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A RECONCILING CONGREGATION**

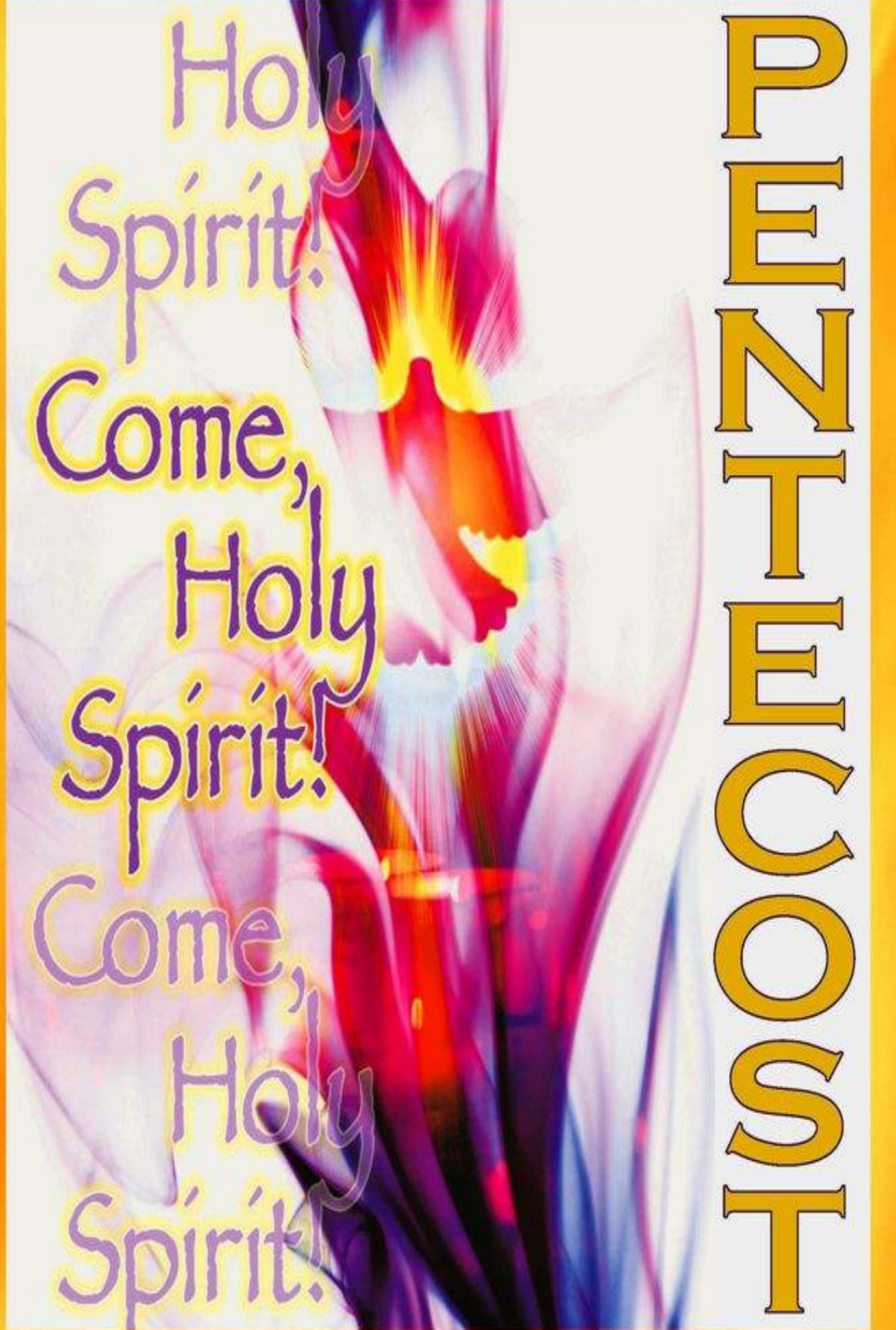
We, the congregation of the First United Methodist Church of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, are dedicated to worshipping, learning, and serving with all people as we embrace Jesus Christ’s message of love and acceptance. As a United Methodist Church we stand fully behind the statement “Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors”. We celebrate our diversity and invite all persons regardless of age, gender, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, marital or socioeconomic status, nationality, physical or mental ability into full membership and participation in the life of this community of faith.



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## Prelude & Entrance of Christ's Light

### Celebrations

**\*Call to Worship** (responsively)

L: Come, Holy Spirit,

**P: The wind of God, the breath of Life.**

L: Come, Holy Spirit,

**P: Our Advocate, our Counselor.**

L: Come, Holy Spirit,

**P: Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.**

L: Come, Holy Spirit,

**P: Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.**

L: Come, Holy Spirit.

**P: May we feel God breathing through our worship.**

**ALL: May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" UMH #334

**\*Opening Prayer** (unison)

**Breathe on us, breath of God, and fill us with life anew. Help us love what you love and do what you would do. As we worship this day, may we glow with the fire divine, so that we may become like Jesus, bringing healing and hope to a hurting world. Amen.**

### Children's Message and Sharing

### Recognition of Teachers

### Prayer of Confession

L: We confess, O God, that the fire of your Spirit does not always glow as brightly within us as it could. Sometimes we almost blow out the fire

### Side 1: by wanting comforts

*Side 2: instead of your compassion;*

**P: Awakened, forgiven, renewed, we are free to dance with the Spirit.**

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn:** (seated) "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" UMH #420

### Dramatic Reading based on Acts 2:1-21

**Disciple 1, Disciple 2, and Peter**

**\*Hymn** "Spirit of God" TFWS #2117

### Prayers of the People

 (responsively)

L: Blow your spirit into us, O God, that we may be filled with your passion.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

L: Blow your spirit into the church, O God, that it can speak your good news around the world in every mother tongue.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

L: Blow your spirit into the world, O God, that your love and your peace might reign in every heart.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

L: Blow your spirit among us, O God, to comfort the afflicted, to challenge the comfortable, and empower us to take up our ministry with renewed commitment and enthusiasm.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

### The Lord's Prayer

 (unison)

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not in temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

**\*Doxology:** (Please join in singing the following:) UMH #94

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### Prayer of Dedication

 (unison)

**Holy God, may the Spirit you give us make us more and more like your Son, loving and self-giving. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" TFWS #2241

**\*Choral Benediction** (Congregation encircles the Sanctuary)

**May the Lord, gracious God bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and seek His face, and His grace forever. May the Lord, mighty God bless and keep you forever.**

**\*Pastor's Charge** *\*Please stand as you are comfortable*

### Postlude

*UMH = United Methodist Hymnal TFWS = The Faith We Sing  
Large print bulletins are available from the greeters*

## Welcome!

Whether you are joining us for worship for the first time or after many years of attending here at First UMC, we want you to know that you are welcome!

We are an inclusive community that invites everyone to be part of our church fellowship. Thank you for being here, and we hope that you have had a meaningful experience of worshipping our God so you leave this place feeling that you have been blessed to be a blessing. Please join us again!

Rev. Deb Hanson



Pastor - Rev. Dr. Debra J. Hanson  
Pastor's Assistant - David Richards  
Readers - Rev. Deb Hanson, Alexa Langs,  
David Richards, Isabella Silanpaa  
Lay Leader - Susan Sarosiek  
Director of Music - Bevan Bloemendaal  
Greeters - Children  
Ushers - Children  
Sound Tech - Sue Sarosiek  
Worship Service Tech - Steve Scott  
Photographer - Dave Atkinson

## WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER...

Gayle Gardei  
Marion Collinshaw  
Sue Goodhue  
Hunter Pinkley  
Sylvia Bartlett  
Brian Thompson  
Malia Broe  
Gil Stebbins  
Rev. Bill Gardei  
Woodie Lange  
Barbara Chapman  
Roseanne  
Rev. David Kerr  
Jim New  
Kim Hishop  
Bobbie Noble  
Art Munson  
Pastor Sue Ellery  
Judy Doyon  
Charles Gilman  
Diederich Family  
Aunt Karen (PennySue)  
Our Church Family  
Barbara & Jim Slater  
Barbara Sylvester  
Pauline Boynton  
Barbara Millar  
Irene Derosier  
Barbara Clement  
Joette MacKenzie  
Vicky Fernandez  
Alissa Fernandez  
Jessie

**"In honor of all of the children we have known,  
past, present and yet to come!"  
By David Richards**



# Upcoming Events

## TODAY

Our D.S. Rev. Jim McPhee's Retirement Celebration is here today. Come help us after church to set up and celebrate at 5 p.m. his time as D.S. and wish him well in his retirement.

## TODAY

We celebrate **Pentecost** as well as our Sunday school today. Our children will share some of the things they enjoyed learning this year, and they will also present the Pentecost story in a dramatic reading with the congregation participating. We will thank our teachers, as well.

We are looking to do summer Sunday school, and it would be nice to have some new folks teach the children during the months of July and August to give our teachers a break. If you are interested or feel called to help, please let Rev. Deb know.

## FATHER'S DAY

On Sunday, June 16, we will remember fathers, not-yet-fathers, and those who have been father figures in our lives. Everyone is welcome to bring in a picture of their father or someone who has been like a father to them, and we will have the pictures on display to see if people can match the picture with the child. Please put your name on the back of the picture so we can double check! Also, the picture may be of any stage in that person's life.

## JUNE 23rd

Widow/Widower's Support Group Meeting Sunday, June 23, at 1:00 pm, another meeting of the Widow/Widower's Social Group will be held at Temple Israel, 350 Court Street, Portsmouth. Chaplain Elisa Senter-Kaplan is the moderator, and all are welcome.

## UMC Market Place

<https://umcmarket.org/>

Do you shop on line? Have you ever heard of UMC Market Place? This is a place where you can shop on line with places like Staples, Bed, Bath, and Beyond, Travelocity, and many other online stores, and when you go through the UMC Market.org, a percentage will be sent to the church. It's a great way to do fundraising with what you are already doing! To learn more, visit the website above and read about how it works, then sign up using First UMC, Portsmouth as the benefiting church. If you have any questions, please ask Rev. Deb.

## Fundraising Ideas

Do you love **Texas Roadhouse Rolls**? Would you be interested in participating in a Fundraiser. This would consist of taking orders and distributing your orders upon delivery. Please let Rev Deb know you'd participate.

Would you participate in a **Flatbread Pizza** fundraiser? Once assigned a date, would you go have a flatbread and spread the word for our fundraiser night? Please Let Rev Deb know your interest. Thank you.

Marion Collinshaw has relocated to her summer address. She really enjoys the cards and notes from the congregation. If you need her current address please check with office.

Thank you to everyone for helping Alexa Langs collect all the food donations for "Gather" celebrating her birthday.



**Come join us for coffee hour after the church service in Sanborn Hall...we'd love to catch up with you and see how your week has gone.**