

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



May 24, 2026

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.



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 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.

Blessing Box Food Drive Sunday, June 7

Thank you for your continuing support of the Blessing Box ministry!


Current needs include:

- Bottled Water (*plastic pkg. single serve*)
- Canned Chicken or Tuna
- Canned Chili or Pasta Meals
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Soup
- Granola Bars / Protein Bars
- Toilet Paper

Donations can be placed on the blue table inside the Mayflower entrance on Sunday, June 7 or at any time.

Monetary donations are also welcome!

To make a monetary donation, send a check with "Blessing Box" on the memo line, or donate via the church website at www.unionucc.com/giving.



Serving Christ . . . Loving Each . . . Affirming All

Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

(*) invites all who are able to stand

PRELUDE:

Op. 27, No. 8 "Nocturne"

Frédéric Chopin
Caleb Hale, piano

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)

One: When the truth of our lives remains 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)**

One: 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**

(Please turn and offer a sign of Christ’s peace to one another.)

***HYMN:**

“As a Fire Is Meant for Burning”
(see page 4)

BEACH SPRING

PROCLAIMING GOD’S GOOD NEWS

SCRIPTURE READING:

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.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Acts 2:1-15

p. 119

HYMN:

“The Lone, Wild Bird”
(see page 5)

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THE SERMON:

Rev. Bridget Flad Daniels

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GOOD NEWS

CHORAL ANTHEM:

“Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor”

arr. David Chase
Adam Korber, cello

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:

Suite No. 3 “*Sarabande*”

J. S. Bach

Adam Korber, cello

*Praise Response

“*We Come With Gifts*”

ELLACOMBE

text by Amanda Udis-Kessler

***Oh, grant that we may come to know each gift we have to give,
To cul-ti-vate them grate-ful-ly to help each o-ther live
and may the gifts that o-thers bring be wel-comed and em-braced
to make this fear-ful, ang-ry world a just and joy-ful place.***

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: (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

*HYMN:

“*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*”
(see back page)

MELITA

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

“*Recessional*”

F. W. Asper

Thanks to all who helped lead today’s service including our reader, **Beth Lyman Piontek**; our musicians, **Caleb Hale** and **Adam Korber**; and **Ed Tucker** who offered our Children’s Moments.

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

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

WORDS: Ruth Duck

MUSIC: From *The Sacred Harp*, 1844;

harm. by Ronald A. Nelson

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1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing with a
2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are
3. As a green bud in the spring - time is a

bright and warm - ing flame, so the church is meant for
pil - grims on the way. We are seek - ers; we are
sign of life re - newed, so may we be signs of

mis - sion, giv - ing glo - ry to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or
giv - ers; we are ves - sels made of clay. By our gen - tle, lov - ing
one - ness 'mid earth's peo - ples, man - y hued. As a rain - bow lights the

cus - toms, but to build a bridge of care, we join
ac - tions we would show that Christ is light. In a
heav - ens when a storm is past and gone, may our

hands a - cross the na - tions, find - ing neigh - bors ev - ery - where.
hum - ble, lis - tening Spir - it we would live to God's de - light.
lives re - flect the ra - diance of God's new and glo - rious dawn.

The Lone, Wild Bird

1. The lone, wild bird in loft - y flight is
3. Each se - cret thought is known to you, the
4. In se - cret depths you knit my frame, be -
5. O search me, God, my heart re - veal, re -

still with you, nor leaves your sight. And I am yours! I
path I walk my whole life through; my days, my deeds, my
fore my birth you spoke my name; with - in my soul, as
new my life, my spir - it heal; for I am yours, I

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

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*Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Mark 4:36-41

William Whiting, 1860, alt.

MELITA 8.8.8.8.8.8.

John B. Dykes, c.1861



1. E ter nal Fa ther, strong to save, Whose arm has bound the
2. O Christ, whose voice the wa ters heard, And hushed their rag ing
3. O Ho ly Spir it, who does brood Up on the cha os



rest less wave, Who bids the might y o cean deep Its
at thy word, Who walked up on the foam ing deep, And
dark and rude, And bids the an gry tu mult cease, And



own ap - point ed lim its keep: O hear us when we
calm a mid the storm did sleep: O hear us when we
gives for wild con fu sion peace: O hear us when we



cry to thee For those in per il on the sea.
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Verse Four

(Verse four was written by Union Church member John Krueger.)

Eternal Father, from the grave,
Take all the souls of those who gave
Their lives that this great country may
Be always strong and free and safe.
O hear us when we pray today for all the veterans far away.