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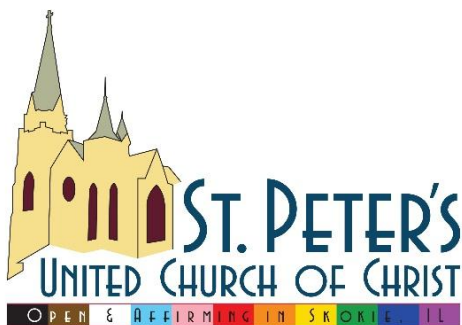
ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR

Sunday,

June 8, 2025

10:00 AM

Pentecost Sunday





Welcome to Worship!

SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

In-person Worship. All are welcome to join us

Livestream on YouTube. Live at 10am then available on our channel after



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All Christians and seekers after God are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper with us the **first Sunday of every month** and special Holy Days (Christmas, Maundy Thursday, and Easter). **At-home Communion** participants are invited to provide their own elements and join when Pastor bids you, "take, eat, and drink."



About St. Peter's UCC

We've been in the heart of downtown Skokie since 1867. We are a part of the United Church of Christ, which means we are passionate about our faith and open in our thinking. We believe in a Triune God who **loves everyone**, regardless of gender identity, orientation, race, status, or physical or mental ability, and we **joyously welcome all people** to share worship, membership, marriage, baptism, funeral, and fellowship with us.



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St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Skokie
Order of Worship for
Sunday, June 8, 2025 at 10:00am
Pentecost Sunday

During our sacred music, listen. Be attentive. Feel God's Spirit connecting all of us gathered here, those with us online and in spirit, and those who cannot be present today.

PRELUDE

Selected

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peggy Reins

You may stand in body or spirit.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Inspired by Joel 2: 28-29*

One: Then I will pour out my spirit on all flesh,
says the Lord.

All: Send down the fire of your justice!

One: Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

All: Send down the rain of your love!

One: Your old shall dream dreams,
and your young shall see visions.

All: Send down your Spirit, breathe life in your people!

One: In those days, I will pour out my spirit.

All: And we shall be people of God.

HYMN "On Pentecost They Gathered"

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1 On Pen-te-cost they gath-ered quite ear-ly in the day,
 2 The peo-ple all a-round them were star-tled and a-mazed
 3 God pours the Ho-ly Spir-it on all who would be-lieve,
 4 O Spir-it, sent from heav-en on that day long a-go,

a band of Christ's dis-ci-ples, to wor-ship, sing, and pray.
 to un-der-stand their lan-guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.
 on wom-en, men, and chil-dren who would God's grace re-ceive.
 re-kin-dle faith a-mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might-y wind came blow-ing, filled all the swirl-ing air,
 What u-ni-ver-sal mes-sage, what great good news was here?
 That Spir-it knows no lim-it, be-stow-ing life and power.
 O give us ears to lis-ten and tongues a-flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a-glow-ing in-spired each per-son there.
 That Christ, once dead, is ris-en to van-quish all our fear.
 The church, formed and re-form-ing, re-sponds in ev-ery hour.
 so folk of ev-ery na-tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

This narrative and interpretive text was written to fill what

CALL TO CONFESSION

P: We pray that God's Spirit come among us on this Pentecost day. We want to be passionate in our faith, strong in our commitment, courageous beyond our imagining, and willing to love, and keep on loving, without reservation. Let us pray together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

A: Through our hesitations, we want to be open, O God. We want to feel your holy wind that blows past our comfort and complacency. We want a wind of fire to burn into our hearts a passion for your truth. We want tongues of fire that refuse to babble incomprehensibly, but lead us to speak out plainly for justice and fairness. We pray to become voices for those who are mute because they are oppressed. We pray to speak the language of peace in a world bombarded by violence and grace. Speak to us of grace that sets our hearts free. Amen.

Quiet Reflection

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: God's Spirit was poured out long ago, and it is poured out again today. By God's grace, we know:

All: **There is nothing we can do, and nothing that can be done to us that will ever stop God from loving us.**

One: In Jesus our Christ, we are forgiven, we are loved, we are being made whole.

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

SUNG RESPONSE “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. Chords are indicated above the staff.

Staff 1: A E A D Bm E
Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Staff 2: A C#7 F#m Bm E7sus4 E7 A
Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le - lu-ja, hal - le - lu - ja.

The congregation may be seated

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Hebrew Scripture:

Christian Scripture:

Ann Herren

Genesis 11: 1-9

Acts 2: 1-21

SUNG RESPONSE**"Spirit of the Living God"**

The image displays a musical score for the hymn "Spirit of the Living God", numbered 288. The score is written for voice and piano in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four systems of music. The first system includes the lyrics "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me." The second system repeats these lyrics. The third system contains the lyrics "Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me." The fourth system repeats the first system's lyrics. Each system features a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The piano part uses a variety of chords and single notes to provide harmonic support for the vocal melody.

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PASTORAL AND SILENT PRAYERS

SPECIAL MUSIC

Selected

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

If you donate electronically, you may place an “Electronic Giving” card into the plate as it comes around so you can enjoy participating in the physical act of giving.

You may stand in body or in spirit.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Spirit of Gentleness” *refrain only*

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940

Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

A: Breath of Life, pour out your Spirit on these gifts and these givers. Lead us to speak words of welcome and love across every boundary until all might know the hospitality of Christ. Amen.

The congregation may be seated

SERMON “The Same Spirit”

MUSICAL INTERLUDE Selected

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
EXHORTATION AND INVITATION
SURSUM CORDA:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And also with you.*

P: Lift up your hearts!

C: *We lift them up to the Lord!*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**A: 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 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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

**A: Spirit of power and life, transform us through this
meal. May this banquet inspire us to love as we
have been loved, feed as we have been fed, and to
welcome all as Christ has welcomed us. Unite us as
Christ is spoken and seen and heard. Amen**

Will those who are able please stand up

CLOSING HYMN “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune, adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Selected

Today's liturgy is adapted from:

Katherine Hawker, Posted on Liturgies Outside.

<http://liturgyoutside.net/Biblical.Litanies.pdf>

David Allen of Boronia Church of Christ, Boronia, Victoria, Australia.

<https://worshipwords.co.uk/pentecost-prayer-david-allen-australia>

100th Anniversary Service Bulletin - Northern Lights

The music after the service is intended as a time of reflection. Pastor will be pleased to greet you at the Sanctuary doors as soon as the postlude has concluded, and our livestream has stopped.

FOR WORSHIP TODAY

INTERIM MINISTER	Brenda Barnes Jamieson
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Ben Westphal
DEACON	Barb Bailey
LIVESTREAM RECORDING	Peter Svenson
NURSERY ATTENDANT	Rita McMahon

NILES PRIDE RAINBOW WALK

Join us for a march in support
of LGBT rights followed by a
picnic in the park

11am-2pm
June 21 2025

Kirk Lane Park
Niles, IL



More Info:
Nilespride.org

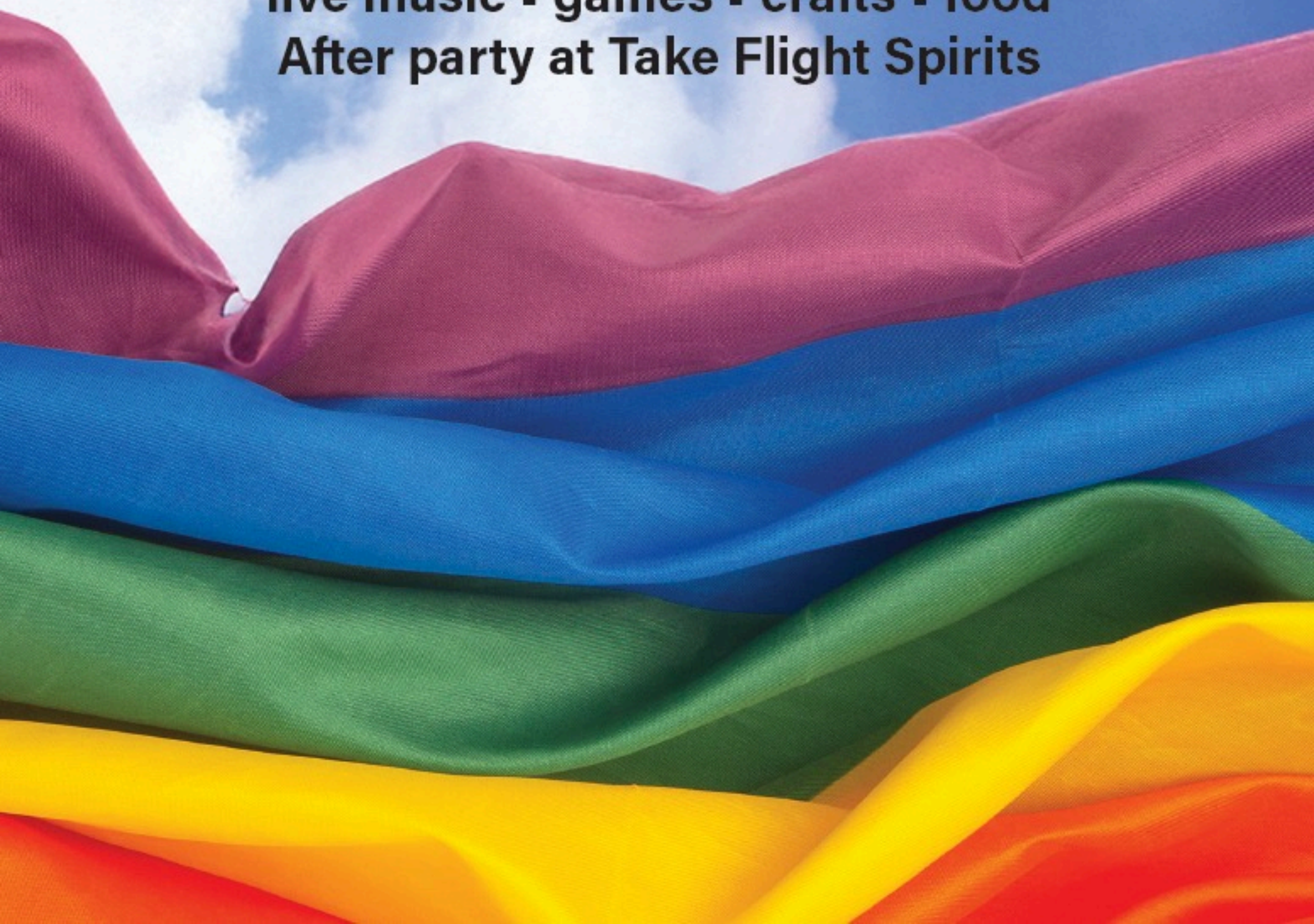
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Skokie PRIDE

Sunday, June 22, 1-4 p.m.
Oakton Park

family-friendly ▪ entertainment
live music ▪ games ▪ crafts ▪ food
After party at Take Flight Spirits



News in the Pews

Welcome to Pentecost worship! Today we celebrate God forming the church and pouring out the Holy Spirit upon us. May we sense the Spirit's fire and breath directing us always.

We extend heartfelt gratitude to all our volunteers; without their help, this service would not be possible.

Thank you to Katrina Sudman who is filling in for Ben today.

About Communion: We invite all believers, regardless of denominational background, to join in the Lord's Supper. The servers will bring the elements to you in the pews. Please hold the elements until all are served. We will then partake together at the Pastor's prompting as a sign of Christian unity.

The Women's Guild annual picnic is this Wednesday! Join us at the Todd's home (8825 Mason, Morton Grove) starting at 11:30AM. *Please RSVP to Barb, (847) 965-0345.*

Celebrate PRIDE with us! There are two events we are representing St. Peter's UCC and we'd like to ask as many of you to join us as are able -let's show our LGBTQIA+ community how much we care! First, join us **Saturday June 21st at 11AM** for the Niles PRIDE Rainbow Walk! Then on **Sunday, June 22nd from 1-4PM** come to the Skokie PRIDE event at Oakton Park where we'll have a booth. Volunteers for the booth are always welcome and needed, contact Jenn S. or the office if you'd like to help. Or just come out and show your PRIDE! More information on our inserts included in this bulletin.

Our Mini Pantry supply is very low, please consider donating!

Rummage collecting now! Drop off during office hours (please call ahead if you don't have a key), bring on Sundays when you come to worship, or call us to arrange a time that works for you. We'll take most anything but no furniture and old TV's. Questions can be directed to Annie Noorts at: annie.noorts@gmail.com, or call the office.

Rummage sorting – Join us **Fridays from 10AM to 2PM** to sort, no experience necessary! There are jobs for every person, talk to Annie if you'd like to help but need more information. Starting June 18th, we'll add a second sorting date, Wednesday evenings from 6-8PM. All are welcome and encouraged to come help us!

New pre-worship gathering - While Sunday School and choir take a summer vacation, you are invited to meet before worship to talk about one of the UCC's daily devotional readings from the past week. ***We gather at 9:15am in Lanford Fellowship Hall*** for a short opening prayer and finish by 9:45am. To get started, sign up for the Daily Devotional here: <https://www.ucc.org/daily-devotional/>.

Graduate or big event in the family? Let the office know so we can celebrate with you! office@stpeteruccskokie.org. Thanks!

Holiday Craft Show applications are being accepted now. If you are interested in having a table at our sale, contact Wendy or Annie for more information. For an application, email st.peteruccskokiebazaar@gmail.com, or contact the office.

Our People

Please keep St. Peter's extended family in your thoughts and prayers. Other folks that need your prayers include:

- Annie's friend Renee is fighting a long term, rare illness. She and her family are fighting to find a remedy that will slow and maybe even reverse the progress of this illness.
- Nicole McGinnis, childhood friend of Laura's who is fighting stage 4 cancer.
- David, uncle of Chad McCoy, as he undergoes kidney dialysis treatments.
- Prayers for healing for Ginger Kalensky and Dorothy Panzke.
- Robert Elliot, brother-in-law of Anna Riley, diagnosed with cancer stage 2.
- Prayers for Julius and all immigrants, refugees and displaced people.
- Judy Paige who is having knee therapy for the third time.
- Sharon Johnson's daughter Donna continues her battle with Lymphoma, which can be controlled but not cured.
- Susan Garcia's Aunt Janice battling cancer.
- Jane Abramchik continues to recover at home aided by a team of home caregivers and her husband Paul.
- Paul Brzozowski has now completed all treatment and will have MRIs every 2 months.

Others in our church family to keep close in our hearts include Larry Baumhardt, Lois Jarmuth and Bob Seitman.

If you are aware of others to include in our shared prayers, please let a church officer, an Elder, or the office know!

This week we wish Happy Birthday to Jimmy Olson, Ginger Kalensky, Aiden James Caras and Zachary Muhrer. **Happy Anniversary** to Cristy and Louie Lopez and Karem and David Iannotti.

According to the schedule and barring any switches, next Sunday's Lector will be Beth Sterba, and our Nursery Attendant will be Mike Ryan.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

PRESIDENT	Peggy Reins
VICE-PRESIDENT	Barb Todd
TREASURER	Chad McCoy
SECRETARY	Annie Noorts
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Maria Altmayer

Regular Reminders!

Let us know you were here! Please sign the attendance sheet in the black pew pads and when you think your pew is ready, please pass the pad towards the center aisle of the church.

We are always grateful for all offerings to the church. So many thanks to everyone who's been keeping us going with your donations! See inside the front cover for details on how to donate.

Our mini-food pantry is a daily mission this church does for the community of Skokie. If you are able, please donate!

Sign up for Coffee Hour! Regular coffee hours are on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. See our President Peggy if you are interested in signing up.



MISSION MOMENTS

Gathered and Scattered (6/8/2025)

Pentecost

RED

Acts 2:1-21

The first church I served was a struggling rural congregation that embraced the celebration of Pentecost, decorating the sanctuary with red balloons and paper streamers that fluttered about thanks to the fans positioned throughout the room. Paper doves hanging from strings took flight as well, as did the pages of my sermon that I placed on the lectern!

Never had I seen a congregation try so hard to capture that moment in Acts when the promised gift of the Holy Spirit was given in the way of a mighty wind. This wind empowered God's children to pour out into the streets of Jerusalem to tell the love Jesus in a multitude of languages, helping the visitors who packed the city for the celebration of the Jewish festival known as Pentecost understand what they were saying. It is interesting to note that Pentecost is not a Christian Holy Spirit celebration, but a Jewish harvest celebration. Very poetic on God's part that the harvest celebrated that day was indeed a rich harvest of new believers in Christ.

That day recorded in Acts was a pivotal moment, leading the birth of the Church and empowering Christ's body to love beyond boundaries.

The balloons, streamers and doves were a unique delight to me. But beyond the delight, I could sense the aching yearning of a congregation who wanted the rush of mighty wind to revive them, even if that wind came courtesy of Dollar Store fans. But what was really at the heart of this yearning for new life? Was it

to boldly witness to the love of Christ or was it to keep a church legacy surviving for another 200 years?

I asked those questions the following year when Pentecost rolled around, challenging the congregation to think what it would be like if God's Spirit did show up and blow through their well-worn pews.

Truthfully, I think we would be terrified if we got what we yearned for because once invited into our lives the Holy Spirit will uproot us, challenge everything we think we know and lead us into uncharted territories.

What if this Pentecost we don't hang the streamers and we turned off the fans. What if we sit quietly together in prayer, asking with excited anticipation for the new thing God has for us — and for courage to accept the required change that comes with those new things.

That is what Jesus' friends did after he ascended into heaven. They returned to Jerusalem, as Jesus instructed them to do, and waited prayerfully together for the Spirit.

My friends, the time is now for God's Holy Spirit to not only gather us, but to scatter us — bringing us out from our places of comfort and into world that needs good news.

Are we willing to unleash that mighty rush of wind in our lives? Or do we prefer to rely on the wind of fan that we can easily turn off when things get a little too out of control for us?

God of new days and new ways, grant us the courage to embrace the Holy Spirit in our lives, never fearing where the winds of change will lead. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

(Rev. Donna Frischknecht Jackson is a communications specialist for the United Church of Christ and author of today's Sunday Bulletin.)
