

**Peace United Church of Christ
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Pentecost Sunday
10:30am**



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Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bells

*Call to Worship

As we gather together in this place,
let us strain our ears to hear the rush of wind, the crackle pop of fire.

We listen for your call, God of spirit and flame.

We take our place in your unfolding creation.

Rejoice, for God's spirit flows among us!

Rejoice, for today the church embraces transformation.

In the midst of rebirth, we join our voices in praise!

Let us worship God.

*Song *In the Midst of New Dimensions* #391, *New Century Hymnal*

***In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?***

Refrain:

***God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore.***

***Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?***

Refrain:

***As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,
Grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams.***

Refrain:

***We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.***

Refrain:

***Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again.***

Refrain:

*Prayer of Confession

God, you invite us to wonder.

We confess that we find more comfort in the mundane.

**We lean into the familiar and treat the amazing
as suspicious or even threatening.**

**We long for a routine to keep us safe from pain,
and we're willing to give up joy in exchange.**

Reshape our hearts for possibility, O God.

Awaken our senses to your wondrous work in the world,

and give us the courage and will to follow you.

*Assurance of Forgiveness from Psalm 104

The psalmist writes,

“O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

When you give to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.”

It is through this same creative, renewing Spirit that we experience God’s grace.

We give thanks as a renewed, forgiven people!

*Passing of the Peace

Story for All Ages

Amanda McElray Hunter

Sending the Children

***Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around:
loaves abound!***

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Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Special Music

Be Still My Soul

Ian Connell

Scripture Reading

John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Song

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness #286, *New Century Hymnal*

Refrain:

***Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,
calling and free, Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.***

***You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons you called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."***

Refrain:

***You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
When they were confounded by their idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.***

Refrain:

***You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
And down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.***

Refrain:

***You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams;
Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.***

Refrain:

Community Prayers and Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus

**Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom
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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kin-dom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Sung Amen

Offertory

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen!**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Song

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

#293, *New Century Hymnal*

***There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.***

Refrain:

***Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.***

***There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know that Spirit's fullness and believe;
you're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to stay with Jesus all the way."***

Refrain:

*Benediction

*Postlude

Assisting in Today's Service:
Laurie Berner and Pam Kramer, Ushers



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Strengthen the Church Offering

A United Church of Christ offering used to help revitalize congregations and provide resources for their ministries, received each year on Pentecost Sunday. We will receive this offering in church today.

ICMJ Community Potluck, May 30, 4-6 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church

Come share in an end-of-the-year community potluck hosted by the Interfaith Committee for Migrant Justice. Celebrate the year's achievements, get to know your neighbors, become a part of the Twin Ports welcoming community. Trinity is located at 1108 E. 8 Street. Use the door on the 11 Avenue side of the building.

Summer Sunday Schedule

Starting with our Annual Meeting on June 7 we will be switching to ONE SERVICE at 9:30am followed by coffee hour at 10:30am.

Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 7 after the 9:30am Service

Following worship on Sunday, June 7, we will hold our annual program meeting, electing new leaders and accepting the annual report.

Annual Meeting Potluck

Everyone is invited to a potluck following the June 7 annual meeting. We will provide mini chicken salad sandwiches and vegan chicken salad sandwiches. Gluten-free buns will be available. If your last name starts with A to M please bring a salad or side dish. Last name starting with N through Z please bring a dessert or snack.

Please drop off your potluck dish in the kitchen before the 9:30 am worship. There is plenty of space in the refrigerator to keep things cold and we will have the oven on low to keep anything warm. No need to bring serving utensils, but please bring a list of ingredients so we can label items that have common allergens.

Children, Youth, and Families Summer Schedule

Reminder to families, there is no Nursery Care during the summer – this includes June 14 - September 6.

Summer services with Children's Church will be: June 7 & 21, July 5 & 26, August 9 & 30. Please mark your calendars!

KidsConnect Camp 2026! June 15-19, 9:00am-12:00pm at Pilgrim Congregational Church

Calling all:

- K through 5 elementary children!
- Youth who want to be Camp Counselors!
- Adults who want to volunteer!

KidsConnect is where children use their brain power as they connect with Jesus, family, and friends of all ages! As children learn and create together, they will find a place of belonging, make new friends, and follow

Jesus's example of making room for all and loving one another. This half day camp is our version of Vacation Bible School in partnership with Pilgrim Congregational and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Duluth. Email Amanda for the registration link at amanda@peaceucc.org.

This Week's Schedule

Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day
Office Closed

Wednesday, May 27

8:30am Chum Breakfast Making in the Kitchen
1:30pm Peace Bell Folding in the Fireside Room
3:00pm Tea & Talk in the Fireside Room
5:00pm Bible Study in the Fireside Room and Zoom

Thursday, May 28

8:00am Men's Breakfast at Perkins on London Road
3:00pm Sanctuary Now Team Meeting in the East Timor Room

Sunday, May 31 - Graduation Sunday

8:30am Worship with Holy Communion. Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis
9:30am Self-Serve Coffee in the Narthex
9:30am Breakfast for the Graduates in the Fellowship Hall
10:00am Childcare Available in the Nursery
10:30am Spring Plant Sale in the Fellowship Hall
10:30am Worship with Sermon by Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis. Recognition of Graduates.
11:30am Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall