



*Living by Faith, Known by Love, A Voice of Hope*  
**First Church in Windsor, UCC**

The Eighth Sunday of Easter & Communion Sunday  
*Dare to Dance Again*  
June 5, 2022, at 10 a.m.

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship**

*Lord of the Dance*  
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**Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.  
"I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
I will lead you all in the Dance," said he.**

Pastor: This is the call! The flames of the Spirit are beckoning.

**People: We lift up our heads to meet the day.**

Pastor: Our focus is on the future and what we might do together.

**People: We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.**

Pastor: When rain comes again, we will open the umbrellas of joy and set out anyway.

**People: For we are called to dance again!**

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.  
"I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
I will lead you all in the Dance," said he.**

**Passing of the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of the risen Christ is with you!

**People: And also with you!**

*You are invited to turn to the people around you and wave to each other as a sign  
of graceful greetings this day.*

**\*Hymn**

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

Words and music by James K. Manley

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**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.”**

**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 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.**

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

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Come Holy Spirit, fire in us the gift of your imagination. Breathe in us the gift of your peace.  
Dance in us the gift of your beauty. Dream in us the gift of your wisdom. Speak in us the gift of  
your justice. Make in us the gift of your strength. Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

**\*Prayer of our Savior**

**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**

**Children’s Moment**

**Anthem**

*Esto Les Digo*

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## Scripture

### Acts 2:1-20

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>"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. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

## Sermon

Pastor Nicole

"God Comes with Fire"

## \*Hymn

*Spirit of God, Unseen as the Wind*

Traditional Scottish tune

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**Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, gentle as is the dove.  
Teach us the truth and help us believe, show us the Savior's love.**

**You spoke to us, long, long ago, gave us the written word.  
We read it still, needing its truth, through it God's voice is heard.**

**Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, gentle as is the dove.  
Teach us the truth and help us believe, show us the Savior's love.**

**Without your help our steps will fail, we cannot live your way.  
We need your love, we need your strength, following Christ each day.**

**Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, gentle as is the dove.  
Teach us the truth and help us believe, show us the Savior's love.**

## **Pastoral Prayer and Prayers of the People**

### **Prayer Response**

*Glory, Glory Hallelujah*  
African American spiritual  
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**Glory, glory hallelujah, since I laid my burdens down.  
Glory, glory, hallelujah, since I laid my burdens down.  
I am dancing Miriam's dance now, since I laid my burdens down.  
I am dancing Miriam's dance now, since I laid my burdens down.**

### **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Invitation to the Table  
Words of Institution  
Sharing the Elements

### **Communion Response**

*Song of the Body of Christ*  
Traditional Hawaiian  
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### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Holy Living God, You breathed life all around and called it good. You invited us to the wonder of it all and when we could not face you, you turned us around. You keep bringing us around and around, time and again, offering the chance to join the freedom-dance. Thank you for all of your gifts celebrated today at this sacred table. Amen.**

### **Announcements**

Offering Plates are on the tables back of the church. If you wish, you may give online [here](#).

### **Hymn**

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*  
African American spiritual  
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**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**\*Benediction**

And may the Loving God,  
Risen Christ,  
and Dancing Spirit  
fill you with all you need  
for the days ahead.

And all God's people said,  
**Amen!**

**Postlude**

*Ire ati Iyin (Blessings and Honor)*  
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\*Please stand as you are able, **Bolded Font** to be read by all