



**PENTECOST &
CONFIRMATION
SUNDAY**

June 5, 2022

St. John's United Church of Christ

As believers in Jesus Christ, we strive with unconditional love and selflessness – using our God given gifts – to provide a nurturing shelter for those seeking a Christian home. We offer opportunities for spiritual growth through worship, education, fellowship, prayer and Christian action throughout our community and the world.

**Called by God
Sharing with the World**

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Pentecost Sunday

Meditation

“We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.” – The Nicene Creed 325 AD

Chimes

Prelude

Every Time I Feel the Spirit - spiritual
Gale Sterner, percussion

Welcome and Announcements

✠ Opening Hymn #334 *On Pentecost They Gathered*

On Pentecost they gathered Quite early in the day,
A band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, Filled all the swirling air,
And tongues of fire a glowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed
To understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
On women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
Rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
So people of all nations glad songs of joy shall raise.

Lifting up our Joys

June Birthday Blessings

Passing of the Peace

✠ Call to Worship (Congregation reads bold print)

The Spirit blows life through us all.

We gather in the renewing life the Spirit gives to us.

Let us then worship with great joy and celebrate the new life among us.

We bring praise and song, joy and laughter before God! Let the world hear our praises!

✠ Opening Prayer

Pastor Jeff

✠ Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Dear God, as we celebrate the coming of your Spirit on this Pentecost Sunday, we come to you in a spirit of repentance. We confess that life's busyness, our worries and cares, and our own self-centered needs hold us back from realizing our potential as your faithful disciples. Forgive us, O Lord. We open ourselves anew today to the work of your Holy Spirit in us.

Silent pause for reflection

Amen.

✠ Assurance of Forgiveness

Our Lord is full of compassion, long-suffering, and abounding in mercy. We are forgiven. **We give thanks and praise to God's name!**

(the congregation may be seated)

Bible Readings

Proverbs 3:1-12

Olivia Pacovsky

Acts 2:1-8, 12-21

Sophia Spolski

Choir Anthem

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God - arr. Lloyd Larson

The Sacred Rite of Confirmation for Olivia Pacovsky and Sophia Spolski

✠ The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. *(from the UCC Book of Worship)*
(The congregation may be seated)

Prayer for the Confirmands

Let us pray together: Almighty God, who in baptism received your servants Olivia and Sophia into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

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.

Charge to the Confirmands

Pastor Jeff

✠ Giving our Gifts to God

†Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

† Invitation to the Table

† Communion Prayer

Pastor Jeff

May the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy God, creator of heaven and earth. In the fulfillment of Christ's promise, you poured out the Holy Spirit upon the chosen disciples and filled the church with power. We thank you for sending your Spirit to us today to kindle faith and lead us into all truth, working in the church to make us faithful disciples and empowering us to proclaim the living Christ to every nation. And so we join our voices with all creation to praise you:

† Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of thy glory, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

(The congregation may be seated)

Words of Institution

Hear the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Blessing of the Elements

Pastor Jeff

Prayers of the People

The gifts of God for the people of God. Prepare your hearts for all things are ready.

Partaking of the Elements

Take and eat; this is the body of Christ, broken for you. **Amen!**

Take and drink; this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you. **Amen!**

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving *(unison)*

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

✠Closing Hymn #559

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have born my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
 They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them,
 Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
 My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them,
 Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart

✠ Sending Forth and Final Blessing

✠ Threefold Amen (sung)

✠ Chimes/Meditation

Postlude

Toccata Pontifical- Gordon Young



ALTAR FLOWERS

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God,
In honor of all the volunteers who have helped at
the pantry.*

Presented by Jeb & Edna Hart

Worship Leader: Pastor Jeff Johnson

Blessings to you from St. John's United Church of Christ in Orwigsburg.