

**Welcome to Niskayuna Reformed Church  
May 19, 2024  
Day of Pentecost  
Rev. Dr. Sherri & Rev. Michael Meyer-Veen**

**The Approach to God**

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

Welcome and announcements

Prelude Nun bitten wie den heiligen Geist  
(We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit)  
Buxtehude

Introit

Votum Joyce Anderson  
Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Amen

Call to Worship (Responsive):

Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

**come, Holy Spirit.**

Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

**come, Holy Spirit.**

With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

**come, Holy Spirit.**

With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

**come, Holy Spirit.**

With peace that ends wars and reconciles enemies,

**come, Holy Spirit.**

With wisdom to guide us and reveal your truth,

**come, Holy Spirit.**

**Meet us here as we worship you.**

**Rest upon us,**

**inspire our lives,**

**change our world,  
and make all things new. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Worship "Send Us Your Spirit"

**Lift Up Your Hearts, 228**

\*The Salutation and People's Amen: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Celebrating and Giving Thanks to God for Kathy Mausert

Prayer of Blessing

Anthem To the Lamb on the Throne

Forrest

### **The Word of God**

Junior Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading:

Acts 2:1-21

Epistle Reading:

Romans 8:22-27

This is the Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

\*Gospel Reading

John 16:7-15

This is the Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Sermon "Shaped By The Spirit"

Pastor Sherri

A Prayer for Blessing Upon the Word

\*Hymn of Worship "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

**The Hymnbook, 239**

## The Response of God's People

The Offering

Offertory There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Jones

\*The Doxology 544 and Prayer of Consecration

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Prayers of the people and The Lord's Prayer

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Worship "Seal Us, O Holy Spirit"

**The Hymnbook, 238**

\*The Benediction

Benediction Response

The Postlude Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Atkinson

(\*) Please stand if you are able.

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## Announcements

The flowers on the Communion Table are in memory of loved ones and friends by Jeff and Sandy Rivenburg.

Our Mission of the Month Collection will benefit **Camp Fowler** a Christian Camp and Retreat Center that is a non-profit children's camp grounded in openness, hospitality, and compassionate Christianity. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

For the SICM collection this month, in honor of Mother's Day, we will be collecting Women's Personal Care Products—hair care items, body wash, deodorant, lotion, perfume, nail polish, lipstick, make-up, etc.

Longtime preschool teacher, Kathy Mausert is retiring after 19 years at Niskayuna Reformed Church. We are celebrating her retirement during our service and coffee hour immediately following service. We hope you can join in the celebration.

## Scripture

### Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues<sup>[a]</sup> as the Spirit enabled them.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" <sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

<sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” <sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> “In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,  
your old men will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

<sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.

## **Romans 8:22-27**

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup> Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

<sup>26</sup> In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.

## **John 16:7-15**

But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because people do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

<sup>12</sup>“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup>But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. <sup>15</sup>All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”