



Living by Faith, Known by Love, A Voice of Hope



**Confirmation Sunday
May 31, 10 a.m.**

First Church in Windsor, UCC
Livestream Worship

Prelude

One Spirit of Love

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Introit

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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**Lift every voice and sing,
till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmony of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise,
high as the listening skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.**

Call to Worship

One: The Lord said: You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses to the ends of the earth.

Two: **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!**

Hymn

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

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**Chorus: Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness,
calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind,
wind on the sea.**

**You moved on the waters,
you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep.**

**And over the eons
you called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings.”**

Chorus

**You swept through the desert,
you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land;**

**When they were confounded
by their idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes.**

Chorus

**You sang in a stable,
you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still;**

**And down in the city
you called once again,
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind.**

Chorus

**You call from tomorrow,
you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams.**

**Our women see visions,
our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions
your people arise.**

Chorus

Prayer of Invocation

Kindling Spirit, build well the fire in our hearts this day. Fan us to flame that all will see the Christ-presence of love blazing in our midst. Burn the witness on our tongues: Christ's Spirit moves among us. Jesus Christ, our risen Lord has set his church on fire with strength and boldness and power. Kindling Spirit, build well the fire in our hearts this day. Amen.

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Morning Prayer

Silent Prayer
Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
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**Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, this my plea,
daily walking close to thee:
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

Scripture

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ '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. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Sermon

Pastor Nicole and Pastor Adrienne

"Affirming Our Faith"

Confirmation Liturgy

Questions of the Candidates

Do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

I do.

Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?

I do.

Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

I do.

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

I promise, with the help of God.

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

I promise, with the help of God.

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe in God?

I believe in God.

Do you believe in Jesus?

I believe in Jesus.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Question about Participation

Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

I promise, with the help of God

Congregational Prayer

We rejoice, O merciful God, with these new people in the gift of the Holy Spirit, and in the spirit's power to awaken us to new truth, and to inspire us to venture into the fullness of life. We give you thanks that we have been moved to affirm their baptism. Help them to live not for themselves, but for Christ and those whom Christ loves. Keep them steady and abounding in hope, never giving up, pressing toward the goal of life with you in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Confirmation Slideshow

Hymn

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
African American Spiritual

**Chorus: Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.**

**Upon the mountain my God spoke,
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, looked so fine
I asked my God if all were mine.**

Chorus

**Oh, Jordan river, chilly and cold,
it chills the body, not the soul.
There's only one train on this track;
it runs to heaven, then right back.**

Chorus x2

Announcements

Benediction

Postlude

Triumphal March by G.F. Handel

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