



DOWNTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pentecost

*We Live Into Jesus' Inclusive Call
to Love Every Person, Care for Creation,
and Work for God's Justice.*

Celebration of Worship

May 24th, 2026 11:00 AM

Pentecost

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*If you have a joy or concern you would like to have lifted in prayer today, please complete a **Prayer Request Card**, including the name of the person or event, and additional information you'd like to share. Prayer Requests will be collected during the **hymn following the sermon** to share with the pastor and/or Deacons.*

Prelude	Meditation on Veni Creator Spiritus	Sarum Plainsong
Words of Welcome		Rev. Kristina Hansen
Announcements		Gail Mott

Chime

Introit

Veni Creator Spiritus

*"Come, O Creator Spirit, come,
and make within our heart thy home;
to us thy grace celestial give,
who of thy breathing move and live.*

*O Comforter, that name is thine,
of God most high the gift divine;
the well of life, the fire of love,
our souls' anointing from above.*

Sarum Plainsong
sung in Latin

*English poetic translation by Robert Bridges (1899) verses 1-2, and
Edward Caswall (19thc) verse 3*

*Call to Worship (ministrymatters.org, mod.)

One: Come, Holy Spirit! Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!

Many: **Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action!**

One: Come, Holy Spirit! Energize our lives to work for God!

Many: Let your wind of hope swirl around us,
lifting and moving us from complacency!

One: Come, Holy Spirit! Pour out your blessings on us!

Many: Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God's presence
and love in everything we say and everything we do!

One: Come, and worship God who sends the Spirit to touch and transform
us into Pentecost people!

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Prayer of Invocation (ministrymatters.org, mod.)

Spirit of God, we long to be open to your presence in our church
and in our lives.

Fill us with your wind and fire, that we might be enlivened again.
Help us hear the words as if for the first time, that they might touch us anew.
Give us visions and dreams of what you long for in your creation
that we might begin to live them in reality.

Come, Holy Spirit! Come into our worship, into our church,
into our very selves.

Hear our earnest prayer as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us
to pray together...

† Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life (Rev. Thom Shuman, mod.)

God of wind and fire, forgive us
when we fail to share your Good News,
when we do not open our minds to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
Bring your Holy Fire upon us this day to ignite a spark of joy
in our hearts and in our lives.
Bring the power of your Rushing Wind through our spirits
That we may be turned in new directions for service and witness.
In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray.

(A moment of silence is observed for listening and personal prayer.)

One: God calls each of us by name, bidding us to stay in God's presence.

Many: We are covered by God's grace and mercy!

We are loved unconditionally! Alleluia! Amen.

First Reading

Psalms 104:24-35

from *Psalms for Praying*,

Congregational Antiphon (All Singing):

by Nan C. Merrill

The glory of the Radiant One endures forever,
for the works of Love are sure.

O You, who know all hearts, how
manifold are your works!

In wisdom You have created them all;
the earth is filled with your creatures!

We took to the seas, great and wide,
which teem with life innumerable,
helping to maintain the balance.

O, that we might receive your gifts,
taking only what is needed
with grateful hearts.

All of creation looks to You,
to give them food in due season.

When we are in harmony with You,
the earth provides;
yes, a bountiful harvest to be shared with all! (Sung Antiphon)

When we misuse what You have created for us,
**we blame You for the famine and
destruction that ensues,
and feel alienated from You.**

Even so, You continue to send forth your Spirit,
and the earth, though not without turmoil, is renewed.

The glory of the Radiant One endures forever,
for the works of Love are sure.

**You are ever-present to us, even as the earth trembles,
even as the mountains spew forth ashes and smoke!**

I will abandon myself into your hands
as long as I live;

**I will sing praise to You
while I have breath.**

May my meditations be pleasing to You,
for I rejoice and am glad in You.

**May all who feel separated from You
open their hearts to new Life!**

Praise the Creator of the Universe!

Bless the Heart of my heart, O my soul! Amen. (Sung Antiphon)

Music for Reflection

Come Down, O Love Divine

Vaughan Williams

New Testament Reading

Acts 2:1-21

One: *(In our reading this morning, thousands of Jews have come
to Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost – the harvest festival. At 9:00
in the morning, God poured out the Holy Spirit on the apostles of Jesus.
It came as a mighty wind and tongues of fire!)*

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

Two: Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came
from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

One: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Two: Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked:

Congregation: Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?

Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?

One: Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—

Congregation: We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

Two: Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another,

Congregation: "What does this mean?"

One: Some, however, made fun of them and said,

Congregation: "They have had too much wine."

Two: Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

One: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

*"In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.
Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.
I will show wonders in the heavens above*

*and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.*

Congregation: And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'"

Sermon

R U Pentecostal?

Rev. Hansen

*Hymn

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

(Verses 1, 3 and 4—Music may be found on page 12.)

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for Healing and Justice

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

I Been in de Storm So Long American Negro Spiritual
with Veni Creator Spiritus Sarum Plainsong

*"I been in de storm so long, I been in de storm so long , children,
I been in de storm so long, O give me little time to pray.*

*Oh, let me tell my mother, how I come along, O give me little time to pray,
With a hung down head and an aching heat, O give me little time to pray. (ref.)*

*Oh, when I get to hev'n, I'll walk all about, O give me little time to pray,
There'll be nobody there for to turn me out, O give me little time to pray. (ref.)"*

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Let songs rise up from earth below;
Let stars and galaxies enthrone;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One! Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication *(Rev. Karen Eiler)*

**O God, we recognize that everything we have, and everything we are,
all comes from you. Bless the gifts we return to you. Use them, and use us,
to build and establish your reign on earth until Christ comes in glory. Amen.**

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.

Words: Henry H. Tweedy, 1935

Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation on Forest Green

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us extend the Peace of Christ to one another.

Thank you to...

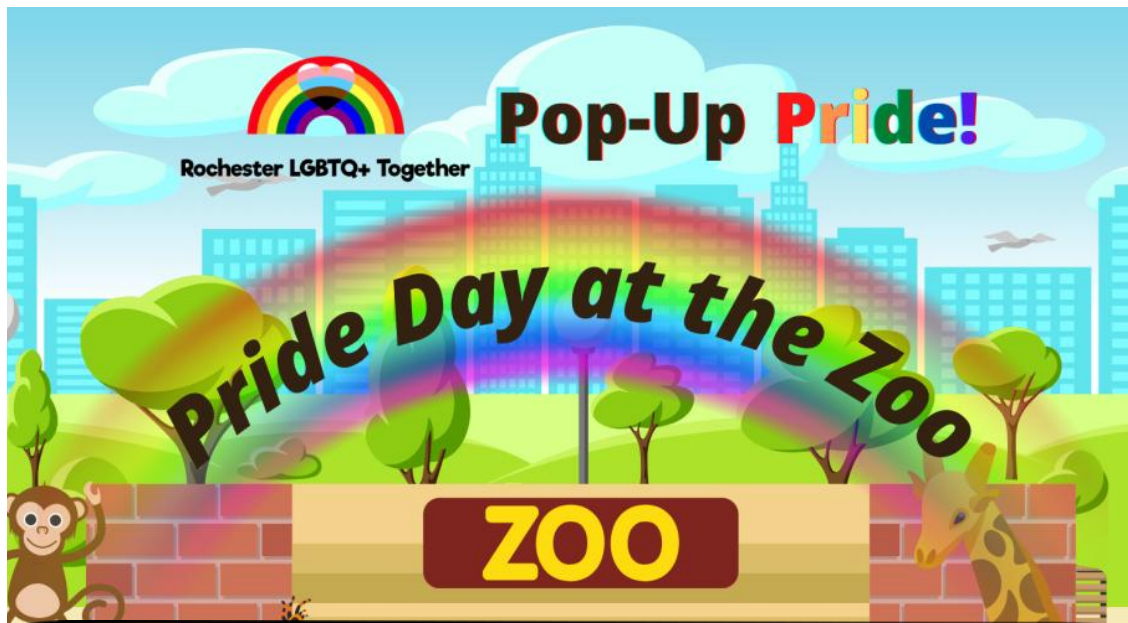
Rev. Kristina Hansen

Liturgist: Gail Mott

Musicians: Alan Jones and Lee Wright

Live Stream Team: Don Fairman, David McDowell, Jim Parks, Sally Allison

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DUPC will be there to share information with guests. If you can help for a few hours between 9:30-5:00 please contact Jason at 402-0590 or jasoncloen@gmail.com.

Saturday, June 13, 2026

Seneca Park Zoo

2222 St. Paul St. Rochester, NY 14621

Come support DUPC and enjoy a day at the Zoo!

280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
 grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
 words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
 In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

This 20th-century text was written by a Presbyterian layperson and poet, who in her later years became interested in writing hymns for the seasons of the church year and prepared a collection of them for her congregation. It pairs effectively with this sturdy Welsh tune.

Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to
all the way; still in pres - ence move be -
mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

First Inversion

2025-2026 Season
We Are...
Connecting Community with Creativity and Care

A New Song:
Music Inspiring and Inspired by Music

Wood/Briggs - Distler - Duruflé - Gjeilo - Handel/Shank - Meador - Moore
Hildegard/Sara Noble - Poulenc - Sheppard - Tallis/Forshaw - Trotta

Friday, June 5, 7:30PM
Sunday, June 7, 4:00PM

Downtown United Presbyterian Church
121 N. Fitzhugh Street, Rochester, 14614

The Choir of First Inversion with Bill Tiberio, saxophone,
Josh Basette and Izzy Granger, conducting scholars,
Lee Wright, conductor

\$25/adult, \$10/student suggested admission donation
cash/check/credit accepted at the door

We are Artists In Residence with Arts Link at Downtown United Presbyterian Church, partnering in ministry to build Beloved Community.

291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

D G A D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm E A D G

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,

A D Bm

spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id-ness,

G A D G D *Fine*

wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient

D Bm

deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill; then you whis-pered in si - lence when the
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.

val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -
law and a land. When they were con - found -
whole world was still. And down in the cit -
cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -

ons you called to each thing, "A -
ed with i - dols and lies, then you
y, you called once a - gain when you
sions; our men clear their eyes. With

wake from your slum - bers and
spoke through your proph - ets to
blew through your peo - ple on the
bold new de - ci - sions your

rise on your wings."
o - pen their eyes.
rush of the wind.
peo - ple a - rise.

Coming up at Downtown United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 24—Pentecost

10:00AM Musicians Warm-up
10:45AM Nursery
11:00AM Worship
12:00PM Refreshments, Sanctuary

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day-Building Closed

Tuesday, May 26

10:30AM Psalms+ Bible Study

Thursday, May 28

7:00PM Session Mtg Hybrid

Friday, May 29

3:00PM Space Use Mtg., Zoom

Sunday, May 31

10:00AM Musicians' Warm-up
10:45AM Nursery
11:00AM Worship
12:00PM Refreshments, Sanctuary

Welcome Visitors!

**We live into Jesus' inclusive call to love all people,
care for creation, and work for God's Justice.**

Nursery Care is available for young children beginning in the library and moving to C-23 on the second floor. Parents are welcome to come up with their children if they would like.

Sunday School - Children not in nursery care will be invited forward during the "Time with Our Youth" and then will follow their teacher to the Sunday School room.

You may place your offering in the offering plates as they are passed. If you would like to donate online, you can use the QR code to the right to make your contribution to the church.



This is a Hearing Loop equipped sanctuary – please switch your hearing aid to the "T" (telephone) position.

† **We seek** to use diverse images and liberating language about divine presence in our services of worship. Please feel free to adapt the words in hymns and prayers as needed so that they express your faith.

* **An asterisk indicates** "please rise in body or spirit."

We hope you will join us after worship for conversations and refreshments! Cookies and drinks are available in the front of the sanctuary.

Joys and Concerns – If you have a joy or concern that you would like to lift in prayer today, please complete a Prayer Request card (available by the worship bulletins) naming the person (s), situation or event, and any other information that you would like to be shared. The requests will be collected during the hymn following the sermon and provided to the Deacons.

If you would like to honor someone or a special event with flowers you can purchase a bouquet (\$35) for a future worship service by contacting Deacon Helen Ganotis at <helenganotis@gmail.com>.

Save the Date!

Congregational Gathering

Join Us in the Hallock Lounge
for a Session Presentation on
DUPE's Possible Next Steps

➡ **June 7th** ⬅
After Worship

Guaranteed to be Engaging!
Includes a Light Lunch
Come Share Your Thoughts and Questions



The Downtown Church Staff

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Cheryl Bittle, Weekend Receptionist
Jason Cloen, Associate Musician
Eileen Dietsch, Director of Operations
Rev. Kristina Hansen, Senior Pastor
Alan Jones, Associate Musician
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Baker Mohammed, Bookkeeper
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Joseph Taylor, Maintenance Supervisor
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Director of Music Ministry

Parish Leaders

Mary Rees and Pat Tweet - Clerks of Session
Jacque Hancock and Carol Samuel - co-Moderators of Deacons

Session

The Rev. Kristina
Hansen, Moderator
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