

Welcome

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR

Sunday,

June 5,

2022

10:00 AM

Pentecost Sunday





Welcome to Worship!

SUNDAYS @ 10:00AM

In-person Worship. Following COVID safety protocols

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



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Check or Cash. Mail to the address below ... this way still works fine

Vanco GivePlus App. Contact the church office to set up regular giving



Open Communion

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 invite 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 5, 2022 at 10:00am
Pentecost Sunday

Welcome to worship. The music before the service is intended as a time of silent prayer and preparation.

PRELUDE

"Veni, Creator Spiritus"

Ninth Century Plainchant

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenn Schneider

Those who are able please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: The disciples had done many things wrong, but now they had done something right:

C: They had taken their risen Lord at his word and had waited, just waited, for the gift of the Spirit.

P: Today we celebrate that gift -- the gift of God's Spirit, the gift of power to the church being born.

C: They were all together, like they were supposed to be, in one place and of one expectant mind.

P: We long for the same power, O God, to give wings to our words and courage for matching deeds.

C: Let us take the gospel with us, out of the church, into the marketplace, as witnesses both to your judgment and to your grace.

P: Today help us to hear the story of Pentecost as if for the first time;

C: And help us so to tell it to others, that they may be irresistibly attracted to our Lord Jesus, the Christ. Amen!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, forgive Your church for its lack of courage and nerve. Forgive Your church for its wealth among the poor, its fear among the powers of sameness, and its cowardice among the warring of the nations.

Eternal God, forgive us, Your children, for our lack of confidence in Your guiding Spirit, our lack of hope in Your empowering Spirit, and our lack of love in Your generous Spirit.

Humble us when we are strong; affirm us when we are weak; shame us when we trust only in ourselves; and surround us when we are lost. In Your great Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray for Your forgiveness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P: “Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved,” Simon Peter quoted the prophet Joel in his Pentecost sermon. In faith and contrition you and I have called upon the Lord, and we trust God’s Word that in so doing, by grace, our sins are forgiven. What shall we say to this?

A: Thanks be to God!

HYMN

"Gather Us In"

SSB #19



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ers,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-cr us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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CALL TO OFFERING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Old Testament

New Testament

David Iannotti

Genesis 11:1-9

The Acts 2:1-21

MUSICAL MEDIATION “Holy Spirit, Come to Us”

Taizè Chant

Those who are able please stand.

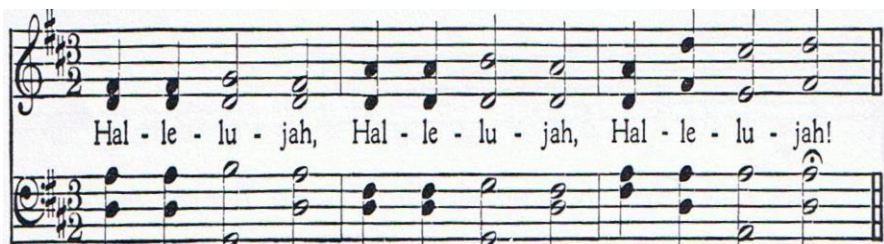
GOSPEL

John 14:8-17, 25-27

RESPONSE

“Alleluia!”

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The congregation may be seated.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND SILENT PRAYERS

HOMILY

“Pentecost 2022: What’s the Spirit’s Message?”

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

Prayer of Consecration

RESPOND
153 Eat of This Bread

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time, with a tempo marking of quarter note = 65. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "Eat of this bread, drink of this wine; come and be fed, come now and dine. Eat of this bread, drink of this wine; here all are fed, here all may dine." The score is divided into four measures, each containing a triplet of eighth notes. The chords indicated above the notes are: E-flat major, A-flat major, D-flat minor, G minor, C minor, F minor, F minor 7, D-flat minor, G minor, B-flat major, and E-flat major.

The Words of Institution

Participation

CLOSING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER ('debts') 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**

Those who are able please stand.

HYMN

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

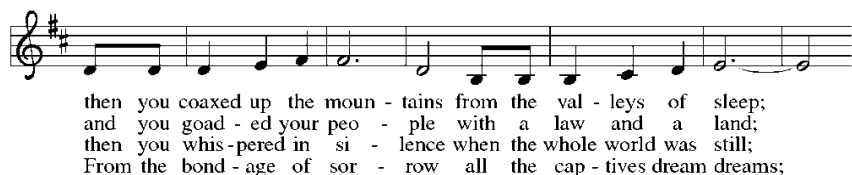
SSB #30

Refrain

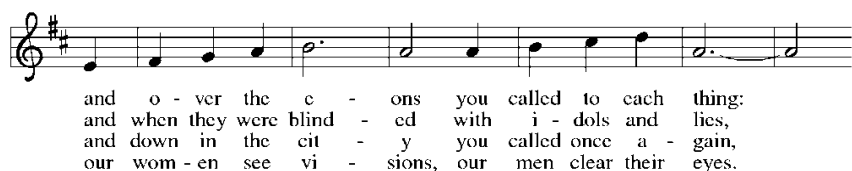


Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness
call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,
stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 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.

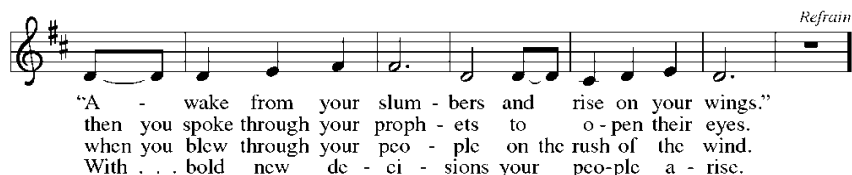


then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the c - 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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CHARGE

P: As it is a gift that we may serve God, let us now go forth, accepting the ministry to which each one is surely called,

**C: rejoicing in the blessing of our Creator God,
continually renewed in the life of Jesus Christ,**

P: and hoping in the presence of the Spirit.

BENEDICTION

P: Go in peace; be led out in joy.

C: Amen!

POSTLUDE “Come Down, O Love Divine”

by Vaughan Williams

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

MINISTER	Rev. Richard Lanford
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Ben Westphal
DEACON	Dan Guenther
LIVESTREAM	Beth Sterba
NURSERY ATTENDANT	Mike Ryan

News in the Pews

Good Morning! At Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit! Welcome to worship as we pray to be aware of the Spirit's movement around us here, as well.

About Communion: All Christians and seekers after God are invited in to partake of the Lord's Supper here regardless of denominational background. We practice open Communion. We do, however, ask our own St. Peter's U.C.C. young folk to first go through the Communicants Class (6th grade). IF you are with us in person, we hope you took one of the pre-filled Communion cups (juice) with the wafer on top. When the Pastor prompts us, please peel off the top layer of the cup covering to get at the wafer, then pull the wafer off to eat. If you are worshipping with us on-line, when prompted, please take whatever bread you have set aside for this, take and eat as prompted; when it's time for the cup, please do the same with whatever you have put in your cup at home (juice, wine, water, etcetera).

Thank you to everyone who helped us host the Outreach Open House yesterday!

Everyone is invited downstairs to the Memorial Room after worship for a special birthday-celebrating coffee hour hosted by Barb (the birthday girl) and Jim Todd. Please come down, wish her a belated happy birthday, visit and enjoy some goodies!

Chicago Rocks and Minerals meets here this coming Saturday night, June 11th, at 7:30 PM.

Village Inn Food Fundraiser is June 12th from 11 AM to 11 PM. You can support the church just by ordering out!! Just mention St. Peter's UCC when you order on this day and we get 20% of your total. That's it! Good for all ways of ordering!

Rummage Sorting begins with setting up on June 14th and 16th from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. We'll need lots of help and strong hands setting up/moving tables, bringing rummage back down to the gym. Then we'll meet Fridays from 10 AM to Noon starting on the 17th and then weekly Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 PM and Fridays from 10 AM to Noon. Come for a little time or the whole time, all help matters. Don't forget sorters get to shop while they sort!

Harrison and Angela Kuras were falsely accused of harming their son Harry II over a year ago, and they begin a trial last week for a judge to determine if Harry had been abused or whether he can return home to them (since he was taken away over a year ago). This trial is a bench trial and only to determine if he was abused or not. There may or may not be a criminal trial later depending on the results of this one. Special prayers are requested. At this point in their accumulated weariness over struggles and stress, Angela put out a request to us email her with easy-to-make meals, beyond frozen dinners and mac and cheese. You can email her at angela.washek@gmail.com or kuras7278@gmail.com.

We are always grateful for any and all offerings to the church. No amount is too small! So many thanks to everyone who's been keeping us going with your donations! See inside the bulletin's front cover for details on how to donate.

No more newspapers! The collection of newspapers for the Treehouse Human society has ended. Thank you so much for all your efforts.

Our People

Hospitalized: Dorothy Panzke returned to Elevate Care Irving Park for physical therapy: 4340 N Keystone Ave., Room #109, Chicago, IL 60641. Clara Melone planned to be home by now from Alden on Touhy, and Ralph Burmeister remains at Celebrate Senior Living, 7000 N. Newark, Niles. On a week from Tuesday, June 14th, Jenn Schneider will have knee replacement surgery.

Happy birthday! Having birthdays this week are Katy (Schuhrke) Aguayo and Ginger Kalensky. Gena and Dayle Zelenka and Cristy and Louie Lopez celebrate wedding anniversaries this week, too. May the blessing of God rest on all of them! Also, our sympathies to Office Manager Laura Olson who had to say goodbye to her greatest friend and pet Max last week after a progressive illness.

According to the schedule, next Sunday's Nursery Attendant will be Mike Ryan for Beth L.; the Lector will be the aforementioned Beth Lanford.

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Regular Reminders!

Please remember that we can always use food contributions for the Mini-Pantry! There are now copies of a list of suggestions and items by the narthex and on the shelves where the food is kept by the offices. Take one home! Demand has increased considerably since it was first installed last September. We always appreciate what is brought in, and the need does not go away. Perhaps if you are employed you could ask about doing a collection at your job. Thank you!

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MISSION MOMENTS

June 5, 2022

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21

Gathered and Scattered

Strengthen the Church Offering

The church year begins with Advent - the four weeks before Christmas. Then there is a short season of Christmastide, followed by Epiphany. Lent is the next season of the church year, which culminates in Holy Week and Easter. Eastertide, the season that follows Easter ends with Pentecost, which is today. After this, the church is in the long season known as Ordinary Time that lasts until Advent begins again in midwinter.

In thinking of the church year, for many churches, Easter is the high point of the year. With its majestic music, resurrection message, shiny new dresses and egg hunts, it can feel like it's all downhill from there. Pentecost can be easy to miss, just a stop on the way to the long stretch of ordinary time. But what if we framed it in a new way? What if Pentecost day - TODAY - was not a steppingstone but the culmination of all that we have been preparing for and the beginning of a new adventure?

On the first Pentecost Day, the disciples, mourning the perceived loss of Jesus and the life they had known with him, were ready to

give up. Then the Spirit arrived! When they felt the Spirit's presence, they were infused with new energy. New gifts flowed from them, giving them the power to speak to their neighbors of all languages. Even Peter, who had barely been able to put a sentence together until now, suddenly preached with flowing eloquence. The church received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost day, and everyone paid attention.

Like the disciples, we, in these post-pandemic days, are mourning what we have lost and are trying to adjust to the new normal of the lives we have now. Now, more than ever, let us receive the power of the Holy Spirit. Now, more than ever, let us perceive how that Spirit is already at work, empowering the gifts of our congregation. Now, more than ever, let us speak in the languages that those around us need to hear - a message of salvation and love that only we can tell.

Today, many churches receive The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering. STC reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

Genesis 11:1-9

Pentecost Sunday

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar.

Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the LORD said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.

Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

This ends the reading from Genesis. Our New Testament reading is the same it is every Pentecost; Acts Chapter 2, verses 1 through 21. Jesus ascended several days ago, telling them to stay and wait for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. A disciple named Matthias is chosen to replace Judas Iscariot. Now, on the Day of Pentecost, when Jewish tradition held that the Law of Moses was given at Sinai on this day, the church is created.

Acts 2:1 - 21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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

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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

John 14:8-17

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything,

and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”