

***The First Church of Christ in Marblehead
Old North Church, United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Congregation***

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

10:00am

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Maria vanKalken, *organ*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lindsay Popperson

One: Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters.
From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust.

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: Holy Spirit, Counselor,
by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith.
You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples;
you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God;
you make us the living temple of your presence;
you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: Holy Spirit, Giver of life,
you guide and make holy the church you create;
you give gifts—love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—
that the whole creation may be transformed.

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

* HYMN

This Is My Song

#515

CENTERING

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Rev. Christine Hribar

**Come, Holy Spirit!
Rain upon our dry and dusty lives.
Wash away our sin and heal our wounded spirits.
Kindle within us the fire of your love
to burn away our apathy.
With your warmth bend our rigidity,
and guide our wandering feet;
through Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:**

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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Christine Hribar

adapted from the Book of Worship: United Church of Christ

One: God holds us tenderly, loving us in our full humanity. With this knowledge, let us confess our sins, first in silence and then together with the words printed here.

SILENCE

All: Merciful God, we know that you love us and that you call us to fullness of life, but around us and within us we see the brokenness of the world and of our ways. Our successes leave us empty; our progress does not satisfy. Our prosperous land is not the promised land of our longing. Forgive our willful neglect of your world, our insensitivity to the needs of others, and our failure to feed the spirit that is within us; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Christine Hribar

One: Together, we proclaim God's love and forgiveness.

All: God's love and grace fall gently onto us.
We live forgiven and set free.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (please join in singing)

**Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Spirit One,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen, Amen.**

LISTENING

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Christine Hribar

**May you know that you belong here and can always come home.
May you grow, learn, and question.
May you feel the love of God wherever you go.**

* HYMN

Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

#217

FIRST READING

Philippians 4:4-7

Read by Rebecca Ehrhardt

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1-18

Read by Leah Waldo

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

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—

in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

ANTHEM

Heart of Gold

Neil Young

Leah Waldo, *guitar and vocals*

SERMON

“God’s Plan for the End of the World” Rev. Lindsay Popperson

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONDING

OFFERTORY

INVITATION

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

Jupiter Theme (from The Planets)

Gustav Holst

Maria vanKalken, *organ*

* DOXOLOGY #48

**Praise God for love we all may share,
Praise God for beauty everywhere,
Praise God for hope of good to be,
Praise God for truth that makes us free. Amen**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

* HYMN *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* #535

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE (please join in singing) from *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally,

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Maria vanKalken, *organ*