

Seedlings 🌱 : Veni, Creator Spiritus: "Come, Holy Spirit,  
Creator blest, and in our souls take up Thy rest..."



***Veni, Creator Spiritus***

*One of the most widely used hymns in the Church, Veni, Creator Spiritus*

*is attributed to Rabanus Maurus (776-856).*

*It is used at Vespers, Pentecost, Dedication of a Church, Confirmation, and Holy Orders and whenever the Holy Spirit is solemnly invoked.*

*You may listen to a choral arrangement of this ancient Gregorian chant by clicking [HERE](#)*

*For parallel Latin and English translations you may click [HERE](#) .*



**SUDDENLY THERE CAME A SOUND. . .**

**[\(Acts 2:1-21\)](#)**

**It was one of those days where  
leaves are thrashed  
from tree branches writhing  
under a racing sky,  
and my childhood friend playing  
outdoors with me wondered:  
does the wind  
ever stop blowing?**

**And does it stop somewhere, he asked again,  
or just keep going around and around the world?**

**Back then I said I didn't know  
but now I know there came a day  
when a wind began in a certain house  
that filled with a light like flame,**

**and that wind had the roar of justice,  
and that wind had the rush of love,  
and that wind had the whisper of peace and compassion,  
and it carried the words of hope and joy  
to an anxious and needy world,**

**and it was gentle enough to touch the wounded soul  
and strong enough to stir the ever seeking hearts  
of women and men, young and old,  
from city to distant shores,  
and it pulled down walls of distrust and fear  
and threw open doors of possibility,  
and oaks of hatred have bent in its path  
and palisades of pain have fallen to its strength  
and new life has spread like scattered seed**



**and yes, my friend, that wind  
circles the world  
and no,**

**it has never stopped blowing.**

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Graduate Recognition Sunday  
The Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 9th  
during the  
Liturgy of Holy Communion at 10:15 a.m.



***If you are graduating this spring,  
or know someone is,  
please complete the following page  
and return it to Pastor Dennis:***



Graduate Information Form 2024.pdf



# **A Graduate's Prayer**

*Dear Lord,  
As I look toward the future  
Bright hope conducts this prayer,  
For I know the plans You have for me  
Were wrought with divine care.*

*Holy Spirit, lead me.  
Let me run at Your command,  
Yet be still and know that You are God  
When trouble is close at hand.*

*Your Word will be a lamp for me,  
A guide to light my way,  
A solid place to set my feet,  
A compass when I stray.*

*May I live my life to praise You,  
Not for fortune, nor for fame,  
May everything I say and do  
Bring glory to Your name.*

*May my eyes stay fixed upon You  
As I seek the way that's pure,  
Tasting Your love and goodness  
Sleeping and rising secure.*

*Planted by Your living streams  
I'll delight in all Your ways,  
Hidden by Your sheltering wings*

*With new mercies for each day.*

*Even in a dangerous land  
When storms threaten to destroy,  
At the cross I'll stand upon the Rock  
My Strength, my Hope, my Joy.*

*Dear Lord, show me Your favor,  
At all times keep me blessed,  
May Your face ever shine upon me,  
With peace and perfect rest.*

—by Mary Fairchild



**Riverside Memorial Day Program  
Monday, May 27th , 10 a.m. at St.  
Mary Church  
Social Hall  
105 Herrick Road**

"Hymn to the Fallen"  
*by John Williams*  
You may listen [HERE](#) .



**Open Air Liturgy of Holy Communion**  
**The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August**  
**4th**  
**with the Wilson Family**  
**ELCA Sponsored Missionaries in Tokyo**



DO YOU THINK THE  
DISCIPLES ACTUALLY  
BOUGHT THAT  
"IT'S BETTER FOR  
YOU THAT I GO" LINE?



IT WAS THE TRUTH—  
THE CHURCH WOULDN'T  
HAVE HAPPENED  
OTHER WISE!



MAYBE, BUT IT  
STILL SOUNDS  
LIKE A LOUSY  
BREAK-UP EXCUSE.  
"IT'S NOT YOU, IT'S ME"



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JOHN 15:26-27; 16:4-15

*When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.*

*...I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.*

*Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and*



*he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.*



## **How to Create a Society That Prizes Decency**

**featuring excerpts from Howard Thurman's  
*Jesus and the Disinherited*.**

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lived forwards.  
---Soren Kierkegaard*

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to others who may be interested!***



*For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water...  
(Isaiah 35:6b-7a).*

**Join us every Sunday at 10:15 a.m.**

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liturgy  
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