1 (Measures 1-4): Chords: C, G/D, C, G/B, G, C, G/B, Am/C. Lyrics: Glo - ry to the Cre - a - tor, the Christ the Ho - ly Spi - rit

System 2 (Measures 5-8): Chords: G/D, D⁷, G, C, G⁷, G⁷. Lyrics: three in one; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

System 3 (Measures 9-12): Chords: C, G, G/F, C/E, C/G, G⁷, C. Lyrics: shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

Acts 2:1-21

Donna Saxton

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

*'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'*

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body —Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Gospel Reading

John 7:37-39

Dr. Mann

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Sermon

"The Spirit for ALL"

Dr. Sylvia Lee Mann

Prayer Litany for the pouring out of the Holy Spirit

L: God of rushing wind, coming from where it wants and going to where it wants,

P: pour out your Spirit upon us.

L: God of fire, flaring on gathered disciples and burning away their stubborn pride,

P: pour out your Spirit upon us.

L: God of miraculous speaking and hearing, amazing the faithful and riveting their attention to what is about to happen,

P: pour out your Spirit upon us.

L: God of the young who see visions, of the old who dream dreams, of male prophets and female prophets,

P: pour out your Spirit upon us.

L: God of wonders above the signs below, God of blood, fire and billowing smoke,

P: pour out your Spirit upon us.

L: You raised up Peter to prophesy on Pentecost, Peter to preach straight truth to a crooked generation, Peter to accuse people he loved of complicity in the death of Jesus.

P: pour out your Spirit upon us.

L: God of wind and fire and tongues, God of visions and dreams and prophecies, God of signs and wonders,

P: pour out your Spirit upon us.

L: You raised up Peter to preach Jesus to a skeptical audience, and with the two-edged sword of Peter's word you cut through the armor of a crooked generation, you pricked their hearts and saved them.

P: Great God, send your Spirit to save us too.

L: You sent your Spirit to assail hard hearts. You sent repentance and faith., baptism and forgiveness, teaching and fellowship, communion and prayer.

P: Great God, send your Spirit to save us too.

Prayer of Yearning (*Acts 1, Ephesians 1, Luke 24*)

Spirit of the Living God, draw us together into the place where your Spirit awaits us. Guide us in your direction so that as we gather, we experience the unity that comes from shared hope and mutual understanding. Fill us with more questions than answers and open our minds to visions and dreams of a world transformed in your love and peace and infused with your hope and joy. For your name and glory, we pray for new life in you. Amen.

Words of Grace

Body of Christ, the Spirit is with us as Comforter, Counselor, and Conscience. The Holy One will continue to demonstrate the way and amaze us with deeds of power and grace, strength and mercy, might and compassion. Receive the gift of new possibilities, unity in Christ, and transformation for the world through witness, justice, and love.

Prayers of the People (Joys and Concerns)

The Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

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 forever and ever.
Amen

Offering

Invitation to Generosity (Pastor)

Please remember to send your offerings in so that we can continue our ministries.

(If you want a portion of your offering to be designated as something specific, just write that in the message area.) If you forget to write a note with the offering – just email us (info@BethelUCCOntario.org) or message us through Facebook.

Giving Options: In person – *We are not yet “passing the plate”. You may leave your offering in one of the offering plates (front of the sanctuary, or usher’s table in the rear).*

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Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving (*Numbers 11:24-30*)

Empowering God, you are the one who pours out your Spirit on sons and daughters, on young and old, on leaders and servants alike. You have not withheld your gifts, but have shared them freely: truth, empathy, vision, and power. As your Spirit-filled people, we now offer our gifts—not out of fear or obligation, but in response to your boundless generosity. Use these offerings to fuel the prophetic witness of your church, to bless those still yearning for hope, and to build a community where all are seen, heard, and loved. May our giving, like your Spirit, be poured out without limit. Amen.

It only takes a spark
To get a fire going
And soon all those around
Can warm up in its glowing
That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it
You spread His love to ev'ryone
You want to pass it on

What a wondrous time is spring
When all the trees are budding
The birds begin to sing
The flowers start their blooming
That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it
You want to sing it's fresh like spring
You want to pass it on

I wish for you my friend
This happiness that I've found
You can depend on Him
It matters not where you're bound
I'll shout it from the mountain top
I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on

Pass It On

Words and Music by
Kurt Kaiser

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VERSE

C

Em

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1. It _____ on - ly takes a spark to get a fi - re
 2. What a won - drous time is spring when all the trees are
 3. I _____ wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi - ness that

4 G

C

Em

F



go - ing, _____ and soon all those a - round can warm up to its
 bud - ding, _____ The birds be - gin to sing, the flow - ers start their
 I've _____ found, _____ You can de - pend on Him, it mat - ters not where

9 G

C

F

C/E



glow - ing; _____ That's how it is with God's _____ love,
 bloom - ing, _____ That's how it is with God's _____ love,
 you're _____ bound; _____ I'll shout it from the moun - tain - top,

13 Dm⁷

G⁷

Em

Am

Dm⁷



once you've ex - per - i - enced it: _____ You spread His love to
 once you've ex - per - i - enced it: _____ You want to sing, it's
 I want my world _____ to know: _____ The Lord of love has

16 C/E

F

G⁷

C



ev - 'ry - one, you want to pass it on.
 fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.
 come to me, I want to pass it on.

Unison Benediction

Having been quenched and ignited by Spirit
Let us go from this gathering as members of the Body of Christ—
Together even when distant
Understanding and understood across difference
Resolved beyond fear and empowered by the Spirit
Joyful in amazement and in mystery
Visioning, prophesying, dreaming
As on the Day of Pentecost
AMEN

Postlude

Carillon



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*God sends us to serve, but God does not send us alone.
The Spirit is with us in the world, guiding our steps and protecting our paths.
Christ yearns for us to be one in ministry and service,
and one in community and faith—a unity that we discover
through the Spirit's miraculous power in our lives.
Sent to serve, we are sent not only with the power of the Spirit,
but also with the power of unity with one another.
Embracing this unity with both the Holy Spirit and one another
opens a path to the "complete joy" that Christ prays we may one day know.*