

# Union Congregational United Church of Christ



At Union, we are all the body of Christ together:  
Through our voices, Christ is still speaking  
Through our hands, Christ is still serving  
Through our hearts, Christ is still loving



June 8, 2025

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Our sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop. You can access the loop by activating the T-coil in your hearing aid. If you do not have a T-coil, you can request a portable receiver from an usher.

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# Welcome to Union Church!

- Today's service is being live streamed via Facebook and YouTube.
- During the Children's Moments, the live stream will display a graphic, in order to protect our children's privacy.
- See an usher if you would like a children's activity packet or if you need help finding the nursery.
- Visitors are encouraged to fill out a visitor card at the usher's station or email [office@unionucc.com](mailto:office@unionucc.com) to receive our weekly email newsletter.
- Visitors, if you would like more information about our church, please take home a yellow "Welcome to Union Church" folder located at either sanctuary door. If you have trouble finding them, ask one of our friendly members to help you locate one!
- We encourage those who are COVID positive or have cold or flu symptoms to worship from home and to consult with your healthcare provider to ensure you are engaging in best practices regarding masking, distancing, and receiving vaccines/boosters, particularly if you or someone you live with have health concerns.



## Music Notes



Today's jazz music blends both sacred and secular sources and is an opportunity to refresh our expectations of our worship music. In standard jazz combo practice, everyone has been provided the same music. Your bulletin holds the exact version that the drummer, the bassist, and the rest of the combo use. In this tradition, each can take from the page what they need to create music around, with, and through one another with democratic deference, sharing their individual ideas as each maintains their part of the whole.

Today's hymns include reharmonizations, all by Sam Stranz, of traditional works by major authors and composers Marty Haugen and Ruth Duck, a Caribbean folk tune, and an updated version of the spiritual "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" from the Convergence Music Project ("music for a just and generous Christianity"). These new lyrics were written in response to the death of George Floyd in May 2020 for Pentecost just a few days later. Our service music highlights traditional symbols of Pentecost (wind, flame, spirit, bird). The Portuguese title of the postlude ("Corcovado") refers to the mountain overlooking Rio de Janeiro which holds the famous "Christ the Redeemer" statue.

—Haley Steele, Music Director

# ***Serving Christ . . . Loving Each . . . Affirming All***

## **Pentecost Sunday**

June 8, 2025

10:00 a.m.

### **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

(\*) invites all who are able to stand

**PRELUDE:** *"Softly, as in a Morning Sunrise"* Sigmund Romberg  
With music and silence we begin worship, praying quietly and opening our hearts to God.

### **THE LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY**

Welcome! Please share Announcements, Ministry Opportunities, Joys and Concerns.

### **PRAISING OUR GOD**

**THE BOND OF UNION:** (in unison)

***Giving our all as we have been given all...***

**We accept the religion of love and service which Jesus lived and taught, and declare it our purpose to strive to do the will of God, and to make the Christ Spirit dominant in our lives and in all human relations.**

**\*GATHERING PRAYER:** (in unison)

**You come like a dove to every time and every place, in every language and way of communicating, announcing through your Spirit that we are your Beloved.**

**You come like a whirlwind, Fire of God, grace tumbling over grace,  
your hope completely transforming all it touches into something new.**

**You come first as a breeze and then a mighty gale, breath of God,  
your winds of peace and hope as critical to us as our very breath.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, come! Inspire us once more.**

**Comfort us with the promise that you will abide with us beyond all time.**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** (responsive)

**Leader:** When the truth of our lives remain hidden, when our hearts are shuttered, when our souls are full of fear because of what we have said and done, God comes, breathing new life, blowing away our failings, restoring to us new hope. Let us pause to offer our silent prayers of confession to God. (Silence is kept.)

**All:** **Forgive us and pour your mercy into the closed rooms of our hearts. Breathe your peace upon us, that we might be healed and become healers. Breathe your hope upon us, that we might open ourselves. Breathe your love into us, that we might be as generous and welcoming as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (responsive)**

Leader: God promises that the Spirit will abide with us even beyond the end of time - the Spirit which comforts us, which encourages us, which transforms us through God's grace.

**All: The Spirit brings us peace, comforts our hearts, fills us with hope, and promises that we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST**

**\*HYMN:**

*"The Lone, Wild Bird"*  
(see page 4)

PROSPECT

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S GOOD NEWS**

**HOLY SCRIPTURE:**

Genesis 11:1-9

p. 9

**CHILDREN'S MOMENTS**

Children are invited to gather on the chancel steps and bring their offering.

Following Children's Moments, all children are welcome to remain in worship.

Additionally, parents are welcome to accompany their children to our "playground" in the south transept to play and pray quietly or to drop them off downstairs to play in the nursery with our paid nursery staff. Activity bags with crayons, etc. are available from an usher.

**SPECIAL MUSIC:**

*"Ornithology"*

Charlie Parker

**HOLY SCRIPTURE:**

Acts 2:1-15

p. 119

**THE SERMON:**

Rev. Bridget Flad Daniels

**RESPONDING IN FAITH**

**HYMN:**

*"As a Fire is Meant for Burning"*  
(see page 5)

BEACH SPRING

**THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Please join us in praying the Lord's Prayer in these words or a translation meaningful to you.

**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.**

## THE OFFERING

Offertory:

*"Peace"*

Horace Silver

\*Praise Response:

*"Halle, Halle, Halle"*

Caribbean traditional

Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - jah!

9 Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!\_\_\_\_\_

The musical notation is for a 2/4 time signature piece in G major. The first staff contains measures 1-8 with chords G6, D7, E-7, CΔ, A-7, and D7. The second staff starts at measure 9 and continues with chords G6, D7, E-7, A-7, G/D, D7, and G6. The lyrics are 'Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - jah!' repeated twice, with a final line 'Hal - le - lu - jah!\_\_\_\_\_'. The melody is a simple, rhythmic line with eighth and quarter notes.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (in unison)

**Thank you for pouring out the Spirit of Pentecost once more, gracious God. Nourished by your love, we call on you to blow the dust off our fears, so we might be more welcoming. Blow the dust off our resources, so we might realize how they can bring hope and life to others. Blow the dust off our mistaken views of others, so we might see them as your children, as our sisters and brothers, as agents of your grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

## SENT INTO ALL THE WORLD

\*CLOSING HYMN:

*"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"*

African American spiritual

(see back page)

\*BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE:

*"Corcovado"*

João Gilberto

Thanks to all who helped lead today's service including our reader, **Traci Briggs**, and **Megan Gleason** who offered our Children's Moments.

Thanks also to our musicians: **Sam Stranz** (saxophone and arranging), **Andrew Bader** (bass), **Matt Hillman** (guitar), and **Danny Lueck** (drums).

Today's bulletin prayers are adapted from Thom Shuman's Lectionary Liturgies.

**Solar Installation Dedication and Capital Campaign Two-Year Celebration**

Join us for apple and cherry pie today after worship in the church hall!

# The Lone, Wild Bird

PROSPECT

1 The lone, wild bird in loft - y flight is still with you, nor  
 3 Each se - cret thought is known to you, the path I walk my  
 4 In se - cret depths you knit my frame, be fore my birth you  
 5 O search me, God, my heart re - veal, re - new my life, my

7 leaves your sight. And I am yours! I rest in  
 whole life through; my days, my deeds, my hopes, my  
 spoke my name; with in my soul, as close as  
 spir - it heal; for I am yours, I rest in

12 you, Great Spir - it, come, rest in me, too.  
 fears, my deep - est joys, my si - lent tears.  
 breath, so near to me, in life, in death.  
 you, Great Spir - it, come, rest in me, too.

# As a Fire is Meant for Burning

BEACH SPRING

1 As a fire is meant for burn - ing with a bright and warm - ing  
 2 We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are pil - grims on the  
 3 As a green bud in the spring - time is a sign of life re -

4 flame, so the church is meant for mis - sion, giv - ing glo - ry to God's  
 way. We are seek - ers; we are giv - ers; we are ves - sels made of  
 - newed, so may we be signs of one - ness 'mid earth's peo - ples, man - y

8 name. Not to preach our creeds or cus - toms, but to  
 clay. By our gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions we would  
 hued. As a rain - bow lights the heav - ens when a

11 build a bridge of care, we join hands a - cross the  
 show that Christ is light. In a hum - ble, lis - tening  
 storm is past\_ and gone, may our lives re - flect the

14 na - - tions, find - ing neigh - bors ev - ery - where.  
 Spir - - it we would live to God's de - light.  
 ra - - diance of God's new and glo - rious dawn.

# Every Time I Feel the Spirit

African-American Spiritual

*Refrain* G<sup>6</sup> F<sup>Δ</sup>(♯11) E<sup>-7</sup> A<sup>7</sup>

Ev - ery time I\_\_\_ feel the spir - it\_\_\_ mov - ing in my heart, I will

4 D<sup>6</sup> D<sup>7</sup> G<sup>6</sup> F<sup>Δ</sup>(♯11) E<sup>-7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D<sup>6</sup> *Last time, end*

pray Yes, ev - ery time I\_\_\_ feel the spir - it\_\_\_ mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

[8] *Verses* D<sup>6</sup> C<sup>Δ</sup>(♯11)

As we\_\_\_ leave here,\_\_\_ kin - dle our souls Our bro - ken  
When we fall short, God,\_\_\_ to do what's right Guide us\_\_\_  
As lov - ing peo - ple,\_\_\_ help us to share your power and

11 E<sup>-7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D<sup>6</sup> D<sup>6</sup>

piec - es\_\_\_ be - com - ing whole. A new be - gin - ning,\_\_\_ a brand new  
swift - ly\_\_\_ back to the light. Let peace and jus - tice\_\_\_ to - geth - er  
pres - ence\_\_\_ e - very - where. Let jus - tice roll down\_\_\_ and righ - teous-

14 C<sup>Δ</sup>(♯11) B<sup>-7</sup> E<sup>7</sup> A<sup>-7</sup> D<sup>7</sup>

day Bring us to - geth - er\_\_\_ in ev - ery way.  
reign Let all the faith - ful\_\_\_ catch Spir - it's flame.  
- ness, Like flow - ing wat - er,\_\_\_ be in our midst.

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