

## Grace Devotion

Week of May 24, 2026

### The Coming of the Holy Spirit

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 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. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

(Acts 2:1-4 NRSVUE)



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Greeting friends,

As we celebrate Pentecost, we are reminded that the Church was born with wind, fire, and voices lifted as one. God’s Spirit was moving with power and inclusion for all. One of the most important parts of this story is what happened before. *“They were all together in one place.”* Pentecost began in unity. People from all over, speaking different languages—gathered together. Can you imagine that moment? Voices from a diverse tapestry of languages, suddenly understanding one another—hearing in ways they never had before. The Spirit moved in that space and in that community that was joined together waiting and praying. Then, the Spirit sent them outward into the streets, into the world, and on a mission.

What a beautiful reminder on this Pentecost--the Holy Spirit makes us courageous. The Spirit gives us the boldness to speak and act with love beyond ourselves—beyond the small spaces where we feel comfortable. The Spirit nudges us to connect—with people who are different from us, with different languages, perspectives, and stories. God speaks to each of us in ways we can understand. A smile is known in every language.

### Prayer:

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Fill the corners of our hearts like wind through an open window. Ignite in us, the fire of Your love. Give us voices to speak, ears to listen completely, and courage to share Your grace in every language of kindness we know. Make us one, even in our diversity. Amen

With Grace and Love,

Pastor Amy



May 24, 2026  
Pentecost Sunday

Welcome/Announcements

\*\*+“Soul on Fire”

Westminster Chimes and Prelude

\*\* Call to Worship

Lector: Come, Holy Spirit, Come. Fill this place.

**Congregation: Fill our hearts with Your presence and grace.**

Lector: Come like fire—awakening us and renewing us.

**Congregation: Fill us with Your love and make us whole.**

Lector: Spirit of God, our comfort and our guide.

**Congregation: Lead us in Your way, now and always.**

\*\* Opening Prayer: (pray silently or aloud)  
**Loving God, on this day of Pentecost, we gather in Your presence. Pour out Your Spirit among us. Fill us with Your presence and Your peace. Grow in us a deeper love for You and for one another. Move among us—guiding us, renewing us, and shaping us into who You are calling us to be. Amen**

\*\* Sharing the Peace of Christ

\*\*° Hymn: “Spirit of the Living God”

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Celebration of Our Gifts

\*\* Offertory Response: “Doxology”

\*\* Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns

Praying for Others

Lord’s Prayer

\*\* Statement of Faith

\*\*° Hymn: “Come Holy Spirit, Dove Divine”

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Prayer of Confession/Silent Reflection/Assurance of Grace

Grace Choir Anthem: “In Your Presence”

Scripture Reading:

**Acts 2:1-21**

Time for the Young at Heart

Message: “Same Message, Different Tongues”

\*\*+“My Lighthouse”

\*\* Final Blessing

\*\* “A Choral Benediction”

Postlude

\*\* Please stand, if you are able.

+ Black contemporary folder

° Blue hymnal



## Announcements

- Contact the church office or Leslie Grote for more information about our new widower's group that will meet monthly.
- Consider joining the group that meets every Tuesday at 1pm. Enjoy games and fellowship in the Gathering Place.
- The month of May is a special month at Grace UCC – INVITE – A - FRIEND MONTH! Your invitation could be the first step in someone else's journey of hope, love, and connection.
- Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering, May 24<sup>th</sup>, reflects the shared commitment of people across the UCC to cooperatively build up the UCC. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. Envelopes will be available at entrances near the offering plates.
- Sign-ups are open for VBS! June 22-26<sup>th</sup> at Trinity UCC Hanover. Open to ages 4-12. Log onto our website & select the Events tab to enroll
- Thanks to the Grace Choir for today's anthem.
- Thanks to Rebecca Williams for sharing her talents today.

## Upcoming Events

- Women's Ministry – In Person - May 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM

## Upcoming Meetings

- Worship & Music – May 26<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30
- Faith Formation – May 26<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 PM



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## Thank you for today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor - Amy Fawks

Lector – Fay Emlet

Organist and Music Director - Christian Keller

Head Usher – Chelsey Topper & Becky Boyer

ACTS 2:1-21

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# The Month of May

housecleaning

open windows

flowerbeds

baseball

outdoors

planting

sunshine

veterans

holiday

liberty

picnics

showers

walking

mowing

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