



**Christ Congregational Church**  
**United Church of Christ**  
***Creating Beloved Community***  
**Pentecost Sunday/Confirmation Sunday**

9:55 a.m.

May 20, 2018

Welcome to worship! As you settle in for worship, please feel free to light a candle of prayer in the chapel area (*right side of sanctuary*). The children will be with us throughout the service. There is nursery care available throughout the service, and a crying room at the back of the sanctuary for those who become inconsolable.

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

Sylvia Berry, Organist

WORDS OF WELCOME

Adam Mitchell, Moderator

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN      'On Pentecost They Gathered'      No. 237

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost

**All: and breathed life where there had been death.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit is with us now;

**All: the peace of Christ is given to us all.**

INTROIT

'Woyaya'

Amoa, Amarfio, Bailey, Bedeau, Owei, Richardson, and Tontoh

GATHERING PRAYER

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

**People: And also with you.**

(*brief greeting to the person on your right and left*)

\*Asterisk indicates all who are able may stand

**Bold print indicates congregational response**

\*GLORIA

'My Tribute'

No. 39

READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 2:1-21

Lay Reader: Bob Cutting

REFLECTIONS

ANTHEM

'Come Gracious Spirit'

Alfred V. Fedak

Come gracious Spirit, heav'nly Dove, with light and comfort from above; be thou our guardian, thou our guide o'er ev'ry thought and step preside. The light of truth to us display, and make us know and choose thy way; plant holy fear in ev'ry heart, that we from thee may ne'er depart.

Lead us to Christ, the living Way, not let us from His pastures stray; lead us to holiness, the road that we must take to dwell with God. Lead us to heav'n that we may share fullness of joy for every there; lead us to God, or final rest, to be with Him forever blessed.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 27:1-14

HOMLY

MORNING PRAYERS

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

OFFERTORY

'Send Down Your Spirit Lord'

Don Besig

Send Down Your Spirit, Lord. Fill us with the pow'r of Your Holy Word.

When we start to wander and begin to stray, when we're feeling lonely and we lose our way, send down your Spirit, Lord, when temptation calls and we start to fall, help us turn to heaven up above.

O precious Lord, send down Your Love. Touch us with Your grace forevermore. When we hear a cry and want to lend a hand, when we try to help and need to understand, when there's something wrong and hope is almost gone, help us know the future will be bright.

\*DOXOLOGY            ‘Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow’            No. 50

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
    Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
    Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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| *HYMN | ‘Halle-Halle-Halleluja’ | No. 41 |
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Being confirmed today are Alexander Cords, Ronan Cords, and Audrey Jones

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE (Romans 10:8-10)

Do you renounce the powers of evil, and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?

Do you promise to be Christ's disciple, follow Christ's way, resist evil and oppression, and witness to Christ's work and word?

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to be a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ, celebrating his presence and furthering his mission in all the world?

Candidates: I do.

Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God, and enlisting in the work of this congregation as it services this community and the world?

Candidates: **I do.**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(together)***

**We believe that God's compassion fills the earth.**

**We believe that the way of Jesus is a way of peace.**

**We believe that the Holy Spirit works in the world,  
calling all people to justice, mercy and truth.**

**We believe that all creatures were created for joy,  
and that in this life we are meant to enjoy God's glory.**

**We know that human beings wreak havoc in this world,  
but we believe that violence, sin, and death  
will not prevail, but will be overcome  
by the power of God's love in Christ.**

**Called to befriend the stranger, heal the sick,  
and attend to the cry of the poor,  
we believe that on the last day we shall be judged only on love.**

**We believe. God, help our unbelief. Amen.**

\*HYMN

'Here I Am, Lord' verse 1

No. 452

**ACT OF CONFIRMATION**

Laying on of hands:

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit; empower him/her for your service in the world; and sustain him/her all the days of his/her life, until you receive him/her at last in your eternal home.

All: **Amen.**

**PRAYER OF CONFIRMATION**

**RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP**

Leader: By your Baptism you were made one with us in the body of Christ, the Church. You have confirmed your faith and promised to participate in the worship of God, and the work of this congregation as it serves this community and the world. The congregation will now stand and declare its promises and hopes to you.

**\*Congregation: Audrey, Xander and Ronan, we welcome you with joy as partners in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love, and as witnesses of our risen Lord and Savior.**

\*HYMN

'Here I Am, Lord' verses 2-3

No.452

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION

### COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We offer you our praise, dear God.....

**we join in the song of your unending greatness.**

C G7 Am F G C

San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My

F G7 C Am F G7 C

co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res Señ - or!  
heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you, Lord!

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation **Amen.**

*(Today we will receive communion in the pews. The wafers in the small dish are gluten free.)*

### COMMUNION MUSIC    **'Let Us Break Bread Together'**

Let us break bread together on our knees (repeat)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees (repeat)

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

### **'They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love'**

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord (repeat)

And we pray that all unity will one day be restored,

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love

Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand (repeat)

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land,

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love

Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**‘There’s a Spirit in the Air’**

**No. 257**

**\*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**‘Lean on Me’**

**Bill Withers**

Sometimes in our lives we all have pain, we all have sorrow.

But, if we are wise, we know that there’s always tomorrow.

Lean on me when you’re not strong and I’ll be your friend, I’ll help you carry on. For it won’t be long ‘til I’m gonna need somebody to lean on.

Just call on me brother/sister, when you need a hand. We all need somebody to lean on. I just might have a problem that you’d understand. We all need somebody to lean on.

*(please be seated for the closing music)*

**CLOSING MUSIC**

Please join us for coffee and fellowship following the closing music in the fellowship hall on the lower level. If you are visiting with us for the first time, welcome! We invite you to enjoy a free cup of coffee or tea and a donut, and hope that you will return next week.

**Participating in today’s service are:**

Rev. Patricia Hayes, Senior Minister

Erin Reardon, Minister of Visitation

Murray Kidd, Music Director

Dale Munschy, Organist

David Wilcox, Sign Language

Loren Stott, Sign Language

## **WEDNESDAY DINNER: 6:00PM**

This week we will be having Pork Roast & Baked Potatoes with a salad bar. Sign up at the information counter. All invited!! Cost \$5.00 or pay what you can.

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As members of the Pilgrim Association, we pray each week for a sister UCC Congregation. This week, you are invited to pray for:

## **Mental Health Sunday**

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### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

#### **We pray for those who cannot be with us at church:**

Ramona Adler, Jane Benson, Aida Bruns, Lois Cyr, Nancy Davis, Carole Duhamel, Louise Duhamel, Mary Geraigery, Russ Gillpatrick, Janet Hodnett, Ruth Melanson, Mildred Miele, Geneva Prince, Barbara Smith, Don Squires, Viola Szydlowski and Burt Tibbetts.

#### **And for those who are ill or need extra prayer:**

Brian Benson (nephew of Sandra Hill), Susan Berry (niece of Ruth Poole), Richard Bowman, Nancy Campbell (niece of Donna & Alton Hefler), Luke Creedon, Debra Debski (friend of Barbara Moody), Frank DePaola, Carole Duhamel, Denise Duhamel (granddaughter of Carole), Mark Duhamel (Carole's son), Brenda Eckstrom (Janet's niece-in-law), Jeanette F., Irene Ferguson (mother of Brian Young-Ferguson, Wayne Ferguson (brother of Brian Young-Ferguson), Nancy Fisher (Gini Hathaway's sister-in-law), Debbie Griswald (Barbara Smith's daughter), Jennifer Hill (Shirley Strangis' daughter), William Holbrook (friend of Barbara Moody), Rebecca Lacourse, Wayne Legge, Linda Madden, Carl Manoogian (George's son), George Manoogian, Nicky McNally (Shirley Strangis' grandson), Joanne Oliveira (stepmom of Deana), Zachary Ponds (friend of Jan Howard), Michelle Purssell, Fernanda Quimby, Hannah Ramos (Sandra Hill's grand-niece), Carol Ranney (sister of Fred Hayes), David Ritchie (nephew of Donna Hefler), Linda Ritchie (sister of Donna Hefler), William Rotondi (uncle of Mary Poole), Poppy (Howard) Sennett, Helen Simms (Erin's grandmother), Danny Ray Simpson (brother-in-law of Barbara Moody), Anna Thomas, Jacob Teixeira, Karin Whitten (Adam Mitchell's cousin) and the family of Philip Rooney (brother of Diane Landerholm).

#### **For those in the military, especially:**

Scott Allen, Kathleen Crooker, Michael J. Harris, Andrew Johnson, Alex (Pasha) Ozelius, Derek Stanley and Bradford Townsend.



## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Sun. 5/20**

Pentecost Sunday

Confirmation Sunday

9:55am Worship

Annual Meeting (after worship)

(Children's program during meeting in wing)

### **Mon. 5/21**

Office Closed

6:30pm BIC Meeting

### **Tue. 5/22**

7:00pm Fiber Fellowship

### **Wed. 5/23**

10:00am Bible Study

3:00 pm WOVOS

6:00pm Dinner

6:30pm BIC Meeting

6:30pm Adult Bell Ringers

7:30pm Adult Choir

### **Fri. 5/25**

12:00pm Prayer Group (off-site)

### **Sun. 5/27**

9:55am Worship

11:15am Youth Choir

11:15am Junior Ringers



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**Welcome!**