

**West Newbury Congregational Church**

May 27, 2012

Rev. Cynthia Batten, Minister

Parsonage: 429-2869

Judy Vaughan, Organist

**Order of Worship**

**Prelude**     *“O God, My Faithful God”*   Georg Kauffman

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Introit**     *“Creator Spirit, Come We Pray ”*   R. Maurus

**Call to Worship**

We have come to celebrate the birthday of the church.

**We have come to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

We have come to celebrate Pentecost and to open ourselves to God’s Spirit that it might fill us.

**O God, help us to put our selfish desires aside and direct our thoughts to You, that your power might fill this church and our lives fully, just as it has filled churches and people throughout the ages. Teach us to be Your church and Your people. Amen.**

\*Hymn #392 (blue)           *“Come, Holy Spirit”*

**Unison Prayer**

**O God, on this day of Pentecost, we celebrate your spirit so freely given and so powerfully active within your church. As that Spirit moves in our midst, may it inspire us towards generosity and fire us with an energy to serve You well. We ask this in the name of Christ whose promise of ever-presence the Spirit fulfills. We pray in Christ’s name, as He taught us:**

**The Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)**

\*Gloria Patri #513 (red)

**Youth Time**

**Anthem**   *“On Pentecost They Gathered”*   Jane P. Huber

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**The Call to Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Let us now humble ourselves before God and each other.

Come, Holy Spirit, come: **enter our lives. Free us from all fear. Give us strength to carry on. Give us hope and joy sufficient for each day.**

Come, Holy Spirit, come: **Give us power to be your church. Impart your many gifts to our members, that we may be the Body of Christ’s presence in the world. Free us from all fear, and renew our life together.**

Come, Holy Spirit, come. **Bind us together. May we rejoice with one another’s joys and weep with one another’s sorrows. Bind us together, not only with the sheep of this fold, but all of Christ’s people around this town and world. Forgive the pride, prejudice, and self-righteousness which separate us from one another.**

Come, Holy Spirit, come: **That all may be one in Christ, source of all true unity, who is with us today and always, even to the end of time.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Prayer Response**

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord, Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory** “*AveMaria of Arcadelt*” transcribed by F. Liszt

**\*Doxology** # 515 (red)

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of God’s love and peace. Receive and bless our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen.**

**\*Hymn # 808 (blue)** “*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*”

**New Testament Reading**           **Acts 2: 1 - 12**

**Sermon**

**\*Hymn # 234 (red) or #393 (blue)**

*“Breathe on Me Breath of God”*

**\*Benediction**

The Spirit is life.

**And we will live in the Spirit**

The Spirit is truth

**And we will speak in the Spirit**

The Spirit is action

**And we will act in the Spirit**

The Spirit is imagination

**And we will dream in the Spirit.**

The Spirit is direction

**And we will go in the spirit. Amen.**

**Postlude** “*Solemn Recessional*”   Leon Boellman

**\*Those who are able may stand**

*Diaconate “on call” for May*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

May  
27<sup>th</sup>

Free Blood pressure checks after worship

Birthday and Anniversary celebration

28<sup>th</sup>

Memorial Day – no Bible Study

June

2 – 3

VT. Conference Annual Meeting at VTC  
Randolph Center, VT

3<sup>rd</sup>

Rev. Dwight White guest preacher

4<sup>th</sup>

10:30 a.m. Bible Study at parsonage

10<sup>th</sup>

Youth Sunday

17<sup>th</sup>

Donations deadline for **Zimbabwe**. Bring to the church or the Hall. Special requests include school supplies and books, medical supplies, sewing supplies, fabric and an overlocking sewing machine, shoes, clothes, bicycles, household goods, etc. The cost is \$9.50 per cubic foot for shipping. We also need sturdy boxes to pack them in.

Visit the church's website at [www.WestNewburyChurch.org](http://www.WestNewburyChurch.org)

The Sunday School children are still collecting

**RETURNABLE BOTTLES AND CANS**

Please place them in the blue bucket

**Benefits the Heifer Project**

**Please power off your cell phones during worship  
as they interfere with the sound system**