

First Congregational Church UCC
Pentecost Sunday
May 23, 2021

Preparing for the Word

PRELUDE *Amazing Grace*

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

BRINGING IN THE CHRIST LIGHT

JOYS AND CONCERNS

response: God, in your love, **you hear our prayer**

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

One: Why have we gathered?

All: We have gathered to give witness to the presence of God's Spirit in our time.

One: This Spirit has moved Christ's disciples throughout the centuries to proclaim Christ with a burning desire.

All: Christ's disciples were people set on fire by the coming of God's Spirit.

One: We pray for that same Spirit to move among us.

All: May it transform that which is hardened in us and rekindle our faith with the flame of Pentecost. *(Bread for the Journey, adapted)*

HYMN *Surely Goodness & Mercy*

Listening to the Word

SCRIPTURE *Acts 2:1-21*

SERMON *"Winds of Unity"*

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

Responding to the Word

SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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. Amen.

MISSION MOMENT

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

HYMN *Joy of the Lord* *(by Rend Collection)*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *I Saw the Light*