

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(prayed together)

Creative Spirit, the whole of the gifts you have given us is greater than the sum of its parts thanks to your powerful presence in our lives and our church. Create miracles through the gift we return to you now. Create miracles through us, as we give ourselves back to you. Create miracles through our gifts as we share them with one another. Amen.

***CLOSING SONG**

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

#334

**GOING FORTH WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST
POSTLUDE**

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Worship Leader:

Pastor Chris Burnett

Lector:

Organist:

Vicki Merchlewitz

May Radio Sponsor:

Marilyn Deal

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Birthdays: June: 3-Karen West

Today, May 28: 10:00 am. – Worship

Coffee

Newsletter Articles due

Monday, May 29: Memorial Day Services

6:30am.- Pastor with VFW at Cemeteries

9am. – Sefrit Memorial Scholarship Service

10am. - Memorial Service at Courthouse

Tuesday, May 30: 9:30-11am. -Pastor at Feed Mill

Sunday, June 4: 10:00 am. – Worship

Coffee

Mahana Scholarship Reception

Friday, June 2: 9:30am. - 10th Anniversary of Homestead Assisted Living & Memory Care; 11am.

burgers & hot dogs, 12pm entertainment.

Did you know we are starting to make plans for our 165th Anniversary of our Church? We will

be celebrating by having a Barbeque Pork meal as a Fundraiser for the Care Team on

Wednesday, June 21 from 5-7pm. There will be a free will offering. More information to come.

Our Daily Bread June/July/ August devotional is available on the cart in the entry way to the

Education/Office/Fellowship Hall building.



First Congregational United Church of Christ
"Where No One Is a Stranger"
Pentecost Sunday
May 28, 2023

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JESUS ENCOUNTERS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

One: Created by one God, blessed and sustained by one Spirit, all are welcome here.

Many: **Coming from different places, we gather as one church, one community of faith.**

One: Bringing different gifts,

Many: **we come to offer ourselves as we are.**

One: Blessed by one Spirit,

Many: **we bring our unity of gratitude and praise.**

One: Let's worship God!

*OPENING SONG "Let Every Christian Pray" #332

*OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)

Holy Spirit, blow through our gathering, as you blew through that Pentecost gathering so many centuries ago. Breathe in us your new creation, that we may be renewed and revived to be your people once more. Speak through our differences and our diversity, and bind us together in unity and love. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (prayed together)

Spirit of Pentecost, would that all might tell of your wonders in our lives, your overflowing grace – but we are too busy complaining of someone's social media post. Would that we might share the Spirit which has transformed our lives, but we bottle it up, hoping to sell it on the internet. Would that we might let go of all the envy we have about others, but we let it erode our souls day by day.

Forgive us and pour your mercy into the closed rooms of our hearts. Breathe your peace upon us, that we might be healers of brokenness. Breathe your hope upon us, that we might open ourselves to the lonely. Breathe your love into us, that we might be as generous and welcoming as Jesus our Savior. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Listen! This is the good news spoken long ago, yet brought fresh to us by the Holy Spirit. God forgives us and fills us with all things new.

Many: **Thanks be to God! God gives us new hope, new joy, new life – this day and in all the days to come. Amen. Amen.**

SHARING THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-21

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (read together)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit: Justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage: to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI #734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with-out end. A-men, A-men.

FOCUS SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 read from the *Good News Bible*

MESSAGE "The Languages of Love" Pastor Chris

ASCENSION SONG "Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow" #333

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER (with debts/debtors)

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY Words #44

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.