



# PENTECOST

**Spirit of life,  
Fill our emptiness with your fullness.  
Spirit of power,  
Stir our hearts afresh.  
Spirit of love,  
Touch us, and through us, our neighbor.  
Spirit of Creativity,  
Enable and empower the gifts you have given.  
Spirit of Eternity,  
Draw us ever deeper into your Kingdom.**



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*Come with hope or despair, expectation, or disappointment,  
and seek God even as God seeks you.*

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*Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available—  
please ask an usher if you require them.  
Thank you for silencing electronic devices before worship begins.*

***\*Please stand as you are able.***

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
PENTECOST**

**May 24, 2026**

**10 a.m.**

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

*Spirit of the Living God!  
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Hayes  
arr. Page

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT *Where the Spirit of the Lord Is* Adams

With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
With the power of love and witness, with the peace beyond compare:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) from Psalm 104:31-34

One: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—

**All: Who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

One: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**All: May our meditation be pleasing to him, for we rejoice in the LORD.**

\*HYMN *Wind who makes all winds that blow* 236

\*GATHERING PRAYER (unison)

**We gather together in your name, to thank you for your mercy, love, and forgiveness. May we worship you in spirit and in truth, in the power to be your children, strengthened by your joy. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME FOR ALL AGES

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 into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CHORAL ANTHEM     *Be Present, Spirit of the Lord*     Beall

Be present, Spirit of the Lord. Let sounds of earth be dumb,  
The Father's love be shed abroad, the dew of blessing on us poured,  
Oh, silent Spirit, come.

In power unseen upon us rest, your gracious gifts impart.  
A mind renewed, a Spirit blessed, a life where Christ is manifest.  
An understanding heart. Oh, Spirit come with us stay;  
Make every heart your home. So work in us that we who pray,  
May walk with Christ in wisdom's way. Oh, holy Spirit, come.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**O God, may your Holy Spirit attune our hearts, and minds, and souls  
to you. Please open your Word to us this day, and open us to your  
Word. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	pew Bible p.153 NT
New Testament	Acts 2:37-47	pew Bible 104 NT

SERMON                     **The Good News of Repentance**                     Rev. Henry

\*HYMN                                     *Ah, Holy Jesus*                                     210

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

Prayer for those Celebrating Birthdays:

Becky, Sheila, Brenda Jenn, Barry

Prayer for Memorial Day

Choral Response     *Let the Words of My Mouth*                     Wiersbe

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

OFFERTORY	<i>Carry Me Home</i>	Parks
*DOXOLOGY		46
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
*HYMN	<i>O Breath of Life</i>	250
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>Eternal Father, Strong to Save</i>	Dykes

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Cover Prayer from [faithandworship.com/prayers\\_Pentecost](http://faithandworship.com/prayers_Pentecost)

*Like the murmur of the dove's song*, words Carl P Daw Jr, tune BRIDEGROOM Peter Cutts  
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*Be present Spirit of the Lord*, text Timothy Dudley-Smith, music Mary Kay Beall © 1991 Providence Press  
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Lynn Hall, *Organist*  
 Nancy Sargent, *Choral Director*  
 Rev. John A. Lacey, *Liturgist*  
 Rev. Dr. David Henry, *Guest Minister*  
 Catherine Engel & Cindy Sargent, *Ushers*  
 Lois Stevens, *Greeter*  
 Ruth & Troy Tainter, *Facebook, WDEA & Zoom*  
 Katharine Schrader, *May Deacon*

**Thank you for sitting in the front half of the sanctuary today.**

**Worship is broadcast live through  
 WDEA AM 1370, Facebook, and Zoom.**

## VISITORS, GUESTS, AND SEEKERS ARE WELCOME

We pray that your experience of worship enriches and sustains you in the week ahead. If you are visiting, we hope you will introduce yourself to those around you and to the Pastor. Please join us for coffee after the service. If you have any questions, please ask an usher.

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While the church steeple is being cleaned and repaired, we are not ringing the bell at the beginning of morning worship. Once this project is completed, we will restore this item to the Order of Worship.

### **THE WELCOME TABLE SERVED 120 MEALS ON MAY 20.**

WELCOME TABLE, our free community meal, serves take-out only on Wednesdays from 2-3:30 p.m. Please call the church on Wednesdays **before 11 a.m.**, 667-8321, to reserve a meal.  
Donations always gratefully received.



The **STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH (STC) OFFERING** supports leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. The offering is divided with 50% staying regionally within your conference and 50% supporting the National Ministries.

FCC accepts gifts to this mission offering through the month of May. Please use an envelope in the pew rack and write **STC** in the memo.

**GORDON THOMAS WARD  
IN CONCERT**

**JUNE 20, 7:00 P.M.**

**ELLSWORTH  
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CHURCH**

**2 CHURCH STREET  
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*"GORDON THOMAS WARD IS  
SETTING THE GOLD STANDARD  
FOR SINGER/SONGWriters FOR  
GENERATIONS TO COME."  
~ JIMMY RAE, SKOPE MAGAZINE*



# THE HYSSONGS

IN CONCERT



**The HYSSONGS will appear in concert on Saturday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m. after the church's public supper.** Dell, Susan and Richard Hyssong travel full-time as the award-winning Hyssongs. Their energetic ministry combines family vocal harmony, humor and brass instruments (trumpet and trombone) to delight audiences with their Christ-centered message, shared through the powerful medium of music. The family's classical music background, along with their harmony and specific chord structures, lends them a unique sound that has made quite an impact on audiences. The group has been singing together as a family for nearly 30 years.

*Our purpose,*  
*First Congregational Church, UCC, Ellsworth, Maine:*  
*To embrace the life, ministry and teachings of Jesus Christ*  
In meaningful and dynamic ways through  
creative worship,  
supportive fellowship,  
compassionate outreach, and  
stimulating Christian education for all ages;  
*To be a faithful community which, led by the Holy Spirit,*  
expresses hospitality,  
nurtures spiritual growth, and  
promotes a deep sense of belonging;  
*To strive to build on commonalities while seeking to*  
understand, accept, and  
celebrate our differences;  
*To stand as a beacon of hope in a hurting and troubled world by*  
sharing the Good News of the Gospel, and  
practicing God's love as embodied by Jesus Christ.

*We welcome all to walk with us on the journey of faith.*

*As adopted by the Congregation at its Annual Meeting – January 22, 2012*