

The First Congregational Church

June 8, 2025

Kent, Connecticut

10:00 AM

A Community of Faith, Service and Love

Pentecost

The First Congregational Church Kent, Ct



*"No matter who you are or where you are on life's
journey, you are welcome here."*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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Leader: How manifold are your works, O Lord!

People: In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Leader: You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;

People: And so you renew the face of the earth.

Leader: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

People: I will praise my God while I have my being.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

*HYMN # 334

On Pentecost They Gathered

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,

A band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing and pray.

A mighty wind comes blowing, filled all the swirling air,

And tongues of fire a glowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed

To understand their language as Christ the Lord they praised.

What universal message, what great good news was here?

That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,

On women, men and children who would God's grace receive.

That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.

The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,

Rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
So people of all nations glad songs of joy shall raise.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty God, you gave your Holy Spirit to the Apostles, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel. Empower us with that same Spirit, to witness to your redeeming love, for we pray in the name of Christ our Lord, who with you and that same Spirit are one God, now and forever. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI (#734)**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

SCRIPTURE:

Acts 2:1-8, 14-17, 22-24

SERMON

***HYMN #330**

Come Down, O Love Devine

Come down, O Love divine, seek out this soul of mine
And visit it with your own ardor glowing.
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

O let is freely burn, till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let your glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong with which the soul will long
Shall far out-pass the power of human telling;
For none can guess God's grace, till love creates a place,
Where in the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

PRAYER CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, 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 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.

OFFERING

Invitation

Anthem:

Doxology (#34)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

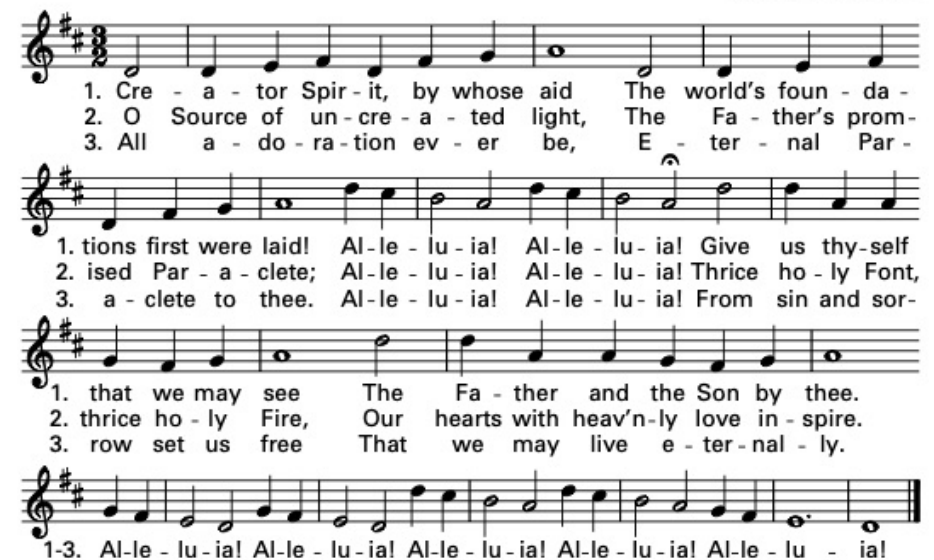
Prayer of Dedication

***HYMN # Insert**

Creator Spirit by Whose Aid

CREATOR SPIRIT, BY WHOSE AID

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



1. Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's foun - da -
2. O Source of un - cre - a - ted light, The Fa - ther's prom -
3. All a - do - ra - tion ev - er be, E - ter - nal Par -
1. tions first were laid! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Give us thy-self
2. ised Par - a - clete; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thrice ho - ly Font,
3. a - clete to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! From sin and sor -
1. that we may see The Fa - ther and the Son by thee.
2. thrice ho - ly Fire, Our hearts with heav'n - ly love in - spire.
3. row set us free That we may live e - ter - nal - ly.
1-3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: LM with alleluias; composite.

Music: Auserlesene, Catholische, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

Ministers: Community of Faith
Pastor: The Rev. John David Heeckt
Organist: Erica Bernardini
Deacon of the Month: Kathleen Robey
Video Team: Bethany Keck

WE WELCOME ALL who are worshipping with us via the internet and in person. Guests are invited to sign the guest book in the back of the sanctuary and/or fill out a Pew Card and place it in the offering plate.

Prayer List: Peggy, Scott, Barbie, Anne, Ann, Betty, Kamilla, Our Community, those whom we hold in our hearts.

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Church office hours:

Tues/Wednesday/Friday 9am-1pm, Mon/Thursday 1:30-3pm

Pastor John's Office hours:

In office Tues/Wednesday 11am-1pm & At Wilson's 2-4pm

Coffee Hour- What does coffee hour mean to you? For most it is about fellowship. Please sign up to host and support the fellowship of our church. Nothing fancy is needed. Just start the coffee add some cheese and crackers or cookies and let the conversations start.

Bible Study-Monday nights at 7pm via zoom. If you wish to join please let Pastor John know and he will send you the link.