

*The First Congregational Church
of West Brookfield
United Church of Christ*



May 24, 2026; 10 a.m.


REFLECT

“Enter my heart, O Holy spirit, come in blessed mercy and set me free. Throw open, O Lord, the locked doors of my mind; cleanse the chambers of my thought for thy dwelling: Light there the fires of thine own holy brightness in new understandings of truth. O Holy spirit, very God, whose presence is liberty, grant me the perfect freedom to be thy servant today, tomorrow, evermore.” --

Eric Milner-White--

**PENTECOST SUNDAY
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Words in **bold** are to be spoken in unison.*

 *Please stand as you are able.*

Congregational Announcements

Pastoral Greeting

Prelude and Candle Lighting

Stephen Page

A Call to Worship

Angela Carville

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, **All: The wind of God, the breath of life.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, **All: Our Advocate, our Counselor.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, **All: Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of
Christ.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, **All: Granter of forgiveness, Giver of peace.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

**All: May we feel God breathing through our worship. May each one of us
receive the Holy Spirit in this sacred time of worship.**

 **A Hymn for Pentecost**

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

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A Reading from the New Testament

Acts 2:1-21

A Prayer for Pentecost

Leader: Spirit... spirit... spirit... spirit...

All: The crunch of word, the splash of light, the run of water

Leader: Spirit... spirit... spirit... spirit...

All: The breaking of word, the flow of light, the rush of water

Leader: Spirit... spirit... spirit... spirit...

All: Come Spirit, scoundrel of grace

invade and infect us, with goosebumps and justice

Leader: Come Spirit, spark in the chaos,
and unstop our ears, to the song in creation

All: Come Spirit, rascal of heaven, bring us to the edge

of all things created. Come Spirit of grace; Come Spirit of life;

Come Spirit of creation; Come now... now... now... now. Amen.

A Reading from the Gospel

John 20:19-23

Reader: May God bless our hearing and understanding of this reading from our sacred texts.

All: Word of God, Word of Life, Thanks be to God

Prayer Hymn (seated)

“Let Every Christian Pray”

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Prayers of the People

Sharing Concerns, Joys ~ Pastoral Prayer ~ Lord’s Prayer~

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 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.

Call to Offering and Offertory Music

(Offering plates are in the front and rear of the sanctuary for your gifts; you may place them in the plates during the music)

 **A Doxology**

Tune: # 34 (Old 100th)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

Youth Message

Special Music

Stephen Page

Sermon

“Take it. Take My Spirit”

Rev. Doug Williamson

 **Hymn**

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

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 **Benediction** (after which, please be seated for the postlude)

Postlude



Our Mission and Vision Statement:

We are a church where all are welcome to worship together, to share in fellowship and to grow spiritually in our journey with Christ. We value justice, diversity, and freedom of expression. We strive to serve our community and all God's creation and to spread the love of God to all people.

Welcome members, friends, and visitors to our service this morning! If you are a guest with us, we invite you to sign our guest register and/or fill out a visitor card. Activity bags are available in the back of the sanctuary for children who are with us in worship.

Prayer Requests

Would you like to ask for prayers for someone? You may write your request in the red prayer book on the table located in the back of the sanctuary. A deacon will share them with the pastor. Please see a deacon with any questions.

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