

CHRIST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pentecost Sunday

June 8, 2025

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

10:30am Worship Service

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kathy Pavick

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

UMH 334

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Leader: In rushing wind and cleansing fire ...

People: God's Spirit leads us here.

Leader: In courage found and faith renewed ...

People: God's Spirit fills our hearts with longing.

Leader: In visions seen and dreams made real ...

People: God's Spirit takes away our fear.

Leader: In rushing wind and cleansing fire ...

**People: God's Spirit sends us to share Christ's love. Let us worship God,
Creator, Redeemer and Spirit, together.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Gather Us In

TFWS2236

PRAYER OF INVOCATION²

**God of wind and flame, pour out your Holy Spirit on a world in need of
Pentecost fire. Fill your people with courage and power, and set our hearts
ablaze, that our young may have visions, and our elders may dream dreams.
Ignite a passion within us to spread the good news of your glorious salvation,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S HAPPENING

¹ Beu, B.J.; Scifres, Mary. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025: Worship Resources for Every Sunday of the Year (p. 138). (Function). Kindle Edition.

² Beu, B.J.; Scifres, Mary. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025: Worship Resources for Every Sunday of the Year (p. 138). (Function). Kindle Edition.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 11:1-9

Pew Bible 8

Acts 2:1-21

See Insert

*Read by:**The Rev. Jared Gadowski Littleton – Spanish**Pastor Dianne – German**Kathy Motley – English**Thomas Kate – Karen*

Romans 8:14-17

Pew Bible 919

*John 14:8-17, 25-27

Pew Bible 877

God is still speaking. **And we are still listening. Thanks be to God!**

GLORIA PATRIGlory Be to the Father*

UMH 71

SERMON*What Did You Say?*

Pastor Dianne Tobey Covault

RESPONSE TO THE WORD**HYMN OF REFLECTION***Sweet Holy Spirit*

UMH 334 (Twice)

CALL TO THE OFFERING³**OFFERTORY*****DOXOLOGY***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 94

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of wind and flame, your Pentecost fire continues to touch us and bless our world today. May our offering bring the warmth of your love, and the glory of your holy flame, to those who are shaken by the buffeting winds all around us. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Leader: Holy Wind, Spirit of Fire

People: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

PRAYER RESPONSE*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

UMH 420 V. 1

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIPAs a Fire is Meant For Burning*

TFWS 2237

***BENEDICTION**

³ Offering sequence from Beu, B.J.; Scifres, Mary. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025: Worship Resources for Every Sunday of the Year (p. 140). Kindle Edition.

CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

*Non-weekly meetings and activities are in **bold print**.*

SUN (06/08): **Graduation Sunday**

Worship, 10:30am

Finance, 11:45am/Emma Lang Lounge

SUN (06/15): Worship, 10:30am

We Are All God's Children

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

** denotes member*

*Bobby Blankenship	Al Tobey	Erik T.	Lindsey Elswick
*Monta Demchak	Carol De Laat	Frank	Lindsey Parker
*Dave Dickman	Carol	Gail	Mary
*Mitzi Herrick	Caroline	Geof Funk	Mary Ellen
*Cindy Light	Chris M.	J & J	Mary W.H.
*John Motley	Darlene	Jan	Max
*Peter Oesterreich	Darlene	Jim	MJ
*Janis Pongallo	Daryana	Jim	Rosie
*Linda Prudhoe	David R.	John	Roy Buser
*DeeDee Rencehausen	Dennis	Joshua C.	Seth Buser
*Nadene & Dennis Smith	Diane	Kathy	Sheri G.
*Joan Thorkelson	Dixie	Kevin Fischer	Ted and Marie Nyland
*Galen Younkin	Doug Emery	Laurie	Tom Szor
Ukraine, Israel and Gaza	Dotty	Lee	Viola
Pastor Jason Thompson	Ed Rote	Lily Van Scyoc	

Christ UMC Welcomes All

We welcome all persons to our church without regard to race, ethnic or cultural background, social status, gender, sexual orientation, age, theological perspective, political affiliation, or other means people use to categorize or discriminate against others. For our full statement, go to our website.

STAR WORDS

At the beginning of the year, we handed out “Star Words”. I invite you to take the word you chose and use it throughout the year as a way to center your prayer time and to be aware of God’s presence throughout the day. If you have not received a word, please let Pastor Dianne know and she will get one to you! Each week in the bulletin there will be a journal prompt or reflection question that encourages you in your use of the word.

For this week: **Has your word come up in unexpected places? Where and what was that experience like?**

BOOK BAGS

Coming into summer means the Outreach Committee is getting ready to be a presence at Jefferson Rocks. Dates are to be announced, but each Thursday we provide two crafts that the children (and some parents) can enjoy. As in past years, we would like to collect back packs and school supplies to pass out on the last Thursday. There will be a bin in the back of the church for back packs and supplies. If you would prefer donating money, Gillianne and Janis Pongallo will be happy to go shopping towards the end of July. Thanks for your help.

TAKE WHAT YOU NEED PANTRY BOX

The pantry box has become one of our most used outreach ministries! But keeping it full is a challenge. Please feel free to fill the box if you see it is empty, either from the supplies in the entryway or from your own cupboard! If you would rather, we could shop for you, just note that your monetary donation is for the pantry. Below are listed a few ideas of things you can donate. Thank you!

Canned soup
Canned fruit
Canned vegetables
Cereal

Canned stew
Canned fish
Canned beans
Baby Food

Peanut butter
Pasta (most prefer whole grain)
Rice (most prefer brown rice)
Toiletries

ACTS 2:1-21

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 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. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." Peter Addresses the Crowd

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews [a] and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 '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.

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

19 And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

20 The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

TRANSLATIONS OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

First Nations Version:

**An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament
Downer's Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2021**

O Great Spirit, our Father from above, we honor your name as sacred and holy. Bring your good road to us, where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above is reflected in the earth below.

Provide for us day by day—the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon. The corn, the squash & the wild rice. All the things we need for each day.

Release us from the things we have done wrong, in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us.

Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road, and set us free from the evil one and his worthless ways.

Aho! May it be so!

The Lord's Prayer (Alternate Version from the New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.

Lord's Prayer adapted for Mother's Day

Our Mother, who is in heaven and within us,
We call upon your names. Your wisdom come.
Your will be done, in all spaces in which you dwell. Give us each day sustenance and perseverance.

Remind us of our limits as we give grace to the limits of others.

Separate us from the temptation of empire, and deliver us into community.

For you are the dwelling place within us, the empowerment around us, and the celebration among us, now and forever. Amen.

The Ancient Aramaic Prayer of Jesus, Rocco A. Errico

Our Father who [is] throughout the universe.
Let your name be set apart. Come your counsel. Let your desire be, as in the universe, also on the earth.

Give us bread for our necessities this day.
And free us from our offenses, as also we have freed our offenders. And do not let us enter our worldliness, but set us free from error.
For belongs to you the kingdom, power, and song, from ages to ages. Sealed in faithfulness.
Amen.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION⁴

What gift of yours, of your family, and of your community has the Holy Spirit especially nurtured in recent times? How might that gift be expressed and used in a new way in the coming year?

HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: MORNING

Gracious God,
we thank you for the peace of good sleep
and for keeping us safe throughout the night.
Let this new day be a time of praise and joy
as we go out to meet you in our sisters and brothers.
We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: EVENING

Merciful Lord, as night comes to this house,
we thank you for the challenges and accomplishments of this day.
Give our hearts and minds the comfort now to rest in your care,
trusting that whatever tomorrow brings,
your hand will be ready to catch us if we fall. Amen.

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GOAL - FOCUS - STRATEGIES

GOAL: Grow in relationship with Jesus Christ in order to change the world around us, starting with our own community.

FOCUS: To achieve this goal, we will prioritize reaching out to our community as essential to our personal and congregational growth as Christians.

STRATEGIES:

1. We will build meaningful relationships with the people in our community.
2. We will strive to listen and understand the needs of our community.
3. We will use our building and resources to meet those needs in a tangible way.



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