

**First Congregational Church of Ithaca
Pentecost Sunday (May 31, 2020)**

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Prelude All Glory Be to God on High J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (Themes from Psalm 104)

The breath of God brings life into being and fills every creature, great and small!

Come, Holy Spirit!

The wind of God refreshes all of creation!

Come, Holy Spirit!

The spirit of God flows through every human being!

Come, Holy Spirit!

***Hymn** Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us (see insert, #280)

***Opening Prayer**

O God, on this day you open the hearts of all people by sending into us your divine Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.

(Adapted from the ELCA, Collect for Pentecost A)

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Sung Response**

Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 104:24-30

Genesis 11:1-9

Acts 2:1-21

Special Music

He's Got the Whole World

Gail Downey

Sermon

"Same Spirit, (Not the) Same Boat: A Confirmation Commencement Address"

***Hymn**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

(see insert, #291)

Morning Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Litany Prayer

Leader: We pray to God

People: Hear us, O God

Sung Response

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me (repeat).

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Sharing our Gifts

Daughter of God

A. Menken, H. Ashman

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn**

This Little Light of Mine

(see insert)

***Benediction**

Postlude

Come Holy Spirit, Lord God

J. S. Bach

***Congregation stands (live-streamers, feel free to lift your hearts!)**

Participating Today

The Rev. Dr. David A. Kaden, Senior Minister

Susan Fast, Director of Caring Ministries

Dr. William Cowdery, Director of Music

David J. Kaden, Tech Support

Andrew Weislogel, Reader

Nancy, Clare, and Gigi Weislogel, handbells

Andrea Dietrich, soloist

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1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
 grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
 words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
 In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

This 20th-century text was written by a Presbyterian layperson and poet, who in her later years became a nun. She was a member of the church choir and prepared a collection of them for her

Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to
 all the way; still in pres - ence move be -
 mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
 fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
 san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

Holy Spirit, Come to Us

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Ostinato (repeated continuously)

Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.
 Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

Like many other chants from the ecumenical monastic community at Taizé, France, this brief text is intended for repeated singing by the congregation while a soloist or choir sings a longer related text. These refrains often use Latin to avoid connection with any current nation.

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Refrain

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the

wil - der - ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,

spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id - ness,

wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
- 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
- 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient

deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill; then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.

val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -
 law and a land. When they were con - found -
 whole world was still. And down in the cit -
 cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -

ons you called to each thing, "A -
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you
 y; you called once a - gain when you
 sions; our men clear their eyes. With

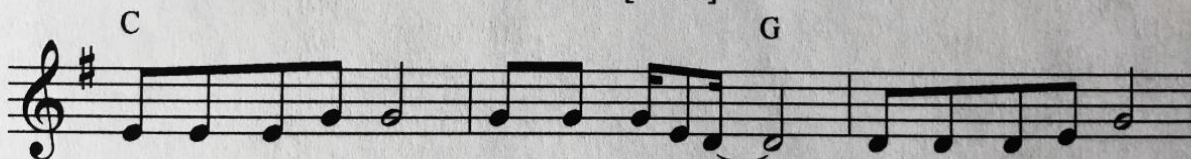
wake from your slum - bers and
 spoke through your proph - ets to
 blew through your peo - ple on the
 bold new de - ci - sions your

rise on your wings."
 o - pen their eyes.
 rush of the wind.
 peo - ple a - rise.

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE



1. This little light of mine, _____ I'm gonna let it shine, ___
2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, _____ I'm gonna let it shine, *etc.*
3. E - ven in the dark of night, I'm gonna let it shine, *etc.*
4. Don't let any - one *blow** it out, I'm gonna let it shine, *etc.*
5. Hide it under a bush-el? NO! I'm gonna let it shine, *etc.*
[shout]



this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, this little light of mine,



I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, ___ let it shine, let it shine! ___

* Blow out an imaginary candle instead of singing "blow."