



## The Community Gathers

PRELUDE, CHIMES AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Pam Campbell, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christy Hasch

PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling

UMH #384

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: One Pentecost Sunday morning, a happy 4-year-old took a red balloon to church. The balloon was attached to a beautiful orange string.

**PEOPLE: It was a thing of beauty!**

LEADER: A few moments passed before the child headed for the doors. You could tell she was upset. "What's the matter?" I asked.

**PEOPLE: I bet they loved the balloon!**

LEADER: That's when it came out. Heartbroken, the little girl was told that red balloons don't belong in church, even on Pentecost.

**PEOPLE: We thought God would like balloons.**

LEADER: Let's celebrate balloons, parades and chocolate chip cookies because it's Pentecost. Let's celebrate people understanding each other even if they don't speak the same language. Let's celebrate one another.

**PEOPLE: Today, we celebrate Pentecost with red balloons, and a child who laughs out loud and jumps into puddles. Today, we celebrate Pentecost like children waiting to be tickled, and who whisper in loud voices. Today, we celebrate Pentecost and each balloon is a tongue of fire.**

LEADER: Like children, may we color outside the lines and not get caught up in all the adult hang-ups.

**PEOPLE: Like children, may we be honest and real. Like children, may our offering be our red balloons.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Spirit Song

UMH#347

OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God, you sent the promised gift of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the women, upon Mary the mother of Jesus and upon the family he made for himself. Kindle in us flaming hearts that declare your mighty works in every tongue that calls on you for grace, healing, and salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

JOYS, CONCERNS AND GOD SIGHTINGS

PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Hitch a Ride"

Renata Knox, Director



## Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

*"If we hope for what we do not see, we hope for it with patience."* ~ **Romans 8:25**

TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

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\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**As we gather on this Pentecost Sunday, Lord, we are reminded of the transformative power of your Spirit, breathing life into the hearts of your people. Just as you enlivened the early church with the wind and fire of your presence, empower us to prophesy healing and life into the brokenness of our world. May our offerings today be a testament to our faith in your promise of renewal and restoration. Amen.**

### Hearing and Responding to the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

HYMN

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

TFWS #2193

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Cindy Kocher

GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

# AFFIRMATION

The word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

"The Pentecost Paradox"

Pastor Mark Crist

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

### Going into the World to Serve

\*SENDING SONG

"See How Great a Flame Aspires"

UMH #541

(Sung to: Christ the Lord is Risen Today)

\* BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"The Lord Bless and Keep You

TFWS #2280

POSTLUDE AND TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

**Events this Week:**

**Sunday, May 19, 2024**

9:30am Crusaders  
9:30am Searchers  
10:30am Worship

**Celebrate Our Graduates!  
Work Day Right after Church**

**Monday, May 20, 2024**

5:30pm M&M's Meeting

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024**

10:00am Commodities  
5:00pm Sitting With Jesus

**Sunday, May 26, 2024**

9:30am Crusaders  
9:30am Searchers  
10:30am Worship

**Monday, May 27, 2024**

Memorial Day



**20~Gary Caspers  
20~Kim Kindscher  
23~Stanley Krohn  
23~Judy Baker  
24~Kyle Kindscher  
25~Brooks Kindscher**

*Prayer Requests*

KYLE SWENSON JAN NOVLAN JOAN KROHN MARVIN PETERSEN JOSH FREEBORN DAKOTA BROCKMAN WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST	AMANDA WATERMAN LAURA CHRISTENSEN TRISH & DAN WATERMAN HARLEY & DARLA ADAMS BETH WHISLER CAROL RUUD
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Attendance & Financials		
	Attendance	Offering
April 28	51	\$1,795.00
May 5	44	\$3,792.00
May 12	61	\$2,251.00
Monthly Budget		\$16,783.00
May Offering to date:		\$6,043.00
Year-to-Date:		\$69,009.00



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**~Romans 8:25**

**May 19, 2024**

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**Rev. Mark Crist, Pastor**

**Welcome to our guests!**  
We are glad you are here.  
We hope you were blessed by your experience at  
First United Methodist Church  
this morning and will tell friend.

**Do No Harm ~ Do Good ~ Stay in Love With God.**  
**John Wesley**