

Pentecost



Church of the Palms

United Church of Christ

Where faith happens and love abounds

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Sunday, June 9, 2019, 10:00 am

Pentecost Sunday

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,

No matter who you love, you are welcome here!



Guests are a special blessing! *Please sign our Guest Book, located in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to receive our newsletters and weekly emails, include your email address. And join us after worship for conversation and refreshments in the Friendship Center.*



 As an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ, our goal is to extend to everyone an extravagant welcome in hopes that you will experience the abundant love of God here and be inspired to share that love with the world.

To enhance your worship experience...

- Kindly silence your cell phone in the sanctuary
- Back cushions are available in the back pew or ask an usher
- A hearing loop encircles the sanctuary for those with hearing aids`
- There are no assigned seats – sit where you feel most comfortable
- If you do not wish to keep your bulletin, please place it in the recycle box as you exit to Friendship Center
- Let us know what we can do for you!

KIDS KORNER During the summer months children will remain in the Sanctuary. An activity and reflection table is available in the back of the church for children through age 8. Sunday School resumes after Labor Day.

Prayer Requests may be submitted using the Connect Cards in the pew rack and placing it on the offering plate or called into the Church Office during the week. Prayer Ministry Gatherings are on the 4th Thursday of the month at 10:30am in the Sanctuary.

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**Those who wish may stand*

Welcome and Life of the Church

Prelude

Voluntary on Moricambe

Smith

*(You are encouraged to use this time for prayer & meditation.
In respect for others, please refrain from unnecessary conversation.)*

Call to Worship

One: Come, sing a new song of worship.
Many: Come, sing a new song of praise.
One: Today is a day of a promise fulfilled.
Many: With joy we celebrate Pentecost.
One: Pentecost – a day when power and comfort flowed.
Many: Pentecost – a day of hope and inspiration.
One: A day when the Holy Spirit was revealed in flaming glory
Many: and the glory was given to the people.
One: The fire of the Holy Spirit lives on in us. Sing praises!
Many: We sing praises, indeed!

***Gathering Hymn #59** *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

***Gathering Prayer and Prayer of Jesus** (*trespasses*)

One: Let us pray: Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters.
From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust.
All: Come, Holy Spirit!
One: Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith.
You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.
All: Come, Holy Spirit!
One: Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples;
you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.
All: Come, Holy Spirit!
One: Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God;
you make us the living temple of your presence;
you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.
All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you guide and make holy the church you create;
you give gifts: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and
fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety, the spirit of the fear of the Lord,
that the whole creation may become what you want it to be.

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: True and only Light, from whom comes every good gift, send your Spirit into
our lives with the power of a mighty wind. Open the horizons of our minds by
the flame of your wisdom. Loosen our tongues to show your praise, for only in
your Spirit can we voice your words of peace and acclaim Jesus as Lord.

All: Amen.

One: Being made one by the power of the Spirit, let us pray as our Savior has taught
us:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven....

One: God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
and may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and worship you now and
always.

All: 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.**

Children's Conversation

Song: **To be like Jesus, to be like Jesus! My desire to be like Jesus!**

All through life's journey from earth to glory, My desire to be like Jesus.

Anthem

Descend, O Heavenly Dove

Schweizer

Lord God, the Holy Ghost, in this accepted hour, as on the day of Pentecost, descend in all Thy power. We meet with one accord in our appointed place, and wail the promise of our Lord, by all adored, the spirit of grace.

Descend O heav'nly Dove, abide with us always, and in the fullness of thy Love, come from above, and cleanse us, we pray.

Like mighty rushing wind upon the waves beneath, move with one impulse every mind, one soul, one feeling breathe. The young, the old inspire with wisdom from above; O grant us gifts, and tongues of fire, hearts of desire, to pray, praise, and love.

Descend O heav'nly Dove, abide with us always, and in the fullness of thy Love, come from above, and cleanse us, we pray.

Prayer for Understanding

Reading of Scripture (*Common English Bible*)

First Reading Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (*read responsively*) Hymnal, page 690

*Gospel *Halleluja* #236 (*sung one time by all*)

*Gospel John 14:15-17

**Halleluja* #236 (*sung twice by all*)

Reflection on Scripture

The Holy spirit Came to Empower

The Rev. Misti Johnson-Arce

***An Affirmation of Faith for Pentecost Sunday**

One: At Pentecost the Holy Spirit was given to the church.

Many: **In pouring the Spirit on many peoples
 God overcomes the divisions of Babel;
 now people from every tongue, tribe, and nation
 are gathered into the unity of the body of Christ.**

One: Jesus stays with us in the Spirit,

Many: **who renews our hearts, moves us to faith,
 leads us in the truth, stands by us in our need,
 and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant.**

One: The Spirit thrusts God's people into worldwide mission.

Many: **She impels young and old, men and women,
to go next door and far away into science and art,
media and marketplace with the good news of God's grace.
The Spirit goes before them and with them, declaring the cause of
Christ.**

One: **The Spirit's gifts are here to stay in rich variety—fitting responses to
timely needs.**

Many: **We thankfully see each other as gifted members of the community
which delights in the creative Spirit's work.
She gives more than enough to each believer
for God's praise and our neighbor's welfare.**

Pastoral Prayer

Response #769

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Adagio

Dubois

***A Pentecost Doxology**

**God of our lives whose call comes clear through Jesus Christ, your presence near,
by Spirit led, your will we heed, your grace to show in word and deed.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Living God, you are the Lord of all!

Only you can send your Spirit to bring us new life.

**You graciously speak your word of hope in times of struggle and uncertainty
and in times of joy and peace.**

**We are grateful that you are continually at work in our lives
and the world to fulfill your promises.**

**May our giving today show our trust in you. We pray through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

*Hymn #286

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

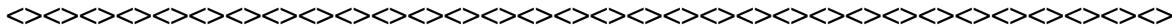
*Sending and Blessing

*You are invited to exit quietly or remain seated during the postlude
to enjoy a last moment of worship.*

Postlude

Allegro

Widor



PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

The Reverend Brad S. Lutz, Designated Pastor

The Reverend Misti Johnson-Arce, Guest Pastor

Edward Krynicki, Music Director

Barbara Sinclair, Liturgist



THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Office Hours this week are Tuesday - Thursday, 9AM-1PM.

The office will be CLOSED on Friday, June 14.

Pastor Brad will be out until Sunday, June 23.

If you need pastoral care, please call the office.

Women's Fellowship next meeting is Tuesday at 11am at the Palm Diner in Boynton Beach.

Congregational Conversation on repair of the stained-glass window will be Sunday, June 30, at 11:30am.

Offering Cards – are now available in the baskets in the back of the church. If you give electronically, you can place a “I give electronically” card in the offering plate to represent your donation. “Generosity” cards are available to those who cannot give or who are making a special gift of their time and/or talents. Please write what you will do this week in gratitude for your blessings on the back of the card. Pick up the cards when entering the sanctuary and place them in the offering plate during the offertory.

Mission Team Update:

- Family Promise Volunteer Training will be June 27, 6pm at 840 George Bush Boulevard, Building D. If you are interested in helping the homeless, RSVP with Sandy Symonds, 561-265-3370, ext. 100.
- The Live Fresh Shower Truck needs two volunteers every Friday (for signing in clients, distributing clothing, towels, hygiene kits and insect repellent. If you are interested in volunteering, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the back of the church.
- We have a box in the back of the sanctuary for donations of towels, new underwear, feminine hygiene products, socks and insect repellents for Shower Truck participants.



Food Donations are needed for CROS Ministries. Please put your food items in the bins at the back of the church and in Friendship Center. To make a financial donation, go to crosministries.org.