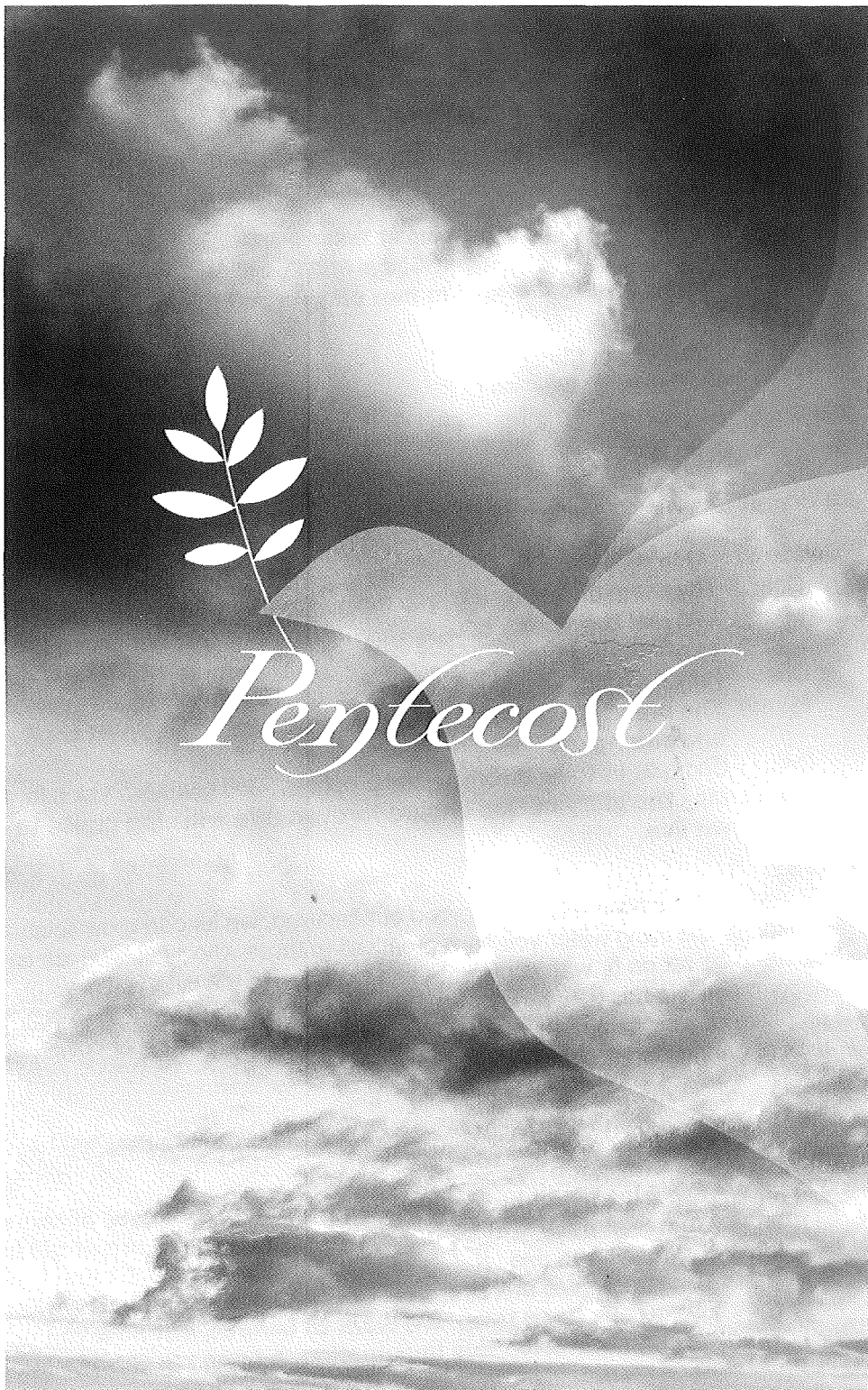




*Pentecost*





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**Welcome to worship at Immanuel United Church of Christ!**

**God is Still Speaking,**

**Thank You for taking the time to turn off your cell phone during the worship service.**

Prelude

\*Bringing in the Light of Christ

(\* denotes those who are able may stand.)

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Pastor Liz Wilson

Children's Message "Pentecost"

Pastor Liz Wilson

**\*Call to Worship**

Ken Martin, Liturgist

One: The peace of God be with you today. Receive with joy the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Many: We feel the winds of God blowing among us. We sense the tongues of fire empowering us.**

One: How amazing is the power God gives us. How manifold are the works of our Creator.

**Many: The breath of God fills us with confidence. The Spirit creates new life within and among us.**

One: God calls us to be dreamers and prophets. God give us a vision for a world of peace.

**Many: May the glory of God endure forever. We will sing praise to God as long as we live.**

Invocation

Pastor Liz Wilson

Powerful God, whose ways are beyond our knowing, we long to grow spiritually. We are thirsty for the living water you have promised to those who seek. We are eager to catch the Spirit, to be set on fire with confidence and trust to use the gifts you have given. Let Pentecost happen again in this gathering of your people. Inspire us to witness to your love and prophesy in your name. Give us courage to speak of your deeds of power, and to take the risks of daring discipleship. Amen.

**\*Hymn: "Awake My Soul"**

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(Please remain standing for the Prayer of Confession)

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

Pastor Liz Wilson

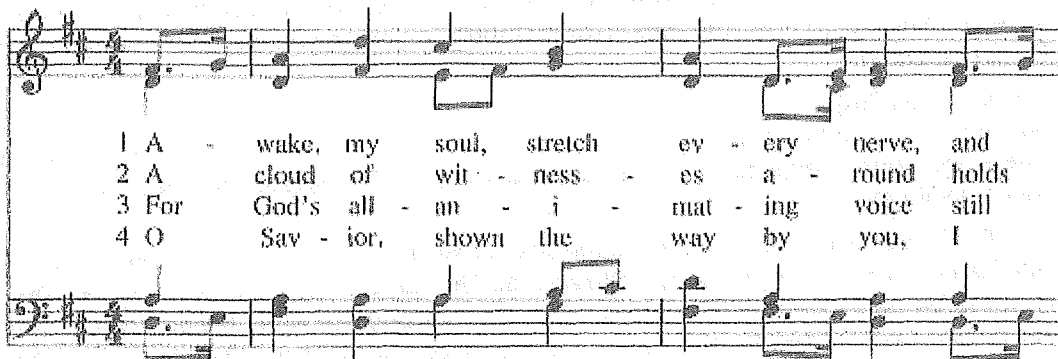
**O God, we are frightened by strange tongues and people out of control. We want to manage our own lives and assure our own safety. We are afraid that you will ask more of us than we are willing to risk. We do not want others to consider us strange or fanatical. We are skeptical of dreams and visions. We cannot trust some people you ask us to love. We want to believe, but how can we know that you are more than our collective imagination, a hope we cling to in our despair? Help us, God. Amen.**

# Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve

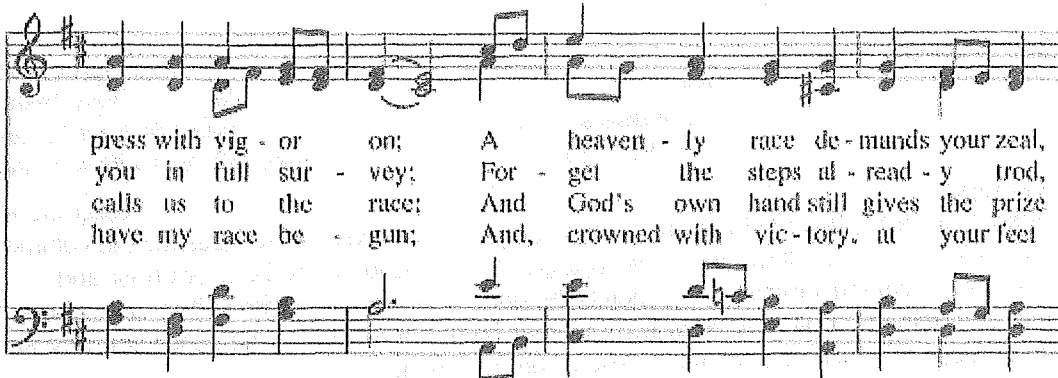
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Philip Doddridge (1702-1751); alt.

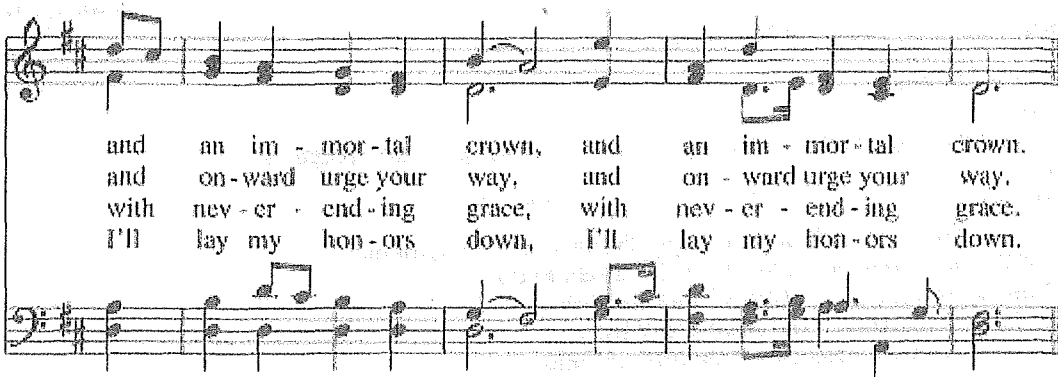
2 Tim. 4:7-8; Phil. 3:13-14



1 A - wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and  
2 A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round holds  
3 For God's all - an - i - mat - ing voice still  
4 O Sav - ior, shown the way by you, I



press with vig - or on; A heaven - ly race de - mands your zeal,  
you in full sur - vey; For - get the steps al - read - y trod,  
calls us to the race; And God's own hand still gives the prize  
have my race be - gun; And, crowned with vic - tory, at your feet



and an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.  
and on - ward urge your way, and on - ward urge your way.  
with nev - er - end - ing grace, with nev - er - end - ing grace.  
I'll lay my hon - ors down, I'll lay my hon - ors down.

*This hymn is one of more than 400 written by a Congregational minister, Philip Doddridge, but none of them were published in his lifetime. Pressing on in the heavenly race is a theme found in several New Testament passages.*

Tune: CHRISTMAS CM,  
G. F. Handel, 1728

Words of Assurance

God comes unexpectedly to those willing to wait and listen and trust. The Spirit amazes and astonishes even those who wait expectantly. There is more to life than the things we can see and more in the things we see than our eyes can discern. So, too, God is more than we can know or think. Even now, the Holy Spirit is resting on you and on this family of God's people. Do not be afraid.

The Congregation Prays

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Ken Martin, Liturgist

**Congregational Response: "Lord hear our prayers."** (Response after each Prayer request)

Silent Meditation

**The Lord's Prayer:** (use words most comfortable for you)

Ken Martin, Liturgist

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Scripture Readings:

Acts 2:1-21

Ken Martin, Liturgist

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Page 119 New Testament

John 19:19-23

Page 174 New Testament

Pages 113 & 114 New Testament

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Liz Wilson

All-knowing God, whose gifts to us evoke a variety of activities and services for the common good, guide us to use all the resources you grant us to build up the body of Christ and empower the church's ministry, extending the good news to those who suffer, who ignore, who doubt and deny, that all may be drawn together by the one Spirit to the peace you give and the high purpose to which you call us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sermon: "Pentecosst"

Pastor Liz Wilson

\*Hymn: "Yours is the Glory"

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Stewardship Message

Announcements

*(Be sure to read about up-coming events in the back of the bulletin.)*

Offering:

Offertory

\***Doxology:** (The tune is found on page 356 of your red hymnal.)

**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 of Gifts and Self

Pastor Liz Wilson

Thank you, God, for filling our lives with good things. The abundance of your gifts to us is beyond our counting. Bless all that we return to you for the work of ministry among us and beyond us. Let your Spirit enliven our caring and add effectiveness to all our doing. Make us one in Christ Jesus our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

# A toi la gloire, ô Ressuscité!

(Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!)

*Mat. 28:1-10; John 20:19-29; 1 Cor. 15:54-55*

*Edmond L. Budry, 1904  
Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1993*

1 A toi la gloi - re, ô Res - sus - ci - té! A toi la vic - toi - re,  
1 Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One! End - less is the vic - tory  
2 See, it is Je - sus, Je - sus has ap - peared; do not doubt at all for  
3 Am I still fright - ened? One whom I a - dore, Je - sus, lives a - gain, gives

pour l'é - ter - ni - té! Bril - lant de lu - miè - re, l'ange est de - scen -  
you o'er death have won. An - gels clothed in ra - dian - ce rolled the stone a -  
noth - ing you will fear. Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph  
peace for - ev - er - more. Je - sus is my vic - tory, life and strength and

du, il rou - le la pier - re du tom - beau vain - cu.  
way; con - quered is the grave in which your bod - y lay.  
sing; tell it with - out ceas - ing; Death has lost its sting.  
Head; Je - sus is my glo - ry, noth - ing shall I dread.

### Refrain

A toi la gloi - re, ô Res - sus - ci - té!  
Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One!

A. toi la vic - toi - re, pour l'é - ter - ni - té!  
End - less is the vic - tory you o'er death have won.

*Swiss pastor Edmond L. Budry may have drawn his inspiration for this hymn from a German Advent poem set to Handel's triumphant music. The tune Judas Maccabeus is adapted from a chorus in Handel's oratorio of the same name.*

Tune: JUDAS MACCABEUS  
5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5, with refrain  
G. F. Handel, 1731

**\*Hymn: "Let Every Christian Pray"**

\*The Light of Christ goes into the world

**\*Blessing:**

Pastor Liz Wilson

One: May God's glory endure forever. May God take pleasure in works done through us.

**Many: We have found renewal in our time together. Now God sends us forth to serve in Jesus' name.**

One: May the empowerment of Pentecost continue with us. May the Spirit lead and guide us every day.

**Many: We have acknowledged our many gifts. Now we seek to use them for the common good.**

One: We are one body with many members. When we work together, much good is accomplished.

**Many: We commit ourselves as people of vision and action. The peace of God equips us to serve.**

Amen: Amen.

**\*Postlude**

*We scatter to serve*\*\*\*\*\*

**Join together for refreshments in Fellowship**

**Immanuel Open and Affirming Statement:**

We welcome and affirm all people in celebrating diversity. We welcome to our faith family people of every race, age, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, mental or physical ability and those who have doubts or questions.

**In Worship and Service Today**

**Ministry Message:** Pastor Liz Wilson

**Liturgist:** Ken Martin

**Choir Director:** Ken Martin

**Accompanist:** Ann McKinley

**Our Tech team:** Tammy & Ken Martin, Eric Schuette, Larry Douglas, and David Oille-Ray

**Floral Arrangements:** A gift created by Amy Wilson

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**Sunday School:** Amy Wilson

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Treasury notice will be eliminated for few weeks until there's something to report(\$). Please remember to send tithe even though we are all sitting at home. (Support your church!) Thank you to those who sent their envelopes! Please remember us as we go thru this difficult time. Call each other! Send notes! Send a prayer. Send jokes. Let's stay in close communication. And be Safe! Love you all! Pastor Liz

# Let Every Christian Pray

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Fred Pratt Green, 1970 rev. 1994

Acts 2

1 Let ev - ery Chris - tian pray, this day and ev - ery day,  
2 The Spir - it brought to birth the church of Christ on earth  
3 On - ly the Spir - it's power can fit us for this hour:

come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! Was not the church we love  
to seek and save the lost: God nev - er has with - drawn,  
come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! U - nite, in - struct, in - spire

com - mis - sioned from a - bove? Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!  
since that tre - men - dous dawn, the gifts of Pen - te - cost.  
and fill us with your fire: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!

*Noted contemporary British hymnwriter Fred Pratt Green retired from the parish ministry in 1969 and only then commenced his prolific output of hymn texts, which can be found in every major hymnal publication of the late twentieth century.*

Time: LAUDES DOMINI 6.6.6.6.6.6.  
*Joseph Barnby, 1868*

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Acts 2:1-21

## Pentecost Sunday

### *Strengthen the Church Offering*

*All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues\* as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4*

You might have heard someone joke, “King James English was good enough for Jesus and it’s good enough for me.” Today we tell the story about the first day this small ragtag group of followers of Jesus became a church, the church we still are today.

It’s our story. Do you notice that this is not a story about everyone suddenly speaking the same language? It’s a story about everyone speaking, all of them, all at once, the languages of each other. This is not a story about understanding each other. It’s a story about understanding that each of us speak to God in our own way, and God speaks to us each in our own way.

You might have had such a Pentecost moment. It happens whenever you sit down to a meal with a youngster whose music you don’t understand, but who you love just the same. It happens when you sit with a loved one, whose words have been lost to disease, but you love just the same. It happens when you pay attention to the voices of “the other side” in a political debate.

These are scary times. And in scary times, it’s tempting to circle the wagons, protect ourselves, all try to do the same thing at the same time in the same way. But maybe the story of Pentecost, which is both the past of the church and the future of the church, rests in listening, just to listen, not to understand. Maybe we are not meant to understand one another, really. Maybe we are here to walk together in the same direction, knowing that God is still speaking in God’s inviting, loving, challenging language to each of us, in the words that each of us, individually, can understand.

That we don’t all speak the same language doesn’t make us less of a community, it makes us more of one. Whether you came to this place today speaking the language of health or of illness, the language of joy or of sorrow, the language of despair or hope, the language of raking the grass or giving out warm hugs, let your prayer this Pentecost day be that your community be a place where all those languages are spoken and all are heard, even if all are not understood by all.

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