



## **Pentecost Sunday**

**First United Church of Christ**

**An Open and Affirming, Just Peace,  
Immigrant Welcoming Congregation**

**June 5, 2022**

**10:30 a.m.**

Welcome to worship! Are you visiting us today? We invite you to fill out our [virtual visitor card](#).

**Prelude** *Prelude and Fugue in C Major* Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

### Welcome and Announcements

**Gathering Music** *Where Two or Three Are Gathered* Bruce Harding (2002)

**Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there, I am there.**

### Call to Worship

One: The Spirit of God blows upon us like a mighty wind:

**ALL: breathing hope into hearts made cold by despair;**

One: breathing joy into lives made dull by apathy;

**ALL: breathing courage into our struggle for justice and peace.**

One: Now stir the wind chimes of our hearts, we pray, that we will be moved to confront our resistance to change,

**ALL: and make music unlike any we have ever heard before.**

**Opening Hymn** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* #282 (African-American Spiritual)

#### *Refrain*

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

1 Upon the mountain my God spoke,  
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked all around me; looked so fine;  
I asked my God if all were mine. *Refrain*

2 Oh, Jordan river, chilly and cold,  
it chills the body, not the soul.  
There's only one train on this track;  
it runs to heaven, then right back.

### Time With Children

**Let the children come unto me, for theirs is the realm of God.  
All who believe must become like a child; theirs is the realm of God.**

**Welcome of New Members**

Amy and Kadie Ausherbauer (Sponsor: Lisa Sexton)  
Fred and Linda Blaisdell (Sponsors: Sarah and Matt Forster)  
John Robison (Sponsor: Randy Hachfeld)  
Jo Swanson (Sponsor: Muriel Hachfeld)

**Minister:** Do you, members and friends of First UCC, promise your friendship and prayers to these companions on our journey of faith? And will you extend to them the heart and hand of Christian love, welcoming them, and including them in our shared ministry and life?

**Congregation:** **We do and we will, as siblings of Jesus our Christ.**

**Minister:** Let us all join in the covenant of our congregation.

**All:** **We covenant together with God and one another, trusting in God’s continuing guidance, to seek to understand and do God’s will, to explore the mystery of Christ, and to witness to God’s reconciling love.**

**Scripture** Acts 2:1–21 Bob Gregory-Bjorklund

**Sermon** Rev. Cindy Maddox

**Prayer Hymn** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* #292 (Trentham)

1 Breath on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew  
That I may love the way you love  
and do what you would do.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
stir in me one desire:  
That every earthly part of me  
may glow with holy fire.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
Until with you I will one will,  
to do and to endure.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
But live with you the perfect life  
Of your eternity.

**The Prayers**

*We will begin prayers in song, then a minister will pray, and there will be time for silent prayer. Then we will sing again. All joining worship on Zoom are invited to share prayers with the congregation by using the chat function at any point during this time.*

## Sung Response

One: All:



We do not know how to pray as we ought, but the spir-it of  
God in - ter - cedes for us with sighs too deep for words.

## Prayer of Jesus

*You are invited to speak the words most meaningful to you, or follow with the version here:*

**Our God, 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.**

## Offertory

*Touch Me, Lord Jesus*

Lucie E. Campbell  
arr. Evelyn Simpson-Curenton (2000)

Touch, touch me, Lord Jesus, with thy hand of mercy,  
Make each throbbing heartbeat feel thy power divine.  
O take my will forever, I will doubt thee never,  
O Lord, please cleanse me, my dear Savior,  
Make me wholly thine.

Guide, guide me Jehovah, through this vale of sorrow.  
I am safe forever, trusting in thy love.  
O bear me through the current, o'er the chilly Jordan,  
O Lord, please lead me, my dear Savior,  
To my home above.

## Prayer of Thanks

**Gracious God, we give our earthly gifts in gratitude and acknowledgment of your gifts to us. Give us this, too, we pray: the heart to awaken to your wonders and the faith to welcome your signs of hope around us. May our gifts be a sign of hope to others. Amen.**

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Communion Hymn

*This Bread Which We Break*  
(see page 10)

Ray Makeever (1994)

### Invitation & Telling the Story

### Blessing the Meal

### Sharing the Bread & Cup

*(Please ready your bread and cup for partaking)*

### Music During Communion

*Jesus Is Here Right Now*

Leon C. Roberts (1986)

Jesus is here right now. Jesus is here.  
With this bread and wine true peace you'll find;  
Christ Jesus is here right now.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Hymn of Sending

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

#286 (Spirit)

#### *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.

1 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*

2 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*

3 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*

4 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*

## Benediction

## Postlude

*Chaconne in C Major*

Dietrich Buxtehude

**We are so glad you worshiped here today!  
You're invited to stay on Zoom for friendship and conversation.**

## News to Note

### Worship Information

First UCC worships at 10:30 a.m. in person on Sundays. Worship is also live streamed each week on Zoom and YouTube. Whether you are joining us in person or online, we are glad to have you here! Are you visiting today? [Fill out our virtual visitor card.](#)

### Giving to the Church

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of First UCC's ministry. [Give online now](#), or send in your gifts via mail.

### News & Announcements

Keep up-to-date with all of the latest news and upcoming events! [Subscribe to The Chronicle, First UCC's weekly e-newsletter](#), and find First UCC on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Past issues of The Chronicle are available at [firstucc.org](#).

### This Week at First UCC

#### Sunday, June 5

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

6 p.m. Fighting Apostles vs Hosanna (Sechler 1)

#### Tuesday, June 7

1 – 2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting (Assembly Room)

#### Wednesday, June 8

6:30 p.m. The Great Escape (Big Room)

7 – 8:15 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

#### Thursday, June 2

2 p.m. Book Group (Assembly Room)

#### Saturday, June 11

2 p.m. Tom Pender Memorial Service

#### Sunday, June 12

10:30 a.m. Worship

2 p.m. Leonard "Len" Wenc Memorial Service

### Call for Congregational Meeting June 19

There will be a special congregational meeting on Sunday, June 19, following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on accepting First UCC's racial justice covenant, and to approve a revised version of the Open and Affirming covenant. Members, please join us to add your voice and vote to these important topics.

### Masks Required

Per the CDC, Rice County has returned to the Green Zone/low risk for COVID. With the change, masks are now optional in the building at First UCC. The community guidelines can be somewhat confusing, with local case rates still elevated. While masking is again optional, those who may be at higher risk for COVID are well protected by wearing a well-fitting N95 style mask. Masking is always okay and anyone who is not feeling well to stay home is encouraged to stay home.

### **Hearing Assistance Available**

Hearing assistance is available for those who desire it. Small radio transmitter packs that connect with the sound system and have ear buds can be found in a basket on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please return the pack to the basket after worship.

### **Strengthen the Church Special Offering TODAY**

It is important that we remember that First UCC is not alone in serving as a United Church of Christ. Our beloved denomination works with us so that all together there is a strengthening of the local and wider church. One of the special offerings of the United Church of Christ enables this. It is called [Strengthen the Church \(STC\)](#). You're invited to contribute to this special offering today, June 5. Our individual donations will together support local and national efforts that build up the United Church of Christ. Write a check to First UCC and designate "Strengthen the Church" in the memo line. The funds are split 50/50 between the MN Conference UCC and the national body of the United Church of Christ.

### **Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed**

First UCC is seeking volunteer hosts for Coffee Hour for the summer months! Volunteering is easy; simply pick up First UCC's order at Brick Oven Bakery on the Sunday morning you are hosting, make coffee in the First UCC kitchen, and clean up afterward! If you're a baker and want to supplement with your own treats, you are welcome to. Instructions are available for those willing to help but who haven't hosted coffee hour in the past. The remaining dates for Coffee Hour this summer are June 19, July 10 and 24, and August 7 and 21. [Sign up here](#), and also find the link to sign up at [firstucc.org](http://firstucc.org). Questions or concerns? Please contact Sue Evans at [susancevans@charter.net](mailto:susancevans@charter.net) or Annie Kramer at [anniekramer@charter.net](mailto:anniekramer@charter.net).

### **New Member Sunday Today**

New Member Sunday is today, Sunday, June 5. Join us after worship for Coffee Hour as we celebrate new members to First UCC!

### **ISAIAH (Faith Based Community Organizing)**

Contact your MN legislators and Senate Majority Leader Jeremy Miller. Let them know how important it is that they finish business that they were only a few days from completing. The legislator had agreements on funding for education, serving mental health needs, support for caregivers, weatherization for underserved communities, matching funds to get federal infrastructure money and more, but fumbled the session's end before settling details. Tell them to complete items with a special session so we take one more step toward a more caring society. The Senate has so far backed away from agreeing to this. Questions about putting your faith into action through social justice and advocacy? Email [isaiah@firstucc.org](mailto:isaiah@firstucc.org).

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### **New Member Bios**

#### **Amy and Kadie Ausherbauer**

Amy enjoys reading, writing, and time with animals. She is currently seeking a sense of cohesion among the more hopeful aspects she sees of the world, other people, and herself. She is terrible at acrylic painting, parallel parking, speaking at length, and writing in brief.

**Kadie** moved to Minnesota with her wife Amy in 2015 for University of Minnesota's doctoral program in Family Social Science. Kadie comes from a large family and does her best to keep up with handmade baby blankets for each of her nieces and nephews. She enjoys nature, houseplants, crocheting and knitting, reading, and their two crazy mutts. Kadie likes her conversations earnest, her towns small, and her hairstyle functional :)

### **Fred and Linda Blaisdell**

While Linda and Fred Blaisdell had their religious base in the congregational, UCC, and American Baptist Assembly, they have been Methodists since 1982. **Fred** looks forward to returning to the UCC traditions.

Fred's career was in education in the Minneapolis, Rochester and Prior Lake public schools. He served as a math teacher, as high school principal for his two daughters and as a school district administrator. Since retirement he has found fulfillment in church administrative leadership, thrift store administration, building their lake home, maple syruping, international travel and, most especially, following the growth of their four grandchildren. Having lived in the Metro area most of their lives, Fred came to love Northfield as a Carleton student. So now that it is time for them to downsize, they have chosen to return to Northfield, having just purchased a townhouse here. Fred looks forward to building and renewing relationships in this community.

Although **Linda** is becoming a member by transfer from Hennepin Avenue United Methodist in Minneapolis, she has significant history with the UCC. She grew up in the Congregational Church in Vermillion, SD, attended Carleton College, and was a member of several UCC's before attending United Theological Seminary for her Masters in Theology and Religious Studies. She strayed from the UCC when she became a church administrator at Judson Memorial Baptist in Minneapolis and Rosemount United Methodist, ending her career as secretary for the Minnesota Conference of the United Methodist Church. One of her proudest accomplishments, however, is being the mother of Sarah Blaisdell Forster!

### **John Robison**

John Robison and his wife, Karen, moved to Northfield in August, 2019 from Madison, Wisconsin, to be near family. John practiced law as a business lawyer for over 40 years, and retired in early 2019. He has three adult children, one in Minneapolis and two on the west coast. John likes to walk, bike, read, and engage in interesting conversations on topics legal, political, spiritual, and religious, among others.

### **Jo Swanson**

Jo is mom to two sets of girls. Her adult daughters are Amber and Rachel. Rachel is now in Heaven but before going, Jo became Grammy to Rachel's two girls Kaylee and Amelia. Jo is now Mama to Rachel's girls and blessed to raise them as her own. She is also Grammy to Amber's daughter, Ellie. Jo and her two girls have Standard Poodles, Sophie and Finn, who think that Jo is the loop of velcro and they are the hook. She is also the primary care provider of Devin, Kaylee and Amelia's Betta fish - who was a Gotcha Day gift. When she is not busy momming and working as a computer programmer she's trying to make some assemblage of a larger home and yard she bought for the re-formation of her family. When following guidelines of local eaterie's tip jars, she tips the Townie Jar as a 40+ year resident, coming from CA but with roots here.

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**Thanks to this Week's Leaders**



**Ushers:** Jan Shoger, Linda Larson, Chuck Madson, Pat Richardson

**Scripture Interpretation:** Bob Gregory-Bjorklund

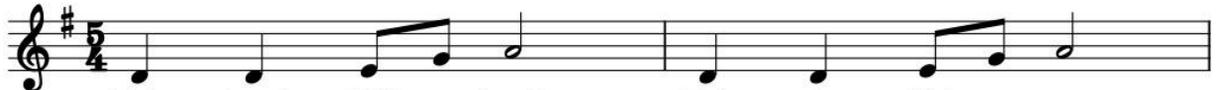
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# This Bread Which We Break

Ray Makeever



This bread which we break      This wine which we pour  
This love in our hearts      This faith in our mind  
This meal that we eat      This song that we sing

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Sign of the cov - e - nant re - stored      Bod - y and blood of Christ the Lord  
Nour - ish the hopes of hu - man - kind      Bod - y and blood for this de - signed  
Share we with ev' - ry liv - ing thing      Bod - y and blood to life we bring