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*“Love first. Love always,  
and we’ll figure out the rest of it as we go along.”<sup>i</sup>*



*Pentecost Sunday*

*May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

*11:00 a.m.*

*North Chevy Chase Christian Church is an Open and Affirming Congregation  
Connecting Faith with Community.*

## *The People of God Gather*

*If you're new to North Chevy Chase Christian Church, please consider filling out the Feedback Card you will find in the Pew pocket. We'll follow up with a brief phone call or email to say thank you for worshipping with us and to answer any question you may have.  
We are glad you're here with us today!*

**WELCOME**

Rev. Stephen Tickner

**Choral Call to Worship** “Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

arr. John Purifoy

NC4 Vocal Ensemble

**Call to Worship and Opening Prayer<sup>1</sup>**

Sally Cobelry,  
Worship Leader

**One:** Beloved, the Spirit of Truth gathers us here to receive and discern God's good news working among us.

**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

**One:** The Spirit of Love draws us together to receive and restore life-giving relationships with God and one another.

**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

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<sup>1</sup> Call to Worship provided by the “Discipleship Ministries” of the United Methodist Church. Opening Prayer provided by the Center for Faith and Giving of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

One: The Spirit of Freedom knits us together to receive and renew the bonds of empathy, justice, and peace that bind us together in the work for liberation and wholeness.

**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

One: Beloved, the Holy Spirit is here, moving and working among us. Will you come and receive all the Spirit has to give?

**ALL: We come to receive the Spirit's abundant and gracious gifts that we may be a people who live out God's truth, love, and freedom in our neighborhood, community, and throughout all creation. Amen.**

One: Now with our hearts open to God, let us pray...

**OPENING HYMN "Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow"**

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## Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow 236

1. Wind who makes all winds that blow—gusts that bend the sap-lings low,  
 2. Fire who fuels all fires that burn—suns a-round which plan-ets turn,  
 3. Ho - ly Spir - it, Wind and Flame, move with-in our mor - tal frame.

gales that heave the sea in waves, stir-rings in the mind's deep caves—  
 bea - cons mark-ing reefs and shoals, shin-ing truth to guide our souls—  
 Make our hearts an al - tar pyre, kin-dle them with your own fire.

aim your breath with stead-y power on your church this day, this hour.  
 come to us as once you came: burst in tongues of sa - cred flame!  
 Breathe and blow up - on that blaze till our lives, our deeds and ways,

Raise, re - new the life we've lost, Spir - it God of Pen - te - cost.  
 Light and Pow - er, Might and Strength, fill your church, its breadth and length.  
 speak that tongue which ev - ery land by your grace shall un - der - stand.

WORDS: Thomas H. Troeger, 1983  
 MUSIC: Joseph Parry, 1879

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# PASSING OF THE PEACE

## PASTORAL PRAYER & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL: 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.**

### *Proclaim*

#### **A READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE<sup>2</sup>**

Numbers 11:24-30

24 So Moses went and told the people what God had said. He gathered seventy elders and had them surround the Tent. 25 YHWH came down in a cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the Spirit that was in Moses, God bestowed it on the seventy elders whom Moses had gathered there; and as the Spirit came to rest on them, they were seized with prophesying, and did not stop.

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<sup>2</sup> Hebrew Bible readings provided by Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation (p. 81). (Function). Kindle Edition.

26 Now two other elders, one named Eldad and the other Medad, were not in the gathering but had stayed behind in the camp. They had been summoned to the tent, but had not gone; yet the Spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp. 27 When a youth came running to tell Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp,” 28 Joshua, ben-Nun, who from youth had been Moses’ aide, cried, “Moses, stop them!”

29 But Moses answered, “Are you jealous for my sake? If only all of God’s people were prophets! If only YHWH would bestow the Spirit on them all!” 30 Then Moses returned to the camp with the elders.

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

“Spirit of the Living God”

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# Spirit of the Living God

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

The first system of music consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line is in 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me." The piano accompaniment is in the same time and key signature, using a bass clef.

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

The second system of music continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me." The musical notation follows the same structure as the first system.

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

The third system of music continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me." The musical notation follows the same structure as the previous systems.

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

The fourth system of music concludes the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me." The musical notation follows the same structure as the previous systems.

WORDS and MUSIC: Daniel Iverson, 1926

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<sup>1-4</sup> When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

<sup>5-11</sup> There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were blown away. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?"

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites;

Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia,  
Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,

Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene;

Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes;

Even Cretans and Arabs!

"They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"

<sup>12</sup> Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?"

<sup>13</sup> Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."

<sup>14-21</sup> That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk—it's only nine o'clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

"In the Last Days," God says,

"I will pour out my Spirit

on every kind of people:

Your sons will prophesy,

also your daughters;

Your young men will see visions,

your old men dream dreams.

When the time comes,

I'll pour out my Spirit

On those who serve me, men and women both,

and they'll prophesy.

I'll set wonders in the sky above

and signs on the earth below,

Blood and fire and billowing smoke,  
the sun turning black and the moon blood-red,  
Before the Day of the Lord arrives,  
the Day tremendous and marvelous;  
And whoever calls out for help  
to me, God, will be saved.”

**MESSAGE**

Rev. Stephen Tickner

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

“Table of Grace”  
by Pepper Choplin

NC4 Vocal Ensemble

***We Give and Receive***

*Communion is the central act of community within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in remembrance of the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The invitation to the Table is extended to all who wish to follow Jesus and to share in the community of God's people.*

*Everyone is invited to eat from this Table.*

**THE INVITATION TO GIVE AND RECEIVE**

**PRAYER BY THE ELDER**

Anne-Marie Crawford

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**COMING FORWARD TO GIVE, AND  
TO RECEIVE THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

*We come forward to bring our physical bodies and our financial gifts to God. You are invited to come forward down the center aisle to place your tithes & offerings in the trays available; and to receive the elements of bread and cup, taking them and returning to your seats down the side aisle, to consume the elements in silent reflection.*

**MUSIC FOR REFLECTION**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*...And Go Forth to Serve*

**SHARING OF JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Congregation standing*

**CLOSING HYMN**

“O Breath of Life”

CH 250

O Breath of Life

1. O Breath of Life, come sweep - ing through us,  
 2. O Wind of God, come, bend us, break us,  
 3. O Breath of Love, come, breathe with - in us,

re - vive your church with life and power.  
 till hum - bly we con - fess our need.  
 re - new - ing thought and will and heart.

O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, re - new us,  
 Then in your ten - der - ness re - make us;  
 Come, love of Christ, a - fresh to win us;

and fit your church to meet this hour.  
 re - vive, re - store, for this we plead.  
 re - vive your church in ev - ery part.

WORDS: Bessie Porter Head, 1920  
 MUSIC: Clement C. Scholefield, 1874

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## BENEDICTION

## CHORAL POSTLUDE

“African Pentekoste”

by Frombach/Lantz

NC4 Ensemble Plus

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*Please join us for coffee hour in Harlow Hall following the  
conclusion of the Postlude*

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Stephen Tickner, Minister

Glenn Pearson, Pianist/Organist

NC4 Vocal Ensemble

Cheryl Tatham, Soprano

Sally Coberly, Alto

Richard Sherman, Tenor

Robert Solomon, Bass

NC4 Ensemble Plus

Mary Brock, Soprano

Bianca Ticker, Soprano

Dwight Brock, Bass

Emmanuel Oladapo, Percussion

Joseph Oladapo, Percussion

Mark Carson, Percussion

Sally Coberly, Worship Leader

Anne-Marie Crawford, Elder at the Table

A/V Team - Yvonne McGee, Lydia Oladapo,

Devi Rambarran

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**Acknowledgment of Native Americans: A Statement toward Reconciliation**

For thousands of years indigenous people have walked in this land, on their own country. Their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives. We gratefully acknowledge them, past and present, and their stewardship of this land on which we stand.

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1 Quote from Chaplain Owen Chandler at the 2023 General Assembly. Attribution for Cover Art: Kossowski, Adam. Veni Sancti Spiritus, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56946> [retrieved May 18, 2026]. Original source: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/paullew/8750321716> - Fr Lawrence Lew, O.P.