

Middlebury Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
June 8, 2025
Day of Pentecost

*all those who are able please stand

Our worship begins with the Prelude.

Please be mindful of those who wish to spend this time in prayer

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Send forth your Spirit, O God

People: and renew the face of the earth.

Leader: The glory of the Lord endures forever.

People: God rejoices in the work of creation.

Leader: I will sing to the Lord for as long as I live.

People: I will praise God while I have breath.

***HYMN**

Let Every Christian Pray

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INVOCATION

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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. [We use "Father" and "trespasses," but please use whatever
words bring you closest to God.]

CALL TO CONFESSION (Based on Acts 2:21)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Holy and merciful God, we do not know how to pray as we ought, and we know too well our failures to do as you have commanded and to hold fast to your word. Forgive us for the divisions we nurture, the neighbors we fail to love, and the kindness we leave undone. Guide us in your way, keep us in your care, and lead us into faith. May your Spirit of truth show us the way and grant us courage and peace. Amen. (Time for individual silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Based on Romans 8:1-2, 11)

Hear the good news! There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life sets us free from the law of sin and death. And if the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us, God who raise Christ from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through the Spirit who lives in us. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #513

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

John 14:15-27

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?” Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Acts 2:1-21 (in English, Italian, Korean, German, and French)

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 people 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, “Fellow Jews 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.'

SERMON
The Paraclete

The Rev. Katrina Manzi

***HYMN**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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JOYS, CONCERNS, & PASTORAL PRAYER

*Prayer requests will be received from the congregation. Please be
mindful worship is livestreamed, so we advise caution on using last
names to preserve people's privacy.*

OFFERTORY

Fill-a-Me-Up, Come-a-Holy Spirit

Pepper Choplin

Kalman Zold, tenor

***Doxology in Unison**

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #515

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

**Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you
bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through
the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus
Christ the Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN**

Lord of All Pots and Pans and Things

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Please join us downstairs in the Social Hall after worship for fellowship and refreshments

Let Every Christian Pray

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Fred Pratt Green, 1970; rev. 1994

Acts 2

1 Let ev - ery Chris - tian pray, this day and ev - ery day,
2 The Spir - it brought to birth the church of Christ on earth
3 On - ly the Spir - it's power can fit us for this hour:

come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! Was not the church we love
to seek and save the lost: God nev - er has with - drawn,
come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! U - nite, in - struct, in - spire

com - mis - sioned from a - bove? Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!
since that tre - men - dous dawn, the gifts of Pen - te - cost.
and fill us with your fire: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the piano accompaniment in the bass staff. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system includes three numbered verses. The second and third systems contain the main body of the hymn, with the third system ending with a double bar line.

Noted contemporary British hymnwriter Fred Pratt Green retired from the parish ministry in 1969 and only then commenced his prolific output of hymn texts, which can be found in every major hymnal publication of the late twentieth

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI 6.6.6.6.6.6.
Joseph Barnby, 1868

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Edwin Hatch, 1835-1889, alt.

Second Tune

TRENTHAM S.M.

Robert Jackson, 1840-1914

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, Un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I nev - er die,

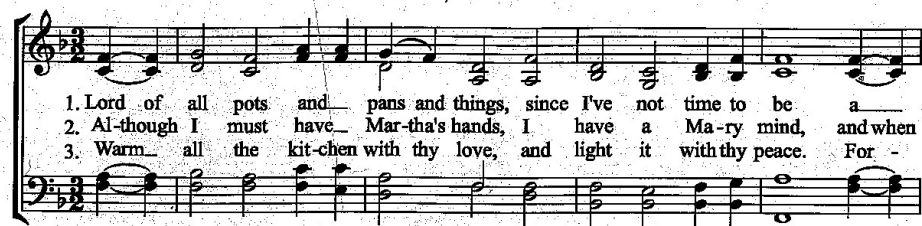
That I may love what thou dost love, And do what thou wouldst do.
 Un - til with thee I will one will To do and to en - dure.
 Un - til this earth - ly part of me Glows with thy fire di - vine.
 But live with thee the per - fect life Of thine e - ter - ni - ty. A-men.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

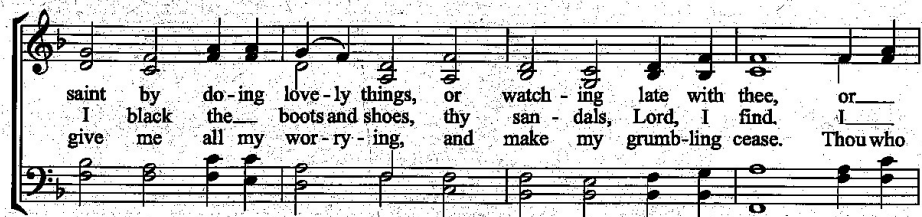
Hymn

Lord of All Pots and Pans

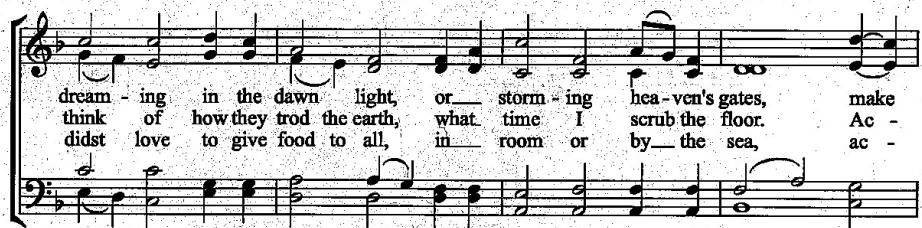
Text: Klara Munkres, Tune: BEACH SPRING



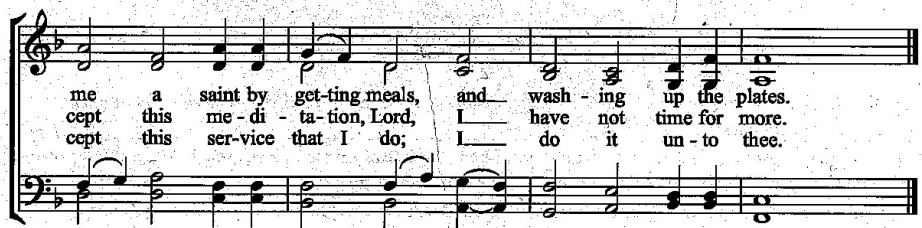
1. Lord of all pots and pans and things, since I've not time to be a —
 2. Al-though I must have Mar-tha's hands, I have a Ma-ry mind, and when
 3. Warm all the kit-chen with thy love, and light it with thy peace. For —



saint by do-ing love-ly things, or watch-ing late with thee, or —
 I black the boots and shoes, thy san-dals, Lord, I find. I —
 give me all my wor-ry-ing, and make my grumb-ling cease. Thou who



dream-ing in the dawn light, or storm-ing hea-ven's gates, make
 think of how they trod the earth, what time I scrub the floor. Ac -
 didst love to give food to all, in room or by the sea, ac -



me a saint by get-ting meals, and wash-ing up the plates.
 cept this me-di-ta-tion, Lord, I have not time for more.
 cept this ser-vice that I do, I do it un-to thee.