



# First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**“Remember???”**

**Pentecost**

**May 31, 2020**

**10:30 a.m. Facebook Live Service**

*Following Jesus, our mission is to serve God  
by building an inclusive community where uplifting worship  
and relevant messages deepen spirituality  
and inspire acts of justice, service, and compassion.*

***Our Church's Mission Statement***

Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage, Pastor  
Judy Nielsen, Reflection  
Jeannette Len, Office Administrator  
Nicole Finney, Child Care  
Sue Sackett, Custodian  
Rev. John Baumgartner, Pastor Emeritus

Judy Nielsen, Organist  
Darlene Banks, Bell Choir Director  
Brandon Frost, Choir Director  
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## Welcome to First Congregational United Church of Christ!

*As you look over the bulletin, please notice that you are invited to read aloud **bold** text, and an asterisk (\*) indicates to please stand, as you are able. Our hymns are not announced, but are printed in the bulletin, so feel free to locate them ahead of time.*  
*Helpful worship notes and information on the church can be found in the brochure by the hymnals.*  
*Guests and visitors – a special welcome! Please fill out a “Welcome” card (in the pew pocket) and put it in the offering plate so we may send you a small gift.*

### GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Many: And also with you.**

### INTRODUCTIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BELLS/CHIMES

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Over 2,000 years ago, the Christian church began as a small gathering of people.

**Many: We come to you, Holy Spirit, we are here!**

One: Like now, times were uncertain and Jesus did not seem to be physically present among them.

**Many: We trust you, Holy Spirit, we know you are here!**

One: Yes, God was there, as a burst of wind!

**Many: Blessed be the breath of God!**

One: God was there, as a flickering flame!

**Many: Thanks be to God, for the warmth of God’s love!**

One: God was there, as a multiplicity of voices—every voice unique and every voice sharing one message of love!

**Many: Thanks be to God for the diversity of voices in our midst! Amen!**

\*OPENING HYMN #290

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

*(please feel free to sing loud and strong from your place at home)*

\*COLLECT PRAYER

One: Let us pray

**Many: God of the still small voice, God of the fiery pillar, God of the rainbow, we thank you for your constant presence in our lives. We ask that you help us to feel and see that presence, so that we can face each day with courage and hope. Amen.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

“Remember Him”

Don Besig

FRESH PERSPECTIVE

Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE  
GOSPEL

Psalms 104: 24-34 NKJV  
John 14:8-17 NKJV

One: Words from the past, made new for us today.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

SUNG RESPONSE #283

“Spirit of the Living God”

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

REFLECTION

“Remember???”

Judy Nielson

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“I Found the Answer”

Johnny Lange

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING MOMENT

*Please give what you can, by mail or through prayers.*

*If you have any questions, please reach out to Lynn Hart [hartacre3@aol.com](mailto:hartacre3@aol.com)*

\*CLOSING HYMN #288

“Let It Breathe on Me”

*(please feel free to sing loud and strong from your place at home)*

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

“In the Lord I’ll be Ever Thankful” (sung once)

**In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful**

**In the Lord, I will rejoice!**

**Look to God, do not be afraid.**

**Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

**Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

BELLS/CHIMES

POSTLUDE

“Happy Trails... Until We Meet Again”

**\*Please join us for a Zoom coffee hour after the service. Grab a coffee or your favorite beverage and a snack and join the Zoom call using the link sent in the email with this bulletin (or in the link sent through the Thursday Pause).**

- Unless otherwise listed all hymns and responses come from the New Century Hymnal

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## **SUNDAY ROSTER**

**Reflection** – Judy Nielson

**Fresh Perspective** - Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage

**Virtual Coordinator** - Chad Frost

**Music Coordinator** - Brandon Frost

**Piano/Keyboard** – Chuck Byam

**Liturgist** – Troy Arient

## **HEALTH CONCERNS**

Please follow these links for accurate and up to date information regarding the Coronavirus.

[https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178\\_99557---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_99557---,00.html)

\*Resources found on this website are for individuals experiencing mental and emotional health challenges during this time. Many of these resources are free.

<https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

<https://www.barryeatonhealth.org/covid-19-resources-and-update>

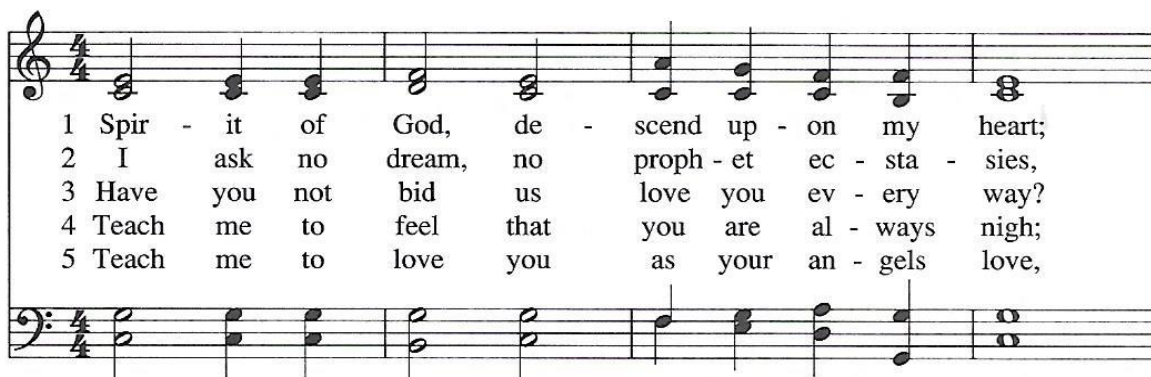
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# Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

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George Croly, 1854; alt.

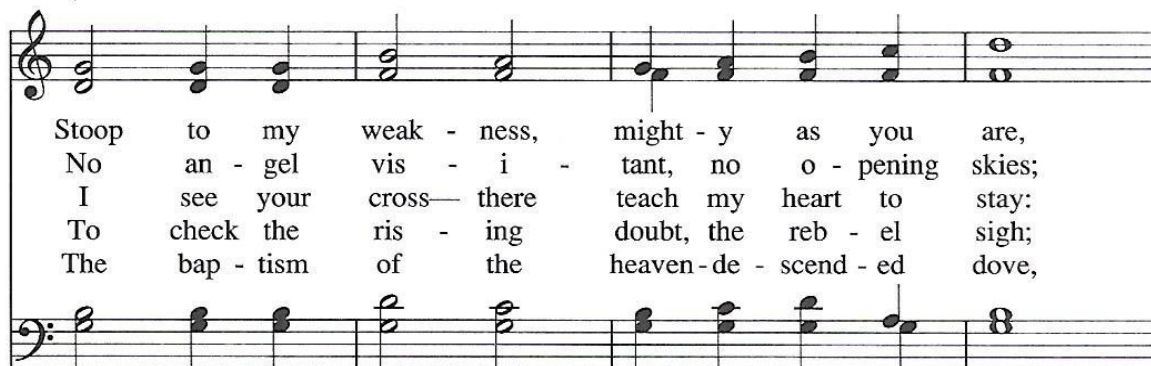
Gal. 5:25; Matt. 22:37; John 1:32



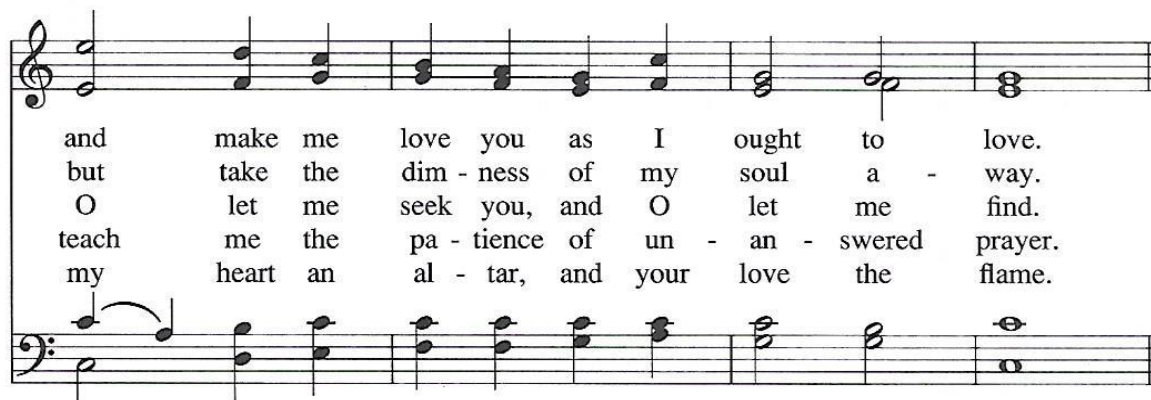
1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3 Have you not bid us love you ev - ery way?  
 4 Teach me to feel that you are al - ways nigh;  
 5 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 All, all your own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind;  
 teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;



Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as you are,  
 No an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;  
 I see your cross—there teach my heart to stay:  
 To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;  
 The bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 O let me seek you, and O let me find.  
 teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.  
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

**Psalm 104:24-34****New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>24</sup> O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions—<sup>25</sup> This great and wide sea, in which *are* innumerable teeming things, living things both small and great. <sup>26</sup> There the ships sail about; *there is* that Leviathan which You have made to play there. <sup>27</sup> These all wait for You, that You may give *them* their food in due season. <sup>28</sup> *What* You give them they gather in; You open Your hand; they are filled with good. <sup>29</sup> You hide Your face, they are troubled; You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. <sup>30</sup> You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the earth. <sup>31</sup> May the glory of the LORD endure forever; May the LORD rejoice in His works. <sup>32</sup> He looks on the earth, and it trembles; He touches the hills, and they smoke. <sup>33</sup> I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. <sup>34</sup> May my meditation be sweet to Him; I will be glad in the LORD.

**John 14:8-17 New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.”

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. <sup>11</sup> Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father. <sup>13</sup> And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*. <sup>15</sup> “If you love Me, keep My commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

# Let It Breathe on Me

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*Magnolia Lewis-Butts, 1941; alt.*

*Job 33:4; Ezek. 37:1-14; John 20:19-23*



1 Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me, let the breath of the  
2 While I'm work - ing, God, in your vine - yard here, I can - not  
3 When the path - way, God, I can - not see, when the way is



Spir - it breathe on me. Let it breathe on me, let it  
serve with - out you near; O come, blessed Spir - it, so  
hard, O breathe on me; Give me grace to know when



breathe on me, let the breath of God now breathe on me.  
close to me that I may feel you breathe on me.  
you are near, then, I pray, O Spir - it, breathe on me.