

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

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**May 19, 2024**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**10:00am**

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**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

Maria vanKalken, *organ*

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lindsay Popperson

One: God has gathered us to hear again the good news of God's love.

**All: God empowers each one of us to share the good news of grace in Jesus Christ.**

One: God shows us a new vision in the work of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Each one of us is a minister called to proclaim the good news!**

One: Friends, how will we answer this holy summons?

\* HYMN

*When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

#33

**CENTERING**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Rev. Don Remick

**On Pentecost Day long ago, your great Spirit came upon the saints in Jerusalem. May your Spirit come upon us and this community of faith here this day. We welcome the flame and light of your Spirit here in this place today. Renew us with an energized faith and affirm us as your people here to worship and celebrate with strength, courage and hope in Christ who taught us when we pray to say ...**

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 (from HOMILETICS) (Unison)

Creating God, in love you moved over the waters of chaos and separated sea from dry land. And yet, we cling tightly to rigid boundaries of our own making. You claim us in the waters of baptism and declare us dead to sin and alive in Christ. But too often we deny that call, conforming ourselves to the whims of culture. At Pentecost, you released your wild and transforming spirit to flow through church and world. But we want to tame that wildness, channeling your spirit through banks of ordered safety. Transform us, we pray. Soften the unyielding edges of our hearts. Loosen our grip on “the way it’s always been” and prepare us for the joy of “the way it still can be,” through Jesus Christ. Amen.

## SILENT PRAYER

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear this good news. Jesus Christ is our ark!

**All: His power is unequalled, his grace is unrestrained,**

One: his strength is steadfast,

**All: and his embrace is sufficient to carry all that we are and hope to be.**

One: Friends, believe the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

### \* 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

**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.**

*Children will now go to Sunday school;  
their families can meet them in the classroom when the service is over.*

### \* HYMN

*There's a Spirit in the Air*

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**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Joel 3:1-2

Read by Bonnie MacDonald

After that, I will pour out my Spirit on all humankind.

Your daughters and sons will prophesy, your elders will have prophetic dreams, and your young people will see visions.

In those days, I will pour out my Spirit even on those in servitude, women and men alike.

**GOSPEL LESSON**

1 John 1:1-4

Read by Leah Waldo

That which was from the beginning,  
which we have heard, and seen with our eyes,  
and have looked at  
and touched with our hands:  
the Word, who is Life—  
this is the subject of our letter.

That life came to be;  
we saw it and bear witness to it.  
We proclaim to you the eternal life  
which was with Abba God  
and was manifested to us.

What we have seen and heard  
we declare to you,  
so that you may be one with us—  
as we are one with Abba God  
and with the Only Begotten, Jesus Christ.

We write this to fulfill our joy.

**\* ANTHEM**

*Hear My Prayer*  
Senior Choir

Moses Hogan

**SERMON**

“God's Home Address”

Rev. Lindsay Popperson

**A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION****PASTORAL PRAYER****DISCIPLESHIP MOMENT**

Dee Burgett

## RESPONDING

OFFERTORY

INVITATION

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

*O Rise and Shine*  
Senior Choir

arr. Donald Moore

\* DOXOLOGY: #46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHORAL RESPONSE

## SENDING

\* HYMN

*How Firm a Foundation*

#237

\* BENEDICTION

\* RESPONSE (please join in singing)

#344, verse 4

**Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life,  
Our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;  
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
Call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace. Amen**

POSTLUDE

*Ein Feste Burg*

Martin Luther,

Setting by Raymond H. Herbek

Old North Bell Choir; Greg Urban, *Director*