

An Ecumenical Service of Worship with Trinity Lime Rock St. John's Episcopal Church The Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC

PRELUDE Feria Pentecostes, no.2 from 12 improvisations Camille Saint Saens

WELCOME

♣ HYMN #289 "On Pentecost They Gathered" MUNICH

(★ The congregation may rise, in body or in spirit.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS | JOYS AND CONCERNS | SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP Acts 2:1-21

OPENING RESPONSES

The Day of Pentecost is here:

the day when the flames of faith dance in our hearts.

The Day of Pentecost is here:

the day when our babbling speech becomes the Good News for the world.

The Day of Pentecost is here:

the day when compassion is seared into our souls.

The Day of Pentecost is here:

let the people of God rejoice. Alleluia!

OFFERTORY

THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

Each week, offerings not specifically designated for the Church will be given to an organization doing compassionate work that is close to the heart of a participant in our church. This week, we share our gifts with **Swords Into Plowshares**.

ONE: God has poured gifts into our lives; we now return our tithes and offerings.

ALL: Let us gather our gifts with grateful praise, and offer them to God's purposes.

RECEIVING OUR OFFERINGS

Our church welcomes every size gift, and thanks you for your generosity.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Hodie completi sunt

H. Praetorius

Hodie completi sunt dies Pentecostes, alleluia.

hodie Spiritus Sanctus in igne discipulis apparuit, alleluia,

et tribuit eis charismatum dona, alleluia.

Misit eos in universum mundum prædicare, et testificari:

Qui crediderit et baptizatus fuerit, salvus erit: Alleluia.

Today the days of Pentecost are fulfilled, alleluia.

Today the Holy Spirit appeared in fire to the disciples, alleluia,

and gave unto them the gift of grace, alleluia.

He hath sent them into all the world to foretell and bear witness:

that whosoever believeth and is baptized shall be saved: alleluia.

♣ Doxology

OLD 100TH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever more; One God of grace, whom we adore! Amen.

▼ Unison Prayer of Dedication

Spirited, in-spiring God: these gifts are but the bare bones of who we are, and what we could offer. Move over them, we pray, filling them with the breath of our lives, that they will become living gifts of hope and grace to others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

★ HYMN #286

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

TRENTHAM

MODERN TESTIMONY "When We Breathe Together" | Jan Richardson

ANCIENT TESTIMONY Isaiah 2:1-5 Old Testament, p. 773

SERMON "God's Promise: The Rt. Rev. James Curry

Swords Beaten into Plowshares"

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Sacrament of Communion

INVITATION

APPROACH

ONE: In the beginning, the Spirit brooded time into being,

ALL: So that God could give form to the world.

At the Incarnation, the Spirit breathed God's time into being,

So that the world could receive the Living Word.

Through Pentecost, the Spirit brought transformed time into being,

So that the Word of Life could be everywhere encountered.

Entering these gifts of bread and wine the Spirit blesses this time being, So this encounter with the Spirit can comfort, challenge,

and transform us.

CONFESSION

Creator God, your Spirit brings us many different gifts:

forgive us when we have coveted only the spectacular ones ...

(We unburden ourselves in silence)

Your Spirit speaks to us through many different voices:

forgive us when we have cut off the disconcerting ones ...

silence

Your Spirit offers us many different insights:

forgive us when we have welcomed only the comfortable ones ...

silence

Your Spirit invites us into many different moments of possibility: forgive us when we have closed down the costly ones ...

silence

Spirit of the living God, beyond time, and yet here with us now – give us the wisdom to receive and treasure all your gifts, the discernment to hear and respond to your voice, the understanding to see and follow your patterns, and the courage to recognize and seize your moments.

So may we grow in knowledge of Christ's realm, deepen in dependence on its grace, and love in accordance with its measures. Amen.

COMMUNION NARRATIVE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

Hymnal, p. 35

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest!

CONSECRATION

And as we share these gifts of grace: come, Holy Spirit! Take and transform them: that we may know their comfort and their challenge, and find ourselves, and our time, transformed by heaven itself.

SHARING THE MEAL

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the Spirit who birthed creation and enabled Incarnation

Continue to form and nurture us as we stumble towards maturity; May the Spirit who led Jesus into the wilderness

Stir us out of ease and safety as we follow the way of Christ;

May the Spirit who transformed the disciples

Grace and gift us for the task of building God's realm;

May the Spirit whom Jesus bequeathed

Continue to comfort and discomfort us until justice prevails, peace reigns, and love directs all.

₩ HYMN #295 "Go to the World!" SINE NOMINE

BENEDICTION and SUNG AMEN

POSTLUDE Allegro giocoso, no. 7 from 12 improvisations Camille Saint-Saëns



Gathered in 1744, the Congregational Church of Salisbury is an Open and Affirming member of the United Church of Christ. It is also a welcoming home to people from a great variety of church backgrounds and life experiences. Your presence is a gift to us! We hope you will feel God's Spirit here today through our worship and fellowship.

We seek to love God with all our hearts, souls, and minds and love our neighbors as ourselves. This Church is **Open** to all for participation, membership, leadership and employment regardless of race, ancestry, class, gender identity, physical and mental ability or sexual orientation. We **Affirm** each individual as a child of God, celebrating the total identity of each person.

As an **Open and Affirming** Congregation, we commit to work toward ending ignorance, fear, hatred, prejudice, and discrimination against any person.

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

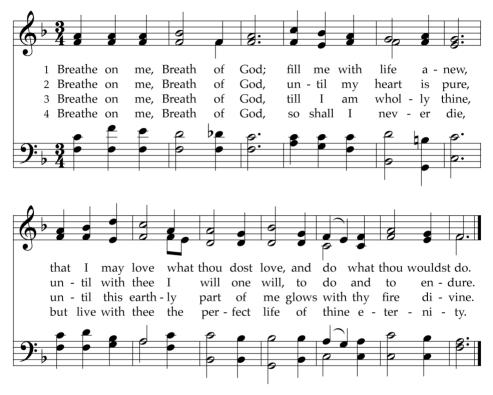
If you are visiting us, Welcome! Please sign our guest book and introduce yourself to our Pastor or to one of the Deacons. Fill out a welcome card in the pew to join our email list. Assistive Listening Devices are available; please ask an usher for assistance.

Kindly set phones to silent (unless you're expecting a call from Jesus).



This narrative and interpretive text was written to fill what the author perceived as an unfortunate gap in available hymns concerning the Holy Spirit in general and Pentecost in particular. The setting of a 17th-century German tune is from Mendelssohn's oratorio Elijah.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286

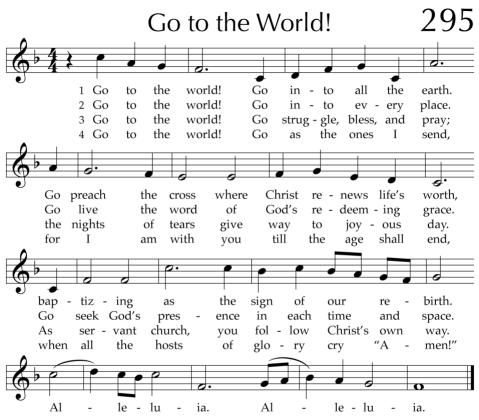


In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

TRENTHAM

TEXT: Edwin Hatch, 1878

MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888



Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19–20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906 Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc. SINE NOMINE 10.10.10 with alleluias

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher: The Right Rev. lames Curry

Clergy: the Rev. Heidi Truax, the Rev. Paul Christopherson, the Rev. Dr. John A. Nelson

Ushers: Janet Kaufman and Deborah Moore

Readers: Jim Conzo (Trinity Lime Rock), Emily Elliot (Salisbury UCC)

Deacons: Janet Kaufman and Kathy Mera • Fellowship time host: Emily

Elliothttps://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/IgiuQW7Ry55CIRIE4M8legRRxwW2wggQ grCTt3MAiVxI/edit?usp=sharing

Flowers have been placed in the Meeting House by Theresa Carroll.

Trinity Lime Rock

The Rev. Heidi Truax, Rector The Rev. Felix Rivera, Hisbanic Missioner Christine Gevert, Music Director

Trinity Vestry

Linda Lloyd, Sr. Warden M. E. Freeman, Treasurer Bev Becker, Clerk

Marian Beers, Jim Conzo, Mike Cuoco, Al Dorf, Theresa Kenny, Alan Swide

Announcements & Events

Sunday, June 4, Trinity Sunday, 10:30 service Congregation Beth David visits, Rabbi Jon Haddon, preacher Sunday, July 9, 10:30AM Opening celebration of our 150th Anniversary Bishop Laura Ahrens will join us and rededicate the cornerstone 11:30 AM Brunch

Friday, Sept. 15, 5 - 7PM

Save the date! Opening reception for the annual Trinity Juried Art Show

St. John's Episcopal

The Rev. Paul Christopherson, Priest in Charge The Rev. Lance Beizer. Priest Associate

St. John's Vestry

David Bayersdorfer, Sr. Warden Barbara Boccuto, Ir. Warden Sherry Cortese, Treasurer Nan Longley, Clerk Leslie Allyn, John Corbiere, John Siegenthaler, Susan Wood

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Rev. Chris has assembled a prayer list for the sick, for personal use. It is pieced together from prayers found in different places in the Book of Common Prayer. It is intended for use both by those who are ill, and by those who pray for them. Chris has found it to be a helpful liturgy. Prayed as a daily program, he believes it can be beneficial. Copies of "Prayers for the Sick" will be found in the narthex, and are available from Chris.

Rev. Chris is in the church, Wednesdays 10AM to 4PM. He would love to be in touch, and is available to make visits and bring the Eucharist.

Please reach out to him at any time, either with concerns or just to exchange greetings, at

chris2250@gmail.com. He will respond by email or phone or to set up a contact, as you choose.

Salisbury UCC

David Baranowski, Music Director
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Kelly Rybczyk, Stewardship & Database Manager

Church Officers

Betsy Beck, moderator; Janet Offensend, treasurer; Jennifer Oberto, clerk; The Rev. Dr. John A. Nelson, Pastor and Teacher

Announcements & Events

Sunday, 28 May, 10AM Worship

11:30 AM Board of Religious Education

Monday, 29 May, 11:30AM Duplicate Bridge Club

4PM Centering Prayer (via Zoom)

Wednesday, 31 May, 12:30PM Staff Meeting

4PM Women's Bible Study

5:30PM Butterfingers Angel read-through

Thursday, I June, 5:30PM Choir Rehearsal Friday, 2 June, 8:45AM Men's Bible Study

12 noon Music & Meditation



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Trinity Lime Rock, St. John's Episcopal, the Congregational Church of Salisbury UCC, and Salisbury Family Services present



Transforming Guns into Garden Tools

Free • Refreshments • Demonstration and Hands-On Participation at the Forge and Anvil • Creating Beautiful Garden Tools and Jewelry from Guns Voluntarily Turned In • Family Friendly & Interactive

Saturday, 10 June 2023
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Hewat Community Garden
30 Salmon Kill Rd • Salisbury, CT