

June 4, 2017 – 10:00 am
PENTECOST
ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Our mission is to worship and serve God
in our church, community, and the world.



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*Please stand if comfortably able

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.

THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP.

PRELUDE: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Graham Kendrick

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

ONE: Let anyone who thirsts come to Christ.

Let all who dare to believe drink deeply.

MANY: The Spirit comes like a flowing stream.

We receive living water that quenches our thirst.

ONE: God's Spirit is for young and old, rich and poor.

Men and woman, slave and free, receive God's gift.

MANY: Our sons and daughters shall prophesy.

We will see visions and dream dreams.

ONE: This is the day for a new Pentecost.

We hear the message all can understand.

MANY: How amazing are all the works of God!

May our meditations please our Creator!

*OPENING HYMN: # 267 "Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us"

*CALL TO CONFESSION: Pentecost, in the book of Acts, was a time of sudden, dramatic, surprises and change. People were transformed and empowered. They took great risks for their faith and suffered for it. Are we today open to God's surprises and willing to risk our security to live as followers of Christ?

Let us begin with a time for silent personal confession.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Let us pray together.

Eternal God, we admit that we are seldom amazed and astonished. We take for granted much that was once thought to be impossible. We are confident consumers of human ingenuity. Sometimes we think we have no need of you. Matters of the spirit are far down on our list of concerns. We are even suspicious of those who claim to see visions and

skeptical of those who seem carried away in their devotion to the faith. Yet we long for something more than our daily routines. O Spirit, come to save us from ourselves. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** Would that all God's people were prophets, welcoming the Holy Spirit's gifts! It is God who fills our life with good things, and renews us day after day. Accept the promise that everyone who calls on God's name will be saved. Dare to believe that God has a mission for you and will supply all that you need. You are forgiven. Let us give thanks and praise to God.

***GLORIA: #759**

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,
Three-in-One; As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

SECOND TESTAMENT READINGS: Acts 2:1-21 Liturgist

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Karleigh Amanda Abbott-DeMage
Kensley Nicole Abbott-DeMage**

***BAPTISMAL HYMN: # 325**

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

***GOSPEL LESSON: John 7:37-39** Pastor Rosemary

SERMON: "The Mystery and Wonder of the Holy Spirit"
Pastor Rosemary

ANTHEM: "Firm Foundation" Nancy Gordon & Janie Harvill

PASTORAL PRAYER:

PRAYER RESPONSE: #775

**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.**

INVITATION TO SERVICE OF GIVING:

OFFERTORY: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Mark Hayes

*DOXOLOGY: # 780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

* THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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.

*HOLY COMMUNION:

Pastor Rosemary

*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

Thank you, God, for renewing us at your table by the presence of our Christ. Thank you for your eternal love, the bread of life that sustains all creation. May you continue to love us in our faithful acts and by that love, discourage us from our unfaithful acts, that we might rejoice as your servants in the world. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: #282 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

DURING THE HYMN THE LIGHT IS EXTINGUISHED AND CARRIED OUT INTO THE WORLD.

*BENEDICTION:

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: #812

Amen, Amen, Amen

POSTLUDE: "The Church's One Foundation" James Denton



PRAYER LIST: *Today we lift up in prayer* Cheri Schutzenhofer

Also prayers for the family and friends of Joan Wilburn

And prayers for healing: Ardella Morris, Alan Canterbury, Darleen Bax, Darlene Schaperkoetter, Warren Crews, Dave Seneczyn

Serving in Christ's Name:

Ministers – All members of St. John UCC

Participants in Today's Worship:

Pastor – Rev. Rosemary Captain

Minister of Music – Sharon Banjavcic

Liturgist - Jan Miller

Ushers – Lew and Silas Thomasino

Activities of the church:

Today – Special Congregational meeting after worship. Don't forget Fellowship time.

Tuesday – Boy Scouts

Friday – Wedding rehearsal

Saturday – Wedding