



**Old South Church, UCC
The First Congregational Church and Society
Windsor, Vermont**

~ All Members Ministers ~

**2018 – Celebrating 250 Years of Worship
and Community Service**

**OLD SOUTH CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WINDSOR, VERMONT**

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Pentecost Sunday

Welcome to Old South Church. If you are visiting today, we are glad that you're here. Please take a minute to sign your name and address in the guest book outside the Sanctuary. Our service is responsive; the Worship leader reads what is written in regular print and the Congregation is invited to respond with what is written in **bold**. The "*" indicates that all who are able may stand, but feel free to sit if it is more comfortable. We use two hymnals: *The Chalice Hymnal* (blue) and *The Faith We Sing Hymnal* (black, soft cover). The hymnal is indicated with the hymn selections.

We respectfully ask that all cell phones be turned off during the service as they interfere with our wireless sound system.

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

AN HISTORIC MOMENT

The 1940s

INTROIT

Spirit

(Manley)

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

(Alycia Longriver, Native Amer. Micmac, '95)

Creator, open our hearts

to peace and healing between all people.

Creator, open our hearts

to provide and protect for all children of the earth.

Creator, open our hearts

to respect for the earth, and all the gifts of the earth.

Creator, open our hearts

to end exclusion, violence, and fear among all.

Thank You for the gifts of this day and every day.

2.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Michael J. Walker)

Spirit of God, we have gathered together in this place, to pray,
and to make ourselves ready for Your coming. Give us faith:

**that when You come like the wind, though we do not see You,
yet we may hear what You are saying to us and discern Your movement.**

Give us courage, that we may not fear the tongues of flame:

let all that is unworthy and impure be burned from our lives.

**May we know that it is love that burns so brightly
and love that strips away our sin.**

Give us an open mind, Lord,

that the truth You bring may make its home with us:

**truth to set us free, truth to guide us and inform us,
truth to lead us in the way of Your will.**

Give us an open heart, Lord,

**that we may seek all people for Your realm,
and set no limits to the proclaiming of Your word.**

Holy Spirit, with the whole church we wait for You
in every place and every generation:

Come, wind. Come, fire. Come, truth. Come, love.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Michael J. Walker)

**Holy One, ignite within us a fiery passion for Your mission in the world
today. Warm us by the Spirit's dancing tongues of flame, that we may feel
Your kindling blaze within, urging us to do Your greater good. Make us
wholly present to experience a new birth, and awaken possibilities within
us to share Your love in the world. In this love and abundance, we come to
celebrate Your harvest – a harvest bearing the first fruits of the Spirit
within us. Show us how to use these gifts, as we listen for Your truth in the
gentle breeze of Your Spirit. May this be so by the power of Jesus who
made the way for the Spirit's coming. Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE #237**

On Pentecost They Gathered

(Chalice)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

(Lectionary Liturgies)

We say we want change, but prefer the comfort of what we have;

we long for new life, yet turn our backs on those around us.

We could open our arms to others, but close them tight around our fears.

Let us confess our lives to our God, as we hope for the Holy Spirit to come
and dance among us...

3.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Lectionary Liturgies)

Your Spirit moves over the waters, Gracious God, but we prefer to splash in the puddles of temptation. You would breathe life into us in every moment, but we hold our breath until we turn blue, wanting to get our way. You would give us the words to bring hope to the despairing, to offer healing to the broken, and to share hope in the places of anger and violence, but we turn them in accusations towards those around us. In Your mercy, forgive us, God of gusty grace. May Your Spirit sing in our hearts, so we may invite others to dance in joy with us. May Your Spirit be the still, small voice which silences the shouts of fear and worry all around us. May Your Spirit sweep us off our feet and into the arms of Jesus Christ, our Brother, our Savior, our Companion. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE & FORGIVENESS

(Lectionary Liturgies)

In every breath we take, there is the Spirit;
in every word we speak, there is the Spirit;
in every heart we touch, there is the Spirit;
in every person we welcome, there is the Spirit.

**In forgiveness, we are given the words to speak;
the courage to reach out to others; the open heart to offer others,
the breath of life to share with those around us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

***GLORIA PATRI #35**

(Chalice)

**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.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

The Flame

(Lantz)

SIMPLY SPEAKING

*(There is Nursery care downstairs for infants and children through Pre-K age.
For older children, there are activity packets at the back of the church – help yourselves!)*

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 2:1-21

(Bob Hingston)

(Pages 830-831 in the Pew Bible)

GOSPEL

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

(Bob Hingston)

(Page 825 in the Pew Bible)

SERMON

Chaos: To Welcome or Fear?

4.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #236 Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow** (*Chalice*)

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #46**

(*Chalice*)

**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**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Sharing of the Community

Prayers of the People and The 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 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. Amen.

BENEDICTION

***HYMN OF PARTING FROM 1941 #260 Let It Breathe on Me** (*Chalice*)

POSTLUDE FROM 1941 *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy* (Raye, Prince)

5.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's flowers are given in celebration of those with May birthdays, including Arlene Chamberlain, Nicole Wood, Jasmine Parthasarathy, John Hammond, Michelle Townsend, Donna Palatucci, Linda Farnsworth, Caleb Freeburg, Jennifer McDonald, Evan Wood, Jan Abott, Pennie Armstrong, Amanda Swoyer, and David Prevo

**Sun., May 20 Pentecost Sunday, Worship at 10:00am, Followed by Tongues of Fire Chili Cook-off!
'Women of Note' Rehearsal, 7pm**

Wed., May 23 OSC Tour and Lunch, 1:00pm
We will be hosting a group from Old First Church in Bennington for lunch and a tour. If you would like to join us, please see Kathy Prevo so we can plan lunch.
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm

Sun., May 27 Worship Service, 10:00am, Followed by Coffee Hour
For the 250th Anniversary celebrations, it's the 50s – wear your hat to church!

Sun., June 3 Confirmation Sunday, Worship Service, 10:00am

Fri., June 8 OSC Hosts Breakfast for the WHS Class of 2018, 9:00am
Check the sign-up sheets in the entryway to see how you can help.

Sat., June 9 Tour of OSC Cemetery, 1:00pm
Barbara Rhoad and Cathy Hoyt will be hosting a tour of the Old South Cemetery.

Sun., June 10 Children's Sunday, Worship Service, 10:00am



Windsor Summer Lunch Program

The Summer Lunch Program starts on June 20th and runs through August 13th. It is a collaborative effort between a handful of Windsor Organizations to deliver lunches, Monday through Friday, to 3-4 sites throughout town. *Any* child under the age of 18 may choose to eat from these delivered meals, regardless of economic status. The route will take about 45 minutes, starting and ending at State Street School. Old South Church has committed to delivering meals every Monday throughout the summer. If you're able to help, please contact Mary McNaughton for more information.