

# Pentecost Sunday



June 5, 2022

Countryside Community Church  
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**We Can Do This**

**Rev. Don Sarton**

**Order of Worship**

**Gathering**

"Prelude" on *Veni Creator Spiritus* - David Cherwein

Meeting God in Music: *Intrada Festiva* - Hans-Andre Stamm

Introit: *Veni Creator Spiritus*

Hymn: *Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

Words of Welcome/Mission Statement

Rev. Don Sarton

Announcements

Dan Loven-Crum

Examen

Dan Loven-Crum

Call to Worship

Dan Kuyper

Hymn #7: *When In Our Music God is Glorified* (vs. 1, 2, 5)

**Hearing God's Word**

Children's Moment

Rebecca Morello

Scripture: Acts 1:12-14, 2:1-4, Psalms 23

Pam Kregg

Musical Refection: *Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart* - arr. Heather Sorenson

Reflection:

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Musical Reflection: *Come to us, Creative Spirit* - Richard Proulx

**Responding to God's Word**

Communion / Lord's Prayer

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Hymn #69: *How Like a Gentle Spirit* (vs. 1-3)

Prayers of the People

Trisha Hoffman-Ahrens

Hymn: *O Spirit, All Embracing*

Countryside Blessing

Rick MacInnes

Postlude: *Flourishes* - Carlyle Sharp

OUR WORSHIP HAS CONCLUDED.

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS.

## Music notes:

Chant is a musical foundation that ties the three Abrahamic faiths, and many global religions, together. All modern music can trace origins to chant in one way or another. *Veni Creator Spiritus* is a Gregorian chant that dates back to the ninth century, and is used to this day in the Catholic and some protestant churches as an invocation to the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. The Spirit is often referred to as wind, fire, a dove, etc., and the chant is accompanied by handbells mimicking windchimes to reference the presence of the Spirit characterized by wind.

*Come, Holy Spirit, our souls inspire and lighten with celestial fire;  
Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love;*

Pentecost is a festival holiday in the liturgical calendar, and poet Fred Pratt Green penned *When In Our Music, God is Glorified* as a hymn for a "festival of praise." The text is groundbreaking in that it explores music as a sacrament – a way in which the Holy Spirit can "move us to a more profound Alleluia," and intentionally resembles a hymn that the disciples sang at the Last Supper – tying music into that sacrament as well.

The Holy Spirit as a concept is pretty complex, and there is plenty of theological debate about what it is and is not. *Come to us, Creative Spirit*, written by Anglican clergyman David Mowbray, portrays the way in which the movement of the Spirit can work within a congregation and the world, using the arts as a lens through which we can think about the Spirit to make the concept less impenetrable.

*Come to us, creative Spirit, in this holy house;  
ev'ry human talent hallow, hidden skills arouse,  
that within your earthly temple, wise and simple may rejoice.  
Poet, painter, music-maker, all your treasures bring;  
craftsman, actor, graceful dancer, make your offering;  
join your hands in celebration: let creation shout and sing!  
Word from God eternal springing, fill our minds, we pray;  
and in all artistic vision give integrity:  
may the flame within us burning kindle yearning day by day.  
In all places and forever glory be expressed  
to the Son, with God the Maker and the Spirit blest:  
in our worship and our living keep us striving for the best.*

*How Like A Gentle Spirit* was written by C. Eric Lincoln, a Methodist minister and Christian ethicist who was an important scholar in the field of sociology of religion who taught at many of the most important universities and seminaries. He wrote extensively on race and religion, particularly the Black Muslim movement (he was the first academic to publish scholarly research on the Nation of Islam), and was friends with MLK and Malcolm X. His scholarship and experiences helped shape this hymn, which he wrote to express "the uniqueness and universality of the Divine Being as it should be expressed in worship."

Countryside Community Church Choir (C4) directed by Adam Witte

Jaime Tyser, trumpet - Juan Oropeza, trumpet - Ellie Zenter, French horn - Paul Niedbalski, trombone  
Alanna Hobbs, tuba - Lisa Nielsen, violin - InYoung Park, cello - Alex Ritter, organ and piano

## Sunday Flowers This Week

Flowers were given today by the Countryside Community Church Tri-Faith representatives:

Nancy Behringer, Trisha Hoffman-Ahrens, Rick MacInnes, Deb McCollister, Mary Fraser Meints, Mark Stursma

## Joys and Concerns

Join us as we pray for our congregation members and their loved ones who are on our Joys and Concerns list every week on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. If you have someone you would like us to pray for, or a joy you would like to share, or if you would like to be included on the list in the bulletin or be on Countryside's Prayer Chain, contact Debbie Vihstadt at [debbiev@countrysideucc.org](mailto:debbiev@countrysideucc.org) or 402-391-0350 or 402.578.2900 (you may text her at this number as well).

### Joys:

Thank you to all the volunteers who have worked to make our pancake breakfast a success!! We could not do these things without the volunteers from our wonderful congregation!

### Concerns:

**Nancy Deetz** is recovering from a respiratory illness. Please pray for her full recovery and return to good health.

**Dan Loven-Crum** and his husband, **Mike**, have been struggling with a virus over the past couple of weeks. Please pray for their comfort, ease of the symptoms (especially the cough) and full recovery from the illness.

**Debbie Vihstadt's** father, Gary Osborn, is struggling with a bad case of Covid-19 and is currently at Nebraska Medicine. Please pray for his complete recovery from Covid.

**Sharon and Rick Royers's** nephew, Michael Clouthier, continues to recover from brain surgery on April 7. He is making good progress but has many hard weeks of physical therapy ahead. Prayers for strength and for continued progress on his road to recovery.

**Larry (Mary Jo) Weiss:** Larry has not passed the evaluation for a double lung transplant yet, but he's still being considered. He had an ambiguous scan that they want to re-run in 3 months, and he has a to-do list that includes losing some more weight and continuing the exercises they taught him in respiratory therapy to maintain his muscle mass while he loses weight. He has already lost over 30 pounds. Please continue to pray for his acceptance for the double lung transplant.

**Mike (Jan) Brown:** Mike's overall health via the blood counts is excellent except for multiple myeloma. This current "induction" phase of chemo and other meds lasts through June 3. The stem cell transplant will begin July 13 and take 10-14 days. Mike and Jan appreciate your continued prayers for Mike's health and ask for continued prayers for the treatments to work to put Mike into remission.

### Memorials:

**Ann Burdette** passed away on Sunday, May 15. Her funeral will be held at Countryside on Thursday, June 9 at 1:00 p.m..

There will be a memorial service for **Cathy (Rick) MacInnes's** sister, Diane Eicher Caulkins at St. Mark's Methodist Church in Lincoln Saturday, June 11, at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

*Today let's offer up a prayer for those who are struggling with mental illness: Heavenly God, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care. Amen.*