

## Welcome, All Worshipers

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here.

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(\* indicates when those who are able will stand.)  
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Prelude

**CENTERING SONG – #261 LET EVERY CHRISTIAN PRAY** ALL VERSES

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** **BILL DEMPSEY, LAY READER**

**\*OPENING HYMN: #278 CREATOR GOD, CREATING STILL** ALL VERSES

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: God of Spirit open our hearts to your wisdom.

**All: Divine Comforter, encircle us with the peace that comes only from you.**

Leader: As the Holy Winds fill our lives with dreams, empower us to live God's hope in this world.

**All: As the Holy Fire fills our hearts with visions, empower us to create a world of justice and peace.**

Leader: May the Divine Wind of this day move us to know the love of God.

### \*Opening Prayer

Leader: Holy Spirit of Mystery, As the dawn breaks forth, your spirit reveals your intentions for our world. As new chapters and eras arise in our lives, your Spirit invites us to wisdom that only comes from you.

**ALL: Open our souls to the wonders of your being. Settle our hearts when questions surround us. Fill our minds with the knowledge that your Spirit will lead us forward. Amen**

Pentecost Song of Praise #282 - Every Time I Feel the Spirit  
(Refrain only - sing twice)

**SCRIPTURE: ACTS 2:1-21**

**ANTHEM**

**CHOIR**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**\*HYMN: #294 THERE'S A SPIRIT IN THE AIR**

VERSES 1,3,4,5,6

**SERMON: MISS JULIA FARWELL – OUR DNA**

**REV. BOB CASE**

### PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND GROWTH

PASTOR: LOVING GOD, DIVINE COMFORTER

**ALL: PEACE IS ABSENT FROM OUR HEARTS. FROM PAIN TO GRIEF, AND FROM TURMOIL TO FRUSTRATIONS, WE YEARN FOR WHAT WE LACK. WE ACHE FOR THE PAINS AND INJUSTICES OF THIS WORLD TO CEASE. WHAT WE FORGET IS TO PAUSE AND VOICE OUR CONCERNS TO YOU. HOW CAN WE BETTER INTEGRATE YOUR PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES? WHEN HAVE WE FORGOTTEN TO INCLUDE YOU IN OUR JOYS AND HEARTACHES? MOVE US TO SEEK YOU AND SPEAK THE BURDENS OF OUR HEARTS TO YOU. MAY YOUR SPIRIT REFILL OUR SOULS WITH PEACE. AMEN**

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PASTOR: THE SPIRIT OF GOD DELIVERS GRACE AND PEACE AS WE MOVE THROUGH OUR JOURNEYS AND INSPIRES US TO CONNECT WITH GOD AND NEIGHBOR TO CREATE A WORLD OF HOPE AND JOY. AMEN!

### SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (PLEASE REFER TO INSERT)

**\*CLOSING HYMN: #377 FORWARD THROUGH THE AGES**

ALL VERSES

### \*BENEDICTION

**All: Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.**

Minister: And the blessing God who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us, be with you now and forever. Amen.

**\*UNISON RESPONSE: And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand. Amen.**

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Postlude

OUR APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS  
WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Lay Reader: **Bill Dempsey**  
Altar Guild: **Deb Butler**  
Ushers: **Lynne Stewart and Pat Labadie**  
Fellowship Hosts: **Bill & Dottie Haase**

Live Stream Operators: **Jay Kettler**  
and **Lynn Borke**  
Communion Ministry: **Beth Petty**

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 5, 2022  
Pentecost Sunday

## This Week's Calendar

Sunday June 5 10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Tuesday June 7 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice

### Announcements:

- ❖ Flowers on the altar are from Joe and Kay Beland in honor of their 71<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary.
- ❖ Our Friendship Pads are back! We invite you to complete a Friendship form and pass the pad to your neighbors. Please drop your completed form in the offering plate. This is a great opportunity to greet our guests and new members as well as reacquaint ourselves with one another as we return to a more regular worship service.
- ❖ Thank you to all who donated sport coats and suit jackets for the young men attending this year's school proms.
- ❖ Our next Congregational Conversations gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 6 p.m. Please register by using the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary.

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A unisex handicap-accessible restroom is located through the doors to your left as you exit the sanctuary. A ladies' room is near the Lockwood Street entrance. A men's room is in the middle hallway.  
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*We welcome people as they are,  
share Jesus as He is, and serve  
our community and the world in love.*



Transitional Ministers: *Rev. Dr. H. Robert Case (Pastor Emeritus)*  
and *Reverend Eugene Bacon*  
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## Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to God.**

Pastor: This table of Holy Communion belongs to no individual, church or denomination. It is the table where Christ invites us to come into one body made of many diverse parts yet one in his love.

Pastor: Come to this table, not because you must but because you may, not because you are strong, but because you are weak. Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come, but because you need mercy and help.

**People: Come, because you would like to love Jesus more. Come, because Jesus loved you and gave himself for you. Come and meet the risen Christ, for we are his body.**

Pastor: Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love. We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world. Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the Highest.**

Pastor: Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

*The giving and receiving of the bread and cup.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

**All: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus the Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us for into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

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## Acts 2: 1-21

**2** When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

**5** Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

**14** But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> "In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

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

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."