

**May 15, 2016 – 10:00 am  
Pentecost**

**Prelude:** Come Holy Spirit, Come Flor Peeters

**Chiming of the Hour**

**\*Hymn:** *On Pentecost They Gathered (Insert)*

**Welcome**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Choral Introit:** *Breathe On Me, Breathe of God*

**Call to Worship**

One: We gather together because God has called us.  
We wait in expectant awe for God's appearing.

**All: We are together, old and young, rich and poor. We have come, believers and skeptics, to this place.**

One: On the first Christian Pentecost, there were surprises: the rush of wind and tongues of fire.

**All: We tremble before the power of the Holy Spirit. What will happen if we let the spirit in?**

One: On this Pentecost, we can receive the surprises of God. We can be moved to speak and act in new ways.

**All: With eagerness, we welcome the Spirit. We will risk stepping into God's vision for us.**

One: Come let us worship God together!

**Prayer of Invocation (in unison)**

Come Holy Spirit, awaken us to the sacred. Nurture our relationships; enliven our community of faith. Unite our parish families. Fill us with joy to celebrate the fullness of life. Watch over and guide us. Send forth your light to help us see where you are leading us. Send forth your gifts of wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence, wonder and awe. Fill us with truth so that we may grow in our love for Jesus, and be of greater service to our Creator.

Empower us to be a community of love, growing in your likeness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

O God, we have rushed through our days with unseeing eyes, stopped-up ears, and dulled emotions. We are more often enslaved by our fears than freed by your grace. Your Holy Spirit is unreal to us because we insist on being in charge. Have mercy on us, holy God, and save us from ourselves. Hear now our silent confessions as we seek your mercy, forgiveness and grace.

***Moment of silent prayer***

**Assurance of God's Love**

**Gloria Patri:** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**Responsive Reading – Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b**

(Page 683 HS in the pew bible)

**Reading from the Early Church – Acts 2:1-21**

(Page 144 NT in the pew bible)

**Children's Message**

**Service of Covenant**

**Invitation:** We invite the following people to come forward to enter into covenant with our congregation:

Charlotte Clulow	Hannah Stewart
Cora Rydingsword	Colin Maxwell
Caleb May	Taylor Maxwell
Maggie Smith	Ben Metcalf
Sarah Thomen	Cory Thomen

**Pastor:** By your baptism you were made one with us in the body of Christ, the church. Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We celebrate your presence here. Let us pray.

Eternal God, we praise you for calling us to be your servant people and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for sending to us these individuals that we may work together in serving the needs of others. Confirm in us the power of your covenant that we may live in your Spirit, share regularly in worship, and so love each other that we may have among us the same mind which was in Christ Jesus.

*ALL: Amen*

**Pastor:** Let us renew our covenant vows together:

*ALL: We covenant with God and with one another to walk in God's holy ways.*

*We unite for the worship of God*

*and for continued striving to know and to do God's will and for the service of God and humanity.*

*We acknowledge this Church*

*to be part of all those in every age and nation*

*who are united by the Holy Spirit of God in Christ, and we dedicate ourselves to serve this fellowship*

*according to our strength, ability and opportunity. Amen.*

**Deacon:**

Let us, the members of the Congregational Church of Salisbury, United Church of Christ express our welcome to our newest covenant partners.

**Congregation:**

*We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church.*

*We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ.*

*By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.*

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Deacon:**

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the Congregational Church of Salisbury, we extend to you the hand of Christian love, welcoming you into the company of this local church.  
*Each person is greeted.*

**Lord's Prayer**

*(Children leave for Sunday School and Youth Discussion Group)*

**Hymn:** #240 *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

**Offering of our Gifts**

**Anthem:** *Gloria* Antonio Vivaldi

**\*Doxology:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Gospel Reading** – John 14:15-27  
(Page 133 NT in the pew bible)

**Sermon:** “Come Holy Spirit, Come”  
Reverend Diane Monti-Catania

**Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer**

**Response:** *Breathe on me, Breathe of God*

**\*Hymn:** *Loving Spirit ( Insert)*

**Benediction**

**Response:** *Breathe on me, Breath of God*

**Postlude:** *Come Holy Spirit, Come* Flor Peeters  
(\* Please stand if able.)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship following worship. Our host today is the Frost Family.*

Our ushers today are Sal Accardo & Kathy Mera.  
Our Lay Reader today is Mike Clulow.

*The flowers are donated by the Maxwell Family.*

*Hearing Assist Devices are available in the narthex.*

**Prayer List**

*Alice Gustafson, Jane Fitting, Rosie Bell, Nancy Tuckerman, Kit Kellogg, Barbara Jacquette, Gloria Buckley, Petie Robinson, Jeri Johnson, Nancy Smith.*

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

Monday	6 pm Salisbury Band Rehearsal in the Parish Hall
Tuesday	9 am Music Committee Meeting
Wednesday	10:30 am Scoville Memorial Library's Toddler Story Time in the Parish Hall 7:15 pm Choir Dinner at Baltus' home
Thursday	8:30 am “Silent” Retreat 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Deacon's Meeting 7 pm HousaTonics Rehearsal
Friday	4-5 pm Sunday School Rehearsal
Saturday	9-2 pm Mindfulness Retreat at Silver Lake 9:30-11 am Sunday School Rehearsal
Sunday	8:30 am Sunday School Rehearsal 10 am Children's Sunday~ “The Tale of Three Trees”

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GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT  
DEDICATED TO LOVING AND SERVING GOD AND NEIGHBOR

The Reverend Diane Monti-Catania, *Pastor*