

United Church of Christ
California, Missouri

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May 20, 2018 ~ Pentecost

**All those who are able, please stand.*

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Kya Peck Michelle Sedgwick

Bell Choir Opening

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered
in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit.

Amen.

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, says the Lord.

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.

Your old shall dream dreams.

And your young shall see visions.

Spirit of God, descend on our hearts.

Breathe new life into our hearts and lives.

May we sing praises to you as long as we live.

Come Holy Spirit. Breathe on us today.

*Hymn No. 228 “Spirit of God”

*Prayer of the Day

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon your Church and open our hearts to the power of the Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Prayer of Confession

Trusting in the promise of God's covenant with us, let us be bold to confess our sins. Most gracious God,

You have given us new power through your Holy Spirit, and yet we insist on living only in our own power. As a result, we stumble and fall along the way. We complain that we cannot do as you say because we are not strong enough, but your Spirit dwelling within us is stronger than any obstacle facing us. Forgive us and teach us not to rely upon ourselves alone, but upon you as our companion, comforter, and guide. Amen.

*Kyrie "Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"

*Words of Assurance

Dear friends, receive forgiveness for your lives. Be renewed and strengthened by the Spirit this day and always.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Call to Praise

O Lord, open our lips!

And our mouths shall show forth your praise!

*Act of Praise – "Gloria Patri" (*printed on laminated card in hymnal*)

Invitation to Children's Time

Hymn for Children “Jesus Loves Me”

Children’s Time Jo Ann Cantriel

Anthem “When Morning Gilds the Sky” Bell Choir

Prayer for Illumination Becky Schneider

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21 p. 948

Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27 p. 983

Gospel Reading: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 p. 940

Sermon “**Getting Ready For The Spirit**”

Invitation to the Offering

Hymn No. 239 “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

(Offering Received During Singing of Hymn)

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy Spirit of God, we dedicate our lives through the dedication of our gifts. We ask for your bold winds to magnify and multiply our tangible gifts to further your work of your kingdom here and around the world. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Any Christian who wishes to know the presence of Christ and share in the community of God's people is invited to receive the Sacrament.

The inner circle contains white wine. The outer circles contain red grape juice.

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And with you also.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Let us pray...(the Communion Prayer continues...)

The Lord's Prayer (*debts and debtors*)

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing the Elements

*(Please hold the elements until all have been served,
so that we may all commune together.)*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, we thank you for your great mercy given to us in this sacrament, whereby we are made partakers of Christ and all his benefits. So enrich us by the Holy Spirit that the life of Jesus may be made manifest in our mortal body, and all our days may be spent in your love and service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn No. 227 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

*Benediction

*Bell Choir Closing

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude

Ushers: Austin Mouse, Tammy Kilmer, Bob Burger, Rylee Hees

Greeters: Bob & Mary Burger

☞☞ Welcome, visitors! Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card (located in the pew rack) and place it in the offering plate. Thank you! ☞☞

A **Nursery** is available in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The attendant on duty is Taylor Geiser. The volunteer helper is Ginnie Medlin.

Need some help with hearing? See an usher at the back of the sanctuary to check out a hearing assisted unit for your personal use in the sanctuary and in the Friendship Hall.

Activities: May 20, 2018 ~ May 27, 2018

Sunday, May 20, 2018:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship – Holy Communion

5:00 p.m. Youth Group – Pizza & Games (Friendship Hall)

Tuesday, May 22, 2018:

9:00 a.m. Prayer Cell

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

10:30 a.m. Communion at California Care Center

Sunday, May 27, 2018:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Memorial Service at California Evangelical

Cemetery

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5:00-7:30 p.m. – Today!!

Youth Group – Pizza & Games (Friendship Hall)

Youth are welcome to bring a friend.

Bring a snack/appetizer.

Pizza & drinks will be provided.

BEGINNING A NEW MEMBER GROUP

Are you wishing to become a member of the United Church of Christ of California? We wish to assist you. We are always delighted to have people become a part of us. Soon we plan to have a New Member Group. **We plan to meet June 10th and June 24th** during the Sunday School hour, following the 9:30 am Sunday School opening. If you are interested in becoming a part of this New Member Group, or wish more information, please see the pastor or a member of the consistory.

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Becky Zuidervaart

Lois Heather

Elsie Meyer

George Reed

Jo Suggs

Billy Meyer

Jerry Grant

Bettie Hall

Danielle Farris

Robert Pace

All Those Serving in the U.S. Military, including:

Craig Hall (*Air Force, stationed in N. Carolina*)

Martin Knipker (*son of Kenny Knipker*)

Dwight Bowlin (*grandson of Jack & Carole Bowlin, Fort Campbell, KY*)

Dakota Meyer (*grandson of Elsie & Billy Meyer, stationed in Fort Hood, TX*)

Madelynn Perry (*granddaughter of Jan Anderson, army – in reserves*)

Dylan Ash (*son of Lanny & Ellen Ash, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina*)

Hayden Grant (*grandson of Jerry & Kathy Grant, Air Force, Pensacola, FL*)

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