



June 8, 2025

“Can the Holy Spirit
Make You
Do Weird Things?”

Pentecost Sunday!

Guest Preacher:
Rev. Dr. Molly Marshall

Welcome!

We encourage wearing name tags.

Restrooms: main level (exit front left), lower level (at foot of entry stair/elevator)

Note: Hymns are enlarged in large-print bulletins – of which there are plenty!

The Love of God Gathers Us

Gathering Music

Ringling the Bell

Prelude & Candle Lighting “Spirit of the Living God”

Iverson

...acknowledging the light of Christ among us

please observe silence as we settle into sacred time and space

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Singing Bowl & Opening Words from a Neighbor

Tibetan singing bowls took form in the 6th and 5th centuries BCE.

In some Buddhist traditions, they accompany meditation and chanting.

They now contribute to spiritual practices and well-being in many spaces.

***Prayer of Gathering** *(responsive)*

Eternal Spark, we celebrate your Spirit's power in all of creation.
You transform, empower, and guide us. You sustain our hope!

We are touched by your flames and wind –
When poetry or prose moves us to tears or laughter...

When we listen to music that moves our soul...
When a friend takes our hand, showing us love in action.

Clothe our spirits in red! Stir the wind chimes within us –
So that our lives sing your melody today and always. Amen.

***Opening Hymn (NCH #286)** “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”
verses 1 & 4

Acknowledging Our Need for God's Grace

Centering Ourselves *...in stillness and breath*

Prayer of Confession and Longing *(unison)*

Loving God, open our hearts – to feel the breath and play of your Spirit.
Unclench our hands – to reach out and share in healing.
Open our lips – to drink in the delight and wonder of life.
Unclog our eyes – to see Christ in friend and stranger.
Breathe your Spirit into us, filling us with the life of Christ. Amen.

Musical Interlude *...to accompany our quiet prayers*

Assurance of Grace *(responsive)*

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Passing the Peace *(seated)*

...smiles and gestures of peace — to those online and seated near us

Choral Anthem “Come, Holy Spirit” *by Jean Anne Shafferman*

A Time With Children and Youth

Sung Invitation

...as young people come forward

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...

Singing "Happy Birthday"

**Pastor Clare Gromoll (6/9), William Stokes (6/9 - 3 yrs),
Zoey Hintze-Graf (6/11 - 14 yrs), Sam Gromoll (6/12 - 11 yrs)**

Wondering Together

Blessing One Another

...with arms wide open

Young Ones: God be with you

All: And also with you

Sung Affirmation

...as young people depart or return to families

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...

Time with Telae | Children & youth can join Telae downstairs for a story, singing, and a craft
Nursery | Families with infants & toddlers are welcome to utilize the downstairs nursery
We welcome the sounds and movements of children who stay in worship!

Proclaiming God's Love

Reading from the Psalms | NRSV, Old Testament, p.555

Psalms 104:24-34

Reading from the Epistles | NRSV, New Testament, p. 158

Romans 8:22-27

Reading from the Gospels | NRSV, New Testament, p. 110

John 15:26-27

One: Here ends the readings. **All: Thanks be to God!**

Morning Message

"Can the Holy Spirit Make You Do Weird Things?"

As reparations for use of Black spirituals, we support Walk West (St. Paul):
a music learning community rooted in the African-American cultural experience,
where people of all ages and backgrounds can gather, explore, and grow through music.

Responding To God's Love

Prayer Hymn (NCH #283)

**“Spirit of the Living God”
sung twice**

Prayers of the People

*We share aloud prayers for ourselves, others, and parts of the world
Please tell Pastor Clare if you prefer yours not be added to our printed Prayer Corner*

...God, in your love Hear our prayer

Prayer of Jesus (unison)

**Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We pray that your good will be done,
Let heaven and Earth become one.
Give us this day the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
From each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence
Beyond the evil of our days —
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:
Forever your name is All in One. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

*We give by cash, check or electronically (scanning the QR code)
Blue electronic giving cards represent gifts made electronically.*



Offertory

“Come, O Spirit Dwell Among Us”

Hopson

***Offertory Response**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

God of all, we celebrate your Spirit – freely given and powerfully active within your church. As you continue to move in our midst, inspire us toward generosity and ignite our energy to serve you well. We ask this in the name of Christ, whose promise of ever-presence your Spirit fulfills. Amen.

Going Forth to Share God's Love

***Closing Song** (SPP #120) “Dream God’s Dream”
verses 1 & 2

***Benediction**

***Sending Song** *...forming a circle (not holding hands)*

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as creator, family all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With ev’ry 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.

***Parting Music** *...as we greet one another*

Today Following Worship:

10:30 am | All are welcome downstairs for refreshments and good company!

Rev. Dr. Molly T. Marshall (President of United Theological Seminary)



A passionate advocate for theological education, Rev. Dr. Marshall has brought her skills to United as a strategic administrative visionary, academic scholar, effective minister and teacher, and builder of relationships and community.

Holding credentials in the American Baptist Churches, Marshall has shown her commitment to the rich tradition of United and its founding denomination, the United Church of Christ (UCC). In September 2021, she received dual standing with the Minnesota Conference UCC after deep study, written reflection, and an interview about the theology, ecclesiology, and sacraments of the UCC. Marshall is a Christian theologian and has taught at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Central Baptist Theological Seminary, in addition to serving in several adjunct and visiting professor roles. She most recently served as the president of Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas (2004 – 2020). Marshall was ordained in 1983 and received Privilege of Call from the American Baptist Churches, Inc. in 1997.

PRAYER CORNER

*We give thanks for **Sharri Kinkead's** beautiful flowers that graced our worship table on Sunday!

*With Bob Dickie and Cindy Parsons, we ask for safe travels and wellbeing as their daughter, **Erin**, heads back to Colorado for the rest of the year.

*For **David and Naomi Kirstein**, a safety and joy as they begin their 10-week camping adventure throughout Canada.

*For **those of us struggling with addiction and all who love us** – may God be near during the pain and the struggle, through sickness and loss, and in the struggle toward wellness.

*For **those of us who struggle with anger, fear, and control** – may we find healthy release.

*We give thanks during this **Pride Month** for all who exemplify bravery (especially those of us who identify as LGBTQ+). May we learn and grow alongside those who choose love.

Food Share Pantry is Seeking Donations

We are making snack packs for the summer!

Please donate **individually-wrapped items** to fill the packs.

We also need: **shelf-stable fruits, soups, tortillas, and cereals.**

You can put items in the grocery cart by the sanctuary or downstairs in the nursery pantry cupboard (signs indicate where to place).

The Stillwater Pantry is generally filled 3-4 days each week and is being used daily. Our stock is low and we need your help! Financial support is much appreciated also (you can indicate "food share pantries" on your check or envelope).



Stillwater Pantry was filled Friday... and empty by Tuesday!



Strengthen the Church Offering

Collected through June, "Strengthen the Church" is 1 of 4 annual special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the UCC to cooperatively build up the UCC. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations.

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.

Special envelopes are available TODAY. You can also mail in or drop off an offering. Please write checks to St. Croix United Church (memo: Strengthen the Church).



Week at a Glance:

Gentle Tai Chi | June 9, 7 pm

Social Justice Team | June 10, 5:30 pm

Gentle Tai Chi | June 11, 10 am

Local Outreach Team | June 11, 11 am

Finance Committee | June 11, 4 pm

*All activities at St. Croix United Church
unless otherwise noted...*

Evensong Service

Gentle music, readings, prayers & silence

With piano, flute and singing bowl

Listening for ourselves, our community, and the world

Followed by optional 1-to-1 prayers for healing




Let's Be Good Neighbors... On Sunday mornings, please leave at least two parking spots open at Mabel's Ice Cream and Coffee Shop for their morning coffee customers! Thank you!

Thank you to today's partners: Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Lori Mildon (flute & fellowship), Jane Hanson (usher), Sam Gromoll (acolyte), Kathy Iverson (liturgist), Jonah Gromoll (youth liturgist), St. Croix United Choir, Cindy Baker (fellowship), Paul Spilseth, Bob Dickie & Mark Stephan (tech team), Jackie Savage (sanctuary organizer), Sue Favilla (altar decor)



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Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Unison, brightly
Refrain

James K. Manley, 1978; alt.

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm * E7 Asus7 A7

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

Bm G A7 D G Last time, end D

plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient

*Reduced-size notes may be played with organ pedals in lieu of or in combination with the other notes.

D A7 D Bm

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill, then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
 schemes, from the bond - age of sor - row the

E7 Asus7 A7 D G A

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you
 law and a land; When they were con - found - ed by their
 whole world was still; And down in the cit - y you
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our

G D A7 D Bm

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -
 i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -
 called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo -
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

G A7 D G D A7 to Refrain

bers and rise on your wings."
 ets to o - pen their eyes.
 ple on the rush of the wind.
 sions your peo - ple a - rise.

This popular hymn by songwriter James K. Manley grew out of a sabbatical leave at the School of Theology at Claremont, California. It was first sung at Waikeola Congregational Church in Honolulu, after which Manley added the fourth stanza at the suggestion of a church member.

Tune: SPIRIT Irr.
 James K. Manley, 1978
 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

Spirit of the Living God

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Daniel Iverson, 1926

Acts 11:15; 2 Cor. 3:1-6; Gal. 5:25

F Gm D Gm F Dm C F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;

F Gm D Gm F Bb/C C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Bb F G7 C

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

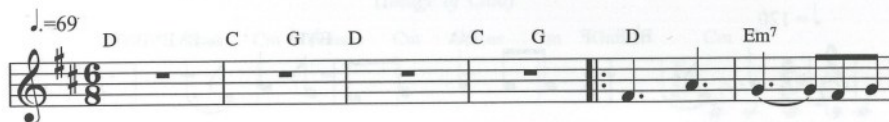
F Gm D Gm F Dm C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

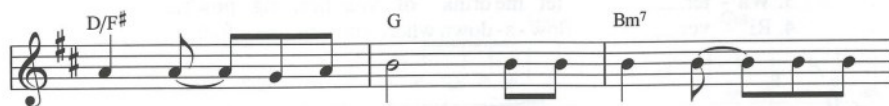
Presbyterian minister Daniel Iverson was inspired to write this chorus one evening while attending revival services led by the George T. Stephans Evangelistic Party in Orlando, Florida, in 1926. It became widely popular at similar meetings before it was published several years later.

Tune: IVERSON 7.5.7.5.8.7.5.
Daniel Iverson, 1926

Dream God's Dream



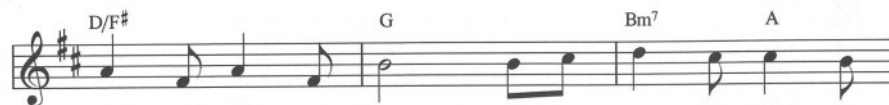
Dream God's dream! Ho-ly



Spir - it — help us dream of a world where there is



jus - tice — and where ev - 'ry one is free to



build and grow and love, and to sim - ply have e -



Last time to Coda

-nough. The world will change, when we dream God's dream.



1. I'm dream-ing_ of a world where the col - or of one's
2. I'm dream-ing_ of the call God is of - fer-ing to
3. I'm dream-ing_ of the way that I want my life to



skin will mean less than what's with - in the per - son's heart.
me, how to use my_ en - er - gy and my best gifts;
go. I've got hope and_ I've got goals I'd like to meet.

RESPOND



A world where wa - ter's clean and where
to do the work of Christ to say
I'm reach - ing for the stars, but I



air is safe to breathe. And ev - 'ry chi - ld
God, please use my life to spread Your heal - ing
won't for - get the scars of Christ who died to



born has e - nough to eat. dream.
love and to live Your truth.
show that the dream's for all.