

May 20, 2018 – 10:00 am

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**ST. JOHN  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**



**We are an Open and Affirming congregation,  
where all are welcome.**

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Please respond with words in **bold** print.

\*Please stand if comfortably able

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**GUEST WORSHIP LEADER AND PREACHER –  
MS. ANGIE HARUSMANN**

- WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.
- THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY.

PRELUDE: **“Shine Jesus, Shine”** Graham Kendrick

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

*(adapted from Psalm 104: 27-30)*

One: God, when you provide food for us,

**MANY: we gather it up.**

One: When you hide your face from us,

**MANY: we are terrified.**

One: When you take away our last breath,

**MANY: we die and return to dust.**

One: When you send your Spirit,

**MANY: we are created new and all of earth is renewed.**

One: We will sing praise to you as long as we live.

**MANY: Come Holy Spirit. Breathe on us.**

**Breathe on us with life-giving energy. Amen!**

\*OPENING HYMN: **NCH 263 “O Spirit of the Living God”**

\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

**Great Spirit over all, we come here from the Four Directions to celebrate the amazing gift of your presence. May we experience this day as our first**

**church elders did at their Pentecost. Come, blessed God! Breathe on us with life-giving energy. Amen.**

**\*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.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM: “Come Down, Lord” Stan Pethel**

**SECOND TESTAMENT READINGS: Lay Liturgist  
Acts 2:1-21**

**TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:**

**\*GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

**SERMON: “The Gift of the Advocate”**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: NCH 290  
“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”**

**PASTORAL PRAYER:**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER:**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed it 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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE: **NCH 769**

**Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God.  
Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace.**

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES

OFFERTORY: **“My Faith Is Firmly Found”** J. S. Bach

\*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. Amen.**

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**Holy Spirit of God, we symbolically dedicate our lives  
through the dedication of our gifts. We ask for your  
bold winds to magnify and multiply our tangible gifts to  
further your work of liberation, justice, and charity  
here and around the world. Amen.**

\*SENDING HYMN: **NCH 531**

**“God Speak to Me, that I May Speak”**

\*BENEDICTION:

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: **NCH 393**

**Bless be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the sharing of a common life is like to that above.**

POSTLUDE: **“Be Thou Exalted”** Chester Nordman

**“Our worship has ended – Now our service begins.”**