

# Pentecost Sunday 31 MAY 2009

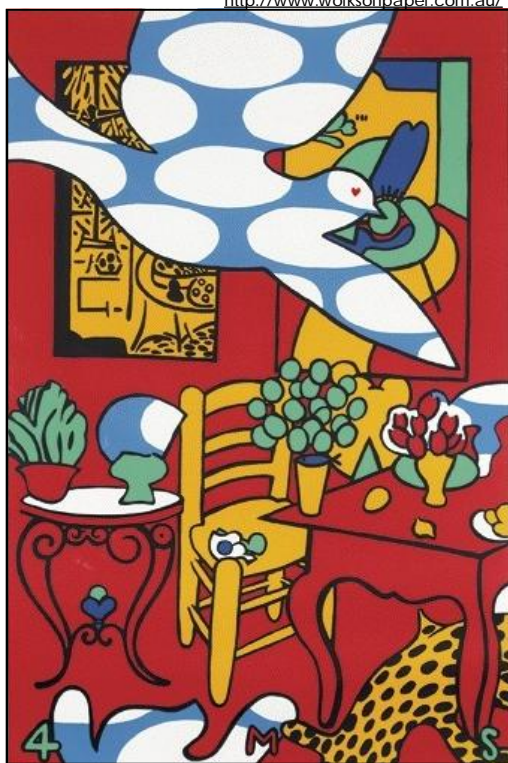
Following the God  
made known in the life  
and teachings of Jesus...

O Spirit of the living God,  
Thou light and fire divine,  
Descend upon Thy church once more,  
and make it truly Thine.  
Fill it with love and joy and power, with  
righteousness and peace;  
Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and  
sin and sorrow cease.

Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow  
until our minds are free  
From mists of errors, clouds of doubt,  
which blind our eyes to Thee.  
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with  
flaming love and zeal,  
To preach to all Thy great good news,  
God's glorious common weal.

-- Henry H. Tweedy

"Pentecost" by Martin Sharp  
<http://www.worksonpaper.com.au/>



## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

### Invocation

One: Holy Spirit,  
move through  
the babble of our worship words  
that we might hear the lucidity of your Word

### Response 742

words/tune: Phil Porter

*We sing this together once and then sing it two more times as a round.*

Gathered here in the mystery of this hour.  
Gathered here in one strong body.  
Gathered here in the struggle and the power.  
Spirit draw near.

### \*Litany (please stand as you are able)

One: Breathe on us God...  
Many: **Let the violence of your Spirit sweep among us  
and make us discontent.**  
One: Fill our churches with the overwhelming sound  
Of your rushing wind -- your ruah.  
Many: **Prepare us for the coming of your Spirit.**  
One: Make our hearts and minds ready to receive  
the blessing of the Holy Spirit,  
Many: **Prepare us to be filled with the strength of your Presence.**  
One: Breathe on us God...  
Many: **Prepare us for the coming of your Kingdom,**  
One: A perfect kingdom where no sword is drawn  
but the sword of righteousness,  
Many: **A perfect kingdom where no strength is known  
but the strength of love:**  
One: Breathe on this world your breath, and so spread your Spirit,  
Many: **So that everyone in this broken world  
may be children of one Parent.**  
One: Breathe on us God...  
Many: **Prepare us for the perfecting of your Church.**  
One: Set us on fire for your Word.  
Many: **Perfect us with a burning desire to do your will.**  
One: Let us speak to each person in this world  
in language they will understand.  
Many: **Fill us with all truth, in all truth with all peace.**

---<http://reverendmommy.blogspot.com>, adapted

## Welcome!

### A word about diversity:

We strive to be a safe place for all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background, sexual orientation or gender identity.

### A word about children:

We love children, babies, and teens and we welcome all ages to share worship with us. Professional childcare is available throughout the morning for those who prefer. Activity folders (available in the Narthex) allow children of all ages to respond creatively to worship. A playtime for preschool age children is offered after the Chancel Steps at the 11:00 a.m. service.

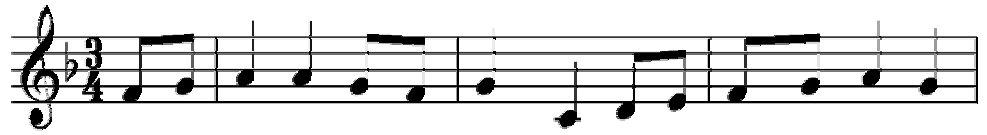
### A word about special needs:

We offer sign language interpreting at our 11am worship service. Special seating is available as needed. We are happy to provide transportation to worship and special activities. Please let us know how we can help make this worship experience more accessible.

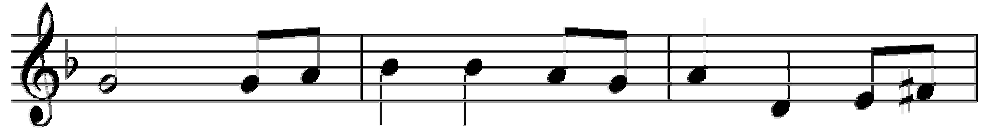
## Welcome Center

New to our community? Please stop by the Welcome Center in center of the Narthex (outside the sanctuary) to learn more about our community, our facility, and our programs.

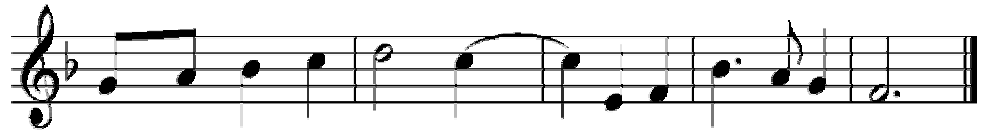
\*Hymn 270 "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" tune: Bridegroom  
words: Carl P. Daw, Jr.



Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her  
To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the  
With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the  
Vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our  
prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it come.  
midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it come.  
peace be - yond com - pare: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it come.

## Scripture

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

Acts 2:1-13

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

|                      |  |                  |
|----------------------|--|------------------|
| <b>Anthem</b> 8:30am | "Mask of God"<br>Sara Klosterboer        | Sara Klosterboer |
| 11:00am              | "Turn the World Around"<br>Chancel Choir | Harry Belafonte  |
| <b>Sermon</b>        | "Beware the Red Flag"                    | Katherine Hawker |

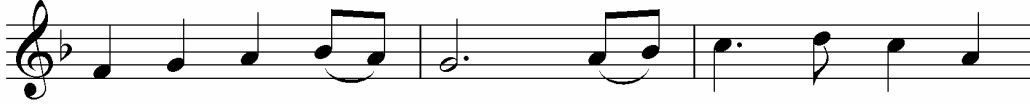
\*An asterisk next to a section means that we stand for this part of the service as we are able.

\*Hymn

"All Are Welcome" words/music: Marty Haugen



Let us build a house where love can dwell and  
Let us build a house where hands will reach be -  
Let us build a house where all are named, their



all can safe - ly live. A place where saints and  
yond the wood and stone, To heal and strength-en  
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give. Built of  
serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the  
taught and claimed as words with - in the Word. Built of



hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of  
out - cast and the stran - ger bears the im - age of God's  
tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of



grace, Here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
face. Let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
grace. Let this house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:



All are wel - come, all are wel - come,  
All are wel - come, all are wel - come,  
All are wel - come, all are wel - come,



all are wel - come in this place.  
all are wel - come in this place.  
all are wel - come in this place.

Warm Wind of heaven,  
moving the face of waters  
twirling tree blossoms  
fostering bush creatures,  
visit our untamed places.

Warm Wind of heaven,  
activating human clay  
raising consciousness  
stirring immortal longings  
fill up our empty spaces.

Warm Wind of heaven  
calling through leaders  
singing through psalmists  
reforming through prophets  
unite our warring races.

Warm Wind of heaven  
overflowing Jesus Christ  
enfolding all the lost  
keeping the church honest  
swamp us with your graces.

Warm Wind of heaven  
the gift of loving  
the love of giving  
the joy of living  
bless our upturned faces.

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## Visiting Stewards

We pray for...

Joyce & Earl Brown, and  
Scott Guerrero, chairs

Joe Kelly  
Don Schindel  
Lynn & Gretchen Loudermilk  
Al Schon & Roger Bridgewater  
Geno & Lola Contestabile  
Sarah Webster  
Kathy Adair  
Sarah Gottemoeller & Yoany  
Lopez  
Marie Keath & Steve Jenkins  
Laura Bardelmeier  
Brad & Alyssa Schnell  
Sean Bryant  
David Arnold  
Paul & Brenda Detrick  
Bob & Gigi Hill  
Nancy & Paul Mack  
Heidi Kehle  
Marlene & Sean McCarthy  
Doug Cormack  
Nancy Reiter & Lil Lau  
Marty Holland  
Jane Miles  
Tom Veltz  
Peggy Thater  
Bob & Bobbie Pahmeier  
Susan Dorris  
Jessica Short  
Amy Soell  
Paul Kachulis  
Donita Bauer  
Julianne Smutz  
Darcy Swanson & Carolyn Held  
Marilyn Stavenger  
Wynn Miller  
Lolly Wehrli  
Ken Ulmer  
Norma Leuthauser  
Jill Thompson

## Joys and Concerns

*Believing that each joy and/or concern expressed is indeed a prayer,  
After each expression, the worship leader will say: Lord in your Mercy.  
And the people may respond: Hear our prayer.*

## Our Lord's Prayer

Many: Father, may your name be holy.  
May your rule take place.  
Give us each day our daily bread.  
Pardon our debts, for we ourselves pardon  
everyone in debt to us.  
And do not bring us to trial  
into a trying situation.

Burton Mack's rendering of the "Q" Source

## Table Fellowship

### Invitation

### Remembrance and Blessing

Come, Holy Spirit, come.  
Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine.  
Bless all of us in our eating and drinking  
that our eyes might be opened,  
that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst  
indeed, in one another. Come, Holy Spirit, come.

*The Congregation is invited to come forward by the center aisle...  
partaking of the bread and cup. We are also invited to respond to God's  
goodness as we place an offering in the plates beside the table, and/or light  
a prayer candle. After returning to the pews, please take a moment  
to sign the ritual of friendship pads.*

## Introduction and Dedication of Visiting Stewards

Many: We ask for your blessing, O God,  
on these members of our community.  
May they, in their visits, experience the  
Hospitality and open hearts of this community  
Of faith, as we welcome them warmly.  
And may the spirit of generosity,  
Which was poured out on the early church,  
Be alive among us. Amen.

## \*Response

tune: Nettleton  
words: Sara Klosterboer

It's our time to join the chorus,  
It's our time to lift our voice.  
Looking down the road before us,  
It's our time to make a choice.  
Let us hear Your joyful singing,  
Help us make Your verses rhyme.  
Hope and welcome, we'll be bringing,  
Realizing it's our time.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Many: Gracious and loving Spirit:  
with appreciation for our past, joy in our present  
and confidence in our future,  
we who are rooted in faith and strong in diversity  
ask You to guide us as we share our abundance.

**\*Hymn**

“Send Down the Fire” tune/text: Marty Haugen

**Refrain**

Send down the fire of your jus- tice; \_\_\_\_\_ Send down the  
rains of your love; \_\_\_\_\_ Come send down the Spir- it, breathe  
life in your peo- ple, and we shall be peo- ple of God. \_\_\_\_\_  
Call us to be your com- pas- sion, \_\_\_\_\_  
Call us to learn of your mer- cy, \_\_\_\_\_  
Teach us the song of your love; \_\_\_\_\_ Give us hearts that  
Teach us the way of your peace; \_\_\_\_\_ Give us hearts that  
sing, Give us deeds that ring, Make us  
feel, Give us hands that heal, Make us  
ring with the song of your love. \_\_\_\_\_  
walk in the way of your peace. \_\_\_\_\_

**To Refrain**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

# SPREAD THE LOVE...

Strengthen the Church Special Mission Offering

## Special Giving for May

This offering, one of the five UCC offerings in which we participate during the year, supports funding new church starts and invigorating existing congregations; nurturing lay and pastoral leadership; building youth and young adult ministries; and supporting the God Is Still Speaking Ministry and its extravagant welcome for all within the United Church of Christ. All gifts are directed to activities and programs of our church's local conference as well as the UCC's national ministries. Please support the Strengthen the Church offering during the month of May. You may make a donation by writing Strengthen the Church on the memo line of a check or using one of the marked envelopes in the pews. Thank you!

## Sharing our Gifts

During our Procession to the Table (8:30am) and Celebration of Giving (11:00am), we are invited to consider our offerings. The easiest way to make a financial offering is to drop check or money, marked clearly for EUCC or for special offerings, in the basket during worship. You can also set up electronic giving, which saves paper—and you never need your checkbook. See Leslie in the office for details.

# It's Our Time...

## **TO CELEBRATE!!!**

### **Celebration Sunday - June 7th**



- 8:30am Worship
- 9:45am "Kaffeeklatch" hosted by Capital Campaign Hospitality  
Education for children
- 11:00am Worship
- 12:00pm Potluck picnic on the lawn,  
Hot dogs and beverages provided

All members and friends of EUCC are invited to celebrate our successful Capital Campaign on Sunday, June 7. Come to a grand "Kaffeeklatsch" between services in the Fireside Room. Join friends as we remember our past German heritage with an old-style kaffeeklatsch and celebrate the future growth of EUCC envisioned by our Capital Campaign. Coffeecakes will be served and juice will be flowing between 9:30 and 11:00.

We will have education for children during that time, as well as our regular professional childcare throughout the morning.

Then, following the 11am worship service, we will hold our annual Potluck Picnic on the lawn of the church. We will provide hot dogs and beverages and ask that you bring a dish to share at this fun family event.

*The place to be on June 7 will definitely be Evangelical United Church of Christ.*

### **Sts. Clare and Francis**

is a worshipping community of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion that is one of many of our Shared Space Partners. Sharing our space is one of the most significant ways in which we at EUCC reach out to our wider community, and Sts. Clare and Francis broadens our reach. While worshipping in a more liturgical format than is our norm, this community shares our passion for Jesus' life and teachings and seeks with us to model an inclusive vision of the gospel. We join together for many special services (such as Ash Wednesday and Lenten Midweek prayer) and programs (our Healing Circle and educational events). Sts. Clare and Francis invites EUCC members to worship with them on Saturdays at 5:00pm and we invite their members to worship with us on Sunday mornings. In both settings you can feel secure knowing that whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome.

### **Supporting Those in Need**

In recent months we have realized a surge in people coming to churches for financial assistance. Some come during the weekday to request money from staff, others come on Sunday morning in hopes of finding generous parishioners with open pockets. With the implications of our economic tumult, the need for assistance is great and growing. Our instinct to be helpful is good but our best help may not be to give money. Although those who request money have real need, money is not the solution for all of these needs. Long term relationships are essential to being truly helpful and trained professionals are also incredibly helpful in discerning helpful assistance. Neither of which are available in the parking lot (or Narthex) on Sunday mornings. Committed to providing real and sustaining support, we have developed a process for helping those in need and ask for your help in implementing it.

*We do not give cash to people approaching us for money in the parking lot or church.*

We refer to Webster Rock Hill Ministries.

- This ministry has a team of experienced staff and volunteers that are able to assess a range of needs and help to devise plans for long term success. They have access to neighboring agencies and have the ability to build networks of support.
- To help us guide people we have referral cards in the Narthex. You may choose to carry some in your pocket.
- If WRHM determines that one of our referrals has needs that exceed capacity or if the circumstances are unique, they contact us for support from our Samaritan Fund.

When members or friends of the congregation have a need for which we can be helpful, we use our Samaritan Fund to respond directly.

Cash gifts are most helpful to the Samaritan Fund (checks payable to EUCC and noted for the Samaritan Fund) and to Webster Rock Hill Ministries.

*Pray for all  
as we consider  
our commitment*

Paul and Peggy Thater  
Jill Thompson and Donita Bauer  
Chris and Lesley Tomlin  
David and Barb Touchette  
Jenny Touhey  
Ken and Susan Ulmer  
Mia Ulmer and Julianne Smutz  
Marilyn and Joe Ulrich  
Amy Van Matre and Jody Woodward  
Paul and Jan Vasterling  
Tom and Molly Veltz  
Kevin Vogler and Cindy Lappin Vogler  
Lewis and Helen Wall  
Gary and Judy Walters  
Sarah and Rick Webster  
Sally Wehling  
Lolly Wehrli  
Leonora Weiland  
Michael Welch  
Michael and Margie West  
Lee Whiston  
Fran White  
Lori Winter  
Lowell and Maya Zuck

Over the course of the Capital Campaign, our leaders will ask us to pray for each local, active member of the congregation. This week we ask you to pray for these people.

**Peanut Butter Peace Trail  
Planning Party—June 14**

Sunday afternoon at 4pm all friends of Peace Trail are invited to a potluck planning party at the Soell's home. Children are welcome. Please let Amy ([amysoell@hotmail.com](mailto:amysoell@hotmail.com)) or Katy ([khawker@evangelicalucc.org](mailto:khawker@evangelicalucc.org)) know if you can join us!

Mark your calendars: **August 3-7**  
<http://www.projectpeanutbutter.org/>



**Church/Family Camp!  
Shannondale—June 12-14**

Join your church family for a week-end in the Ozarks. Bring your tent or sleep in the lodge. Spend the day on the river or lounging with friends. For more information, contact Jeanne Smith—[Jeanne@brainski.com](mailto:Jeanne@brainski.com)

**Health Screenings**

Blood pressure screenings, usually held on the 4th Sunday each month, have been rescheduled to today due to the Memorial Day Holiday. Parish Nurse Lisa von Stamwitz offers screenings between services.

**Summer Yoga**

Our Summer Yoga session will begin Saturday, June 20, at 9am. We will again be led by our own Amy Soell.

**Joint Neighborhood  
Ministry Fundraiser**

You are invited to attend an Appraisal Tea, a fundraiser for Joint Neighborhood Ministry to be held at St. Philip's UCC (10708 Lavinia 63123) on Sunday, June 14th at 1:30pm. Tickets are \$15 and space is limited. Reservations: 636-333-2244. Bring an antique or collectible for appraisal by an expert, and shop JNM Boutique for new and gently worn clothing.

*We are honored to share this  
time of worship with you.  
Please take a moment to sign  
the gray attendance folder  
at the aisle end of the pew.*

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**TODAY at EUCC**

During our Education Hour:  
Sunday School  
Coffee Fellowship  
Health Screenings

Also today:  
Youth Group at 6pm

**This Week at EUCC**

Job Jar Gang—1st & 3rd Mondays at 9am

Staff Meeting—Mondays at noon

AI Anon—Tuesdays at noon

Celebration Sunday (see info on page 6)

**Youth Group**

May 31: For our final scheduled weekly Youth Group meeting of the year, we will be doing service at Lydia's House. We will leave after church to get to there by 1. You may bring a lunch for the road or some money for a fast food lunch.

**Summer Dates:**

Shannondale  
June 12-14, 2009

Peace Trail Planning Party  
June 14

Father's Day  
June 21

Pridefest  
June 27-28

Congregational Meeting  
July 12

Grandparent and Elder Tea  
July 19

Peace Trail  
August 3-7

Sunday Morning  
 Shared Ministry Opportunities — Signups are in the Narthex

| Ministry             |   | Today  | Next Week  |
|----------------------|---|--|--|
| Liturgists           | Read the Morning Scripture and Prayers                    | Marilyn Stavenger (8:30am)<br>Open (11am)                                | open   |
| Shepherds            | Assist Phiwa with Preschool Playtime (11:00am service)    | Mechem   | open   |
| Crib Room Assistants | Help Carole play with our babies (two shifts)             | Marlene McCarthy, Sandy Bowe   | Teri Hillen, Marie Keath                               |
| Ushers               | Greet worshippers and (at 11:00am) collect offering       | Joli Baker, Sean Bryant, Joe Ulrich, Earl Brown, Ken Ulmer, Paul Huppert | David Faulkner, Sandy Bowe, Geno and Lola Contestabile |
| Coffee Hour          | Provide finger foods and greet community between services | Melinda Love and Sean Bryant   | Celebration Sunday                                     |
| Money Counters       | Count the weekly offerings and enter into database        | Jeanne Smith, Don Hubatka  | Norma Leuthauser, Ken Ulmer                            |
| Welcome Table        | Greet visitors and members                                | Marilyn Stavenger, Kathy Moore   | Marilyn Stavenger, Wynn Miller                         |

Pastoral Team  
 Katherine Hawker,  
 Marilyn Stavenger, Al Schon

Music Team  
 Donita Bauer,  
 Jill Thompson, Darcy Swanson  
 Parish Nurse, Lisa Von Stamwitz

Student, Nancy Mack  
 Youth, Phiwa Langeni  
 Education, Sue Schindel  
 Sunday AM, Carolyn Held  
 Nursery, Carole Janssen

Campus Minister at Webster, Laurel Hayes

Administration, Leslie Evans

President, Laura Bardelmeier

Secretariat, Erik Soell

Financial, Ken Ulmer

Facilities, Wynn Miller

People Team, Debbie Gregg

Community, Patty Pelikan, Janet Rundquist

Servant, Lori Winter, Laura Evans

Worship, Margie West, David Faulkner

Endeavoring to maintain the unity of the Holy Spirit in the bond of peace, we are open to and affirming of each child of God, recognizing that we are called to be as one reconciled Body with members of every race, gender identity, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, class, age and physical or mental health and ability.

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