

Rutland United Methodist Church  
Sunday, May 19, 2024  
Pentecost Sunday  
Dr. Alan Betts – Worship Leader



**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ellen Wakker

**PRELUDE**

*Fill Me Now*

Ann Reed

**OPENING MUSIC**

*Here I Am to Worship (Chorus, twice)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: Rushing Wind of the Spirit, breathe new life into us!

**PEOPLE: Blazing Flame of the Spirit, burn away our fears!**

LEADER: Comforting Presence of the Spirit, heal our wounds

**PEOPLE: Let us be prepared to worship and praise you, O Holy Spirit.**

LEADER: Spirit of God, come upon us this day and fill us with your love.

**ALL: Make us people who will proclaim God's good news in all that we do.**

**HYMN**

*Spirit of the Living God*

UMH 393

**A READING FROM THE WORD**

Romans 8:22-27

**UNISON PRAYER**

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit came to Jesus' disciples, hidden in an upper room in Jerusalem. A violent wind and tongues of fire were the symbols of a new thing happening in their lives. May your Holy Spirit burst into our lives today, encouraging and inspiring us to proclaim boldly the good news of Jesus Christ who offers healing and hope to all people. Amen.

**HYMN**

*Spirit of God (v. 1,2,4)*

TFWS 2117

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*How Can I Keep from Singing?*

Bells of Joy

**SCRIPTURE**

Acts 2:1-21

**REFLECTION**

*The Truth That Sets Us Free*

Alan Betts

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY

*Spirit of the Living God*

Ann Reed and Sharon Teer

DOXOLOGY and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (v. 1,3,4)*

TFWS 2120

CLOSING BLESSING

SUNG BENEDICTION *Shine, Jesus, Shine (Chorus)*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Reminder: Please bring non-perishable items to help stock the food pantry.

**Friday, May 31** at 4:10 pm: **Bells of Joy** rehearsal

**Sunday, May 26: Last day of Sunday School;** closing celebration

**Sunday, June 2: Bells of Joy Concert** at Grace Church at 4 pm. Proceeds of a goodwill offering will go to support Companions in Wholeness.

**Sunday, June 9:** Pastor Sue's last worship at RUMC. A special fellowship church potluck will follow worship. We will be asking parishioners to bring a salad of any type (including tossed salads, fruit salads, tuna or chicken salad, pasta salad, etc.), or a bread of any type (including quick breads or rolls).

**Thank you for your continued support of RUMC  
Tithes & Offerings for May 12, 2024: \$1,582**

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Pentecost is a Jewish feast that has been celebrated since the Old Testament. Known as the Feast of Harvest or the Feast of Weeks, it is mentioned in Exodus 23, Exodus 24, Leviticus 16, Numbers 28, and Deuteronomy 16.

As told in Acts 2, faithful people from many nations came to Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost when the promised Holy Spirit descended on the disciples, empowering them to proclaim the good news of Jesus!