

Christ Church

an Open & Affirming Congregation
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Bob Gross

Music Director: Terryl Dietert

Visuals/Guitar: Paul Mayeshiba

Video: Richard Tremarello

Liturgist: Randene Wick

Welcome to Christ Church! We are so glad you are here this morning! Whether you are a "first-timer," a regular, or somewhere in between, it is a joy to have you here with us this day. May you be blessed by God's Word in worship today! If you are a **first-time visitor**, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the offering plate, and then make your way to the Chapel (in the back) after worship where we have a small gift for you.

**Please stand as you are able*

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

- Johnson

*Call to Worship

One: Come from the West and the East, the South and the North, to be renewed by the Holy Spirit.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

One: Receive the promised power from on high.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

One: Let your lives overflow with the living fire that renews the face of the earth.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

*We All Sing

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

See end of bulletin

*Opening Prayer

One: Let us pray together.

All: Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit on your church in this time and place, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness, that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*The Peace

One: The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: I invite you to pass the peace of Christ to those near you, in whatever way you are most comfortable.

*Response

God Welcomes All

-John Bell

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

Time for The Young and The Young at Heart

Jesus prayed:

"I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Gift of Music

Dona Nobis Pacem

- arr. Hopson

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21a

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.

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

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

Jill U's friend Jeanette, Nancy S, Joan A's grandson Blair

The Lord's Prayer

**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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Calling for Our Best

One: Jesus is Sovereign to the glory of God! And now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit, and there are a variety of services, but the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the evidence of the Holy Spirit for the common good. To continue the promotion of the work of the Holy Spirit in the world, let us share our resources.

SCAN TO DONATE



Offertory

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

- Jackson

*We All Sing

*Doxology*tune: *Old Hundredth*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God, above you heavenly hosts,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

**All: Spirit of Life, we celebrate you. Thank you for blowing
afresh upon our spirits, renewing us and granting us the
high pleasure of sharing what we have. Grant that these
gifts may be used to spread the joy of Jesus in our world.
Amen.**

*We All Sing

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

#551

*Benediction

*Response

The Trees of the Field

#710

*Postlude

Allegro

- Boyce

THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH

Today

Habitat for Humanity planks
Strengthen the Church Special Offering
Revitalizing Church Book Study

Tuesday, May 19

Quilting, 9:30am
Council Meeting, 6pm

Thursday, May 21

Handbells, 9:30am

NEXT SUNDAY

Offering Counters Meeting
Habitat for Humanity planks

Greeters: Janet Dietert, Jill Unglaub

Counters: Sara Rogers, Jill Unglaub

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You! | We did it! The 2026 Christ Church Rummage Sale was a huge success! \$3136 was raised for the General Fund. \$384 in bakery was sold for the Bay View Community Center. \$44 was donated for our missions.

A big thank you to everyone who donated, sorted, sold, volunteered, delivered, and all of the other million little jobs that made the sale so successful. Thank you to Julie Oren for managing PayPal for the sale, and for keeping our finances in order. And thank you to everyone who worked Monday and Tuesday to wrap up the sale, put the rooms in order, and take donations to Good Will. We are a great team here at Christ Church. Many hands truly make light work, and Christ Church really pulled together to make the Rummage Sale happen.

Many thanks to Tim Tehan and Tehan Greenhouses at 1515 E Rawson Ave, Oak Creek, for their generous donation to the Christ Church Rummage Sale. We appreciate their support of our ministries.

A million thanks to Karen and Plantland at 6204 S Howell Ave, Milwaukee, for their generous donation to the Christ Church Rummage Sale. Their support of our ministries is much appreciated.

Boiler Shutdown | On **Sunday, May 23**, we will be turning off our boilers for the season. You may want to bring a sweater or light jacket if the weather seems cool. Thank you for bearing with us during this heating season while we experienced numerous heating outages. We will be addressing the boiler problems in the very near future and expect to be ready for next Fall and Winter. *Property Committee, Submitted by Dick Gaeth*

Church Revitalization Book Study | Our conversation continues.

The schedule is as follows:

May 24 – Pages 69-82, Choosing Frontier

June 28 – Pages 83-100, Choosing Now

It's not too late to join the conversation. Contact *Pastor Bob* for a book.

Habitat for Humanity Planks | Sundays, May 24 and May 31

Get involved! Decorate a plank for one of the 40 homes under construction this year and share a message with the new owners. The planks will be on the main level and in the fellowship hall. Consider a short prayer, favorite Bible verse, artwork. There will be examples for you as well.

Social Concerns Committee, *Mary Ann Mowery, Sara Rogers, Jan Naefken, Debbie Hansen, Peggy Carew, Randene Wick*

Offering Counters' Meeting | Sunday, May 31, immediately following church, there will be a meeting to cover changes to the counting & review procedures. Thanks, *Sue Cribb*

Sunday School | Sunday School class is held the third Sunday of the month for children in grades 1 through 8. The end-of-the-year Sunday School celebration will be **June 7** and will be held in the Sunday School room. There will be no Sunday School class in July or August. Watch for information about Rally Day in September. For more information, contact *Michael Key or Pastor Bob*.

Capuchin Walk for the Hungry | Friday, June 12, 6-8pm

Team: Christ Church UCC | Place: Aurora Pavilion, Summerfest grounds

Register: <http://www.capuchinwalk.org>. Sign up with the Christ Church UCC Team. Questions, please see *Rich Tremarello*

Every Time I Feel the Spirit (Kindle Our Souls)

Traditional African American Spiritual, new words by Andra Moran
Written for Pentecost in response to the death of George Floyd. Black Lives Matter.
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*The music may be found in the hymnal #481
Note that we will sing a verse before the chorus.*

**As we gather, kindle our souls
Our broken pieces becoming whole
A new beginning, a brand new day
Bring us together in every way**

***Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart,
I will pray***

***Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart,
I will pray***

**When we fall short, God, to do what's right
Guide us swiftly back to the light
Let peace and justice together reign
Let all the faithful catch Spirit's flame**

Chorus

**As loving people, help us to share
Your power and presence everywhere
Let justice roll down and righteousness,
Like flowing water, be in our midst**

Chorus



Pentecost

by Steve Garnaas-Holmes

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2.4

Probably not eloquently. More likely in halting Phrygian, mangled Mesopotamian. It probably took some back-and-forth, some double-checking, requiring not just proclaiming but listening, relating, getting feedback, patience on the part of the hearers, and courage and humility on the part of the speakers—willingness to risk, to be beginners, to appear foolish, to forgo the safety of being in the dominant group, overcoming barriers. None was a solo. They were all ensemble pieces.

Pray for such humility and courage,
to risk for the sake of love,
to be foolish for the sake of relating,
to let other people's reality be real.
To harmonize.

This is how the Holy Spirit speaks, loud and clear.

Monthly Activity	April	YTD
Contributions & Other Income	\$10,006	\$57,662
Expenses	\$17,758	\$79,677
Budgeted Amount	\$18,051	\$72,206
<i>Last week's offering: \$1,574</i>		

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