



**CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



June 8, 2025

10:00 am

*\*AN ASTERISK IN THE BULLETIN INDICATES THAT ALL FOR WHOM IT IS COMFORTABLE SHOULD RISE FOR THAT PART OF THE SERVICE\**

**RINGING OF THE CHIMES**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Moriah Park

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

'O God of Vision'

No. 288

**CALL TO GATHERING<sup>1</sup>**

Leader: When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

**ALL: We join for worship online and on site, in real time and sometimes days later; and yet...**

Leader: The Holy One sends forth the Spirit.

**ALL: The Spirit unites us, connects us, and forms us as a community.**

Leader: We were created in spirit and in truth, wonderfully and fearfully made in the image of Holy Love.

**ALL: God renews the face of the earth and the cosmos, this faith community, and the Church.**

Leader: May the glory of "God the Fire" endure forever!

**ALL: Bless the Holy One, oh my soul. Praise God!**

**OPENING PRAYER<sup>1</sup>**

**\*PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE<sup>1</sup>**

**ALL: Spirit of God, fall afresh on us. Let your refining fire bring our impurities to the surface so that the fullness of who we are can shine through. Forgive us for the ways we allow our diversity to be a reason for divisiveness and exclusion, rather than a celebration of your wondrous work in us. Enable us to overcome, and eradicate, the barriers that we create in the name of our own convenience and comfort, that push your beloved to the margins. Awaken in us a desire to know and share space with neighbor, enemy, and kin. Amen.**

**\*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS<sup>1</sup>**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**

'We, Your People, God, Confessing' (vs. 1)

No. 356

**A TIME FOR ALL AGES**

Dani Kardisco

**HYMN OF PREPARATION**

'The Church's One Foundation'

No. 272

## SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21

### The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

**2** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues<sup>[a]</sup> as the Spirit enabled them.

**5** Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. **6** When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. **7** Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" **8** Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? **9** Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,<sup>[b]</sup> **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome **11** (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" **12** Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

**13** Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

### Peter Addresses the Crowd

**14** Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. **15** These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! **16** No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

**17** "'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.

**18** Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.

**19** I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

**20** The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

**21** And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

**SERMON**

Rev. Jeff Kardisco

**MUSIC FOR REFLECTION**

Alex Green

*During this time, we invite you to embrace the transition from hearing the word to gathering ourselves in prayer by taking a moment for quiet reflection either in your pew, or by coming forward to light a candle to give light to the prayer(s) on your heart that have no words to be expressed.*

**Come and Light a Candle...**



**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE PRAYER OF JESUS** *(in unison)*

**Our Creator (Father) who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**CALL FOR OFFERINGS<sup>1</sup>**

**OFFERTORY**

'We Are One'

(Tate)

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

'Wake, the Dawn Is Now Full Rising' (vs. 2)

No. 239

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION<sup>1</sup>**

**\*HYMN**

'God Be with You Till We Meet Again'

No. 434

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Sylvia Berry

**Participating In Today's Worship Service:**

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

Sylvia Berry, Guest Organist/Pianist

Laura Ramos, Soloist

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

Dani Kardisco, Christian Education Director

1. O God of vi - sion far great - er than all hu - man schem -  
 2. Pour out your Spir - it on all now as - sem - bled be - fore  
 3. Grant to us in - sight, O God, for this time of de - ci -  
 4. Break the sun's rays in - to col - or, a rain - bow a - round  
 5. Grate - ful, we come now by Christ's in - vi - ta - tion clear - spo -

1. ing, gath - er us now in your pres - ence, re - fresh - ing, re -  
 2. you. May our di - ver - si - ty here be a means to a -  
 3. sion. May we dream chal - leng - ing dreams of both depth and pre -  
 4. us. Storm clouds, though real and near, are not é - nough to con -  
 5. ken. We seek the nour - ish - ment found in fruit crushed and bread

1. deem - ing. Show us a - new life in your breath - tak - ing  
 2. dore you. Wom - en and men, young, old, and youth - ful a -  
 3. ci - sion. Speak through the dark. Dis - pel by light - ning's bright  
 4. found us. Arched in the sky, beau - ty and pro - mise are  
 5. bro - ken. Christ for us all! Come, let us an - swer the

1. view, love - ly be - yond all our dream ing.  
 2. gain, make us as one, we im - plore you.  
 3. spark what - ev - er clouds dim our vi - sion.  
 4. high, giv - ing us hope to as - found us.  
 5. call, of - fering our lives as the to ken.

WORDS: Jane Parker Huber, 1981  
 MUSIC: Erneuerter Gesangbuch, 1665

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Descant: #25

# We, Your People, God, Confessing 356

1. We, your peo-ple, God, con-fess-ing Je-sus Christ your Son as Lord,  
 2. We, your peo-ple, God, re-joic-ing in your vast cre-a-tive power,  
 3. We, your peo-ple, God, com-mun-ing through the Ho-ly Spir-it, here,  
 4. We, your peo-ple, God, re-ceiv-ing gifts of min-is-try out-poured

gath-er here in com-mon wor-ship prais-ing your In-car-nate Word.  
 bind our-selves, each with the oth-er, cov-e-nant in love this hour.  
 joined to-geth-er as dis-ci-ples, in o-be-dience now draw near.  
 in the light of ho-ly scrip-ture are set free, re-freshed, re-stored.

Through the power of Christ with-in us we are strength-ened to pro-claim  
 Through bap-tis-mal rite we en-ter, ris-ing, new-ly born to be  
 At the ta-ble where the em-blems of Christ's sac-ri-fice are spread,  
 In the bonds of faith we serve you, God of all, whom we a-dore.

gos-pel truth in wit-ness, ser-vice of-fered in Christ's ho-ly name.  
 u-ni-fied with your whole peo-ple here in per-fect lib-er-ty.  
 here we cel-e-brate his pres-ence with the cup and bro-ken bread.  
 Yours the bless-ing, yours the glo-ry, one God, reign-ing ev-er-more!

WORDS: From the Preamble to the Design of the Christian Church  
 (Disciples of Christ), adapt. 1993  
 MUSIC: Traditional Dutch melody; arr. Julius Roentgen, 1906

IN BABILONE  
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*Descant*

5. We now on earth have un-ion with God the Three in One,

1. The chur-ch's one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ our Lord;  
 2. Called forth from ev-ery na-tion, yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3. Though with a scorn-ful won-der the world sees us op-pressed,  
 4. Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion, and tu-mult of our war,  
 5. We now on earth have un-ion with God the Three in One,

WORDS: Samuel J. Stone, 1866, alt.; st. 2 adapt. Laurence Hull Stookey, 1983, alt.  
 MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley, 1864; desc. Charles H. Webb, 1980

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and mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion with those whose rest is won.

1. we are his new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the Word;  
 2. our char-ter of sal-va-tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 3. by schis-ms rent a-sun-der, by her-e-sies dis-tressed,  
 4. we wait the con-sum-ma-tion of peace for-ev-er-more;  
 5. and mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion with those whose rest is won.

Oh, hap-py ones, Lord, give us grace that we

1. from heaven he came and sought us to be his ho-ly bride;  
 2. One ho-ly name pro-fess-ing and at one ta-ble fed,  
 3. yet saints their watch are keep-ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 4. till with the vi-sion glo-rious our long-ing eyes are blest,  
 5. Oh, hap-py ones, and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we

like them, the meek, on high may dwell with thee.

1. with his own blood he bought us, and for our life he died.  
 2. to one hope al-ways press-ing, by Christ's own Spir-it led.  
 3. And soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song.  
 4. and the great church vic-to-rious shall be the church at rest.  
 5. like them, the meek and low-ly, on high may dwell with thee.

# 239 Wake, the Dawn Is Now Full Rising

Unison Gm Eb Dm Gm

1. Wake, the dawn is now full ris - ing, by the Spir - it  
 2. Rise and stand in noon's high glo - ry, Christ is here in  
 3. Rest while eve - ning shad - ows length - en; God's own church is

we are roused; see - ing, touch - ing, hear - ing feel - ing,  
 new ar - ray, crowns of fire our count'nance bright - en;  
 now full born. Know the peace by Spir - it giv - en,

Christ's new life in us is housed. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 winds of hope re - fresh our way. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 share the hush of pil - grims worn. Al - le - lu - ia!

Praise the Spir - it who for earth a church de - signs.  
 Raise the sing - ing, now one tongue God's love em - ploys.  
 God, we won - der at your great - ness still un - told.

WORDS: Jim Miller, 1992  
 MUSIC: William Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835;  
 harm. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978

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Alt. tune: HYMN TO JOY

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Gm Dm Gm Dm Gm Eb F Gm

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the proph - ets who fore - named these ho - ly times.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Raise the prais - es now one bod - y lives with joy.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Awe - d, we pon - der all your gifts that still un - fold.

# God Be with You Till We Meet Again 434

1-4. God be with you till we meet a - gain;

lov - ing coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's  
un - seen wings, pro - tect - ing, hide you, dai - ly man - na  
when life's per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing  
keep love's ban - ner float - ing o'er you, smite death's threat - ening

care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

*Refrain*  
Till we meet till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet, till we meet;

till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
till we meet, till we meet, till we meet,

WORDS: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1680, alt.  
MUSIC: William G. Tomer, 1880

GOD BE WITH YOU  
98.89 w. refrain