

The background is an abstract composition of vibrant, textured brushstrokes in shades of red, orange, and yellow. A large, faint, semi-transparent silhouette of a dove is centered in the background, its wings spread. The overall effect is one of warmth and spiritual energy.

# Pentecost Sunday

THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Welcome to the Community Church of Richmond  
United Church of Christ

Our Church at Worship on the Festival of Pentecost

June 5, 2022

10:00 A.M.

*Our Mission:* **To be an inviting, caring faith community  
connecting with Christ.**

Welcome, visitors! Our greeters have welcome bags to share with you, so please make sure they know you're visiting.

Tune into Facebook at 10:00 on Sunday to share this time of worship.

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**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

PRELUDE

Penny Kraft

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Hope Molozaiy

GATHERING SONG “Come, Holy Spirit, Come”

**Come Holy Spirit come, come Holy Spirit come.**

**Come as the fire and burn, come as the light and reveal,  
come as the wind and cleanse**

**Convict us..., show us Your way;**

**Convert us..., day after day.**

**Consecrate us, until we're wholly Thine. (repeat 1X)**

**In Christ's precious name we pray.**

Words and Music by Bryan Sirchio

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER Ronnie Obara

One: Do not give easy or unthinking response  
to this day's call to worship.  
Because today we ask God's Spirit to fill us,  
so that we may prophesy, and dream dreams, and see  
visions.  
The call to worship today  
is a summons to be touched by holy fire.

**All: Even now the flames of the Spirit may be dancing above  
our heads,  
may be igniting new visions in our hearts.**

One: Prophets, visionaries, dreamers!  
Let us all worship with courage and with hope!  
Let us pray:  
God of wind and fire,

**All: when you send your Spirit, we are created anew.**

One: God of mighty oceans and still waters,

**All: when we receive your baptism, we are born anew**

One: God of bread and cup,

**All: when we eat at your table, we are nourished anew.**

One: So pour out your Spirit:

**All: Let sacred waters flow.**

One: Fill us with holy food.

**All: Open wide our hearts and our hands  
to receive your gifts of life. Amen.**

HYMN "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place" #293

## WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

WORD FOR ALL AGES

THE STORY OF PENTECOST

The Acts of the Apostles 2:1-18, Good News Translation

One, Kathy Karch; Two, Mike Kennedy; Three, Nicki Carter

**One:** When the day of Pentecost came, all the Jesus followers were gathered together in one place.

**Two:** Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

**Three:** Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there.

**All:** **They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.**

**One:** There were Jews living in Jerusalem who had come from every country in the world. When they heard this noise, a large crowd gathered. They were all excited, because all of them heard the believers talking in their own languages.

**Two:** In amazement and wonder they exclaimed, “These people who are talking like this are Galileans! How is it, then, that all of us hear them speaking in our own native languages? We are from Parthia, Media, and Elam; from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia; from Pontus and Asia, from Phrygia and Pamphylia, from Egypt and the regions of Libya near Cyrene.

**Three:** Some of us are from Rome, both Jews and Gentiles converted to Judaism, and some of us are from Crete and Arabia—yet all of us hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things that God has done!”

**All:** **Amazed and confused, they kept asking each other, “What does this mean?”**

- One:** But others made fun of the believers, saying, “These people are drunk!”
- Two:** Then Peter stood up with the other eleven apostles and in a loud voice began to speak to the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, listen to me and let me tell you what this means. These people are not drunk, as you suppose; it is only nine o'clock in the morning. Instead, this is what the prophet Joel spoke about:
- Three:** This is what I will do in the last days, God said:
- All:** **‘I will pour out my Spirit on everyone.  
Your sons and daughters will proclaim my message;  
your young men will see visions,  
and your old men will have dreams.  
Yes, even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will proclaim my message.’**

ANTHEM

“I Feel the Spirit”

Chancel Choir

#### REFLECTIONS ON DREAMS AND VISIONS

- Who is someone you’ve know or known of who had a vision for the future – whether that was their future or the future for an organization they were a part of or for the world? It might be someone public or in your personal life.
- What is a dream you have for our local community in the future?
- What do you dream of God’s church doing in the world?

SING "Dream God's Dream"

verse 1 & chorus

Chorus

**Dream God's Dream!  
Holy Spirit help us  
Dream of a world where  
there is justice  
And where everyone  
Is free to build  
and grow and love  
and to simply have enough  
the world will change when  
we dream God's dream**

Verse 1

**I'm dreaming of a world  
Where the color of one's skin  
Will mean less than what's  
with-in the person's heart**

Repeat Chorus

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MORE WORDS ABOUT THE SPIRIT

Paul's Letter to the Romans 8:14-17, 26-27

Ronnie Obara

"... Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words..."

Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 12:4-13

Nicki Carter

"Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone... For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit."

REFLECTION OF THANKS AND CELEBRATION

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

HYMN

“God of Change and Glory”

#177

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Words of Remembering

Prayer of Consecration

We Share the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**O God, our help, thank you for this meal together, that we’ve shared in the Spirit with your servant, Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts, and pledge ourselves to serve you, as you’ve served us today at this table. Amen.**

SONG RESPONSE “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

#59

THE OFFERING

Invitation to Give: We are so thankful for the continued financial support that we have continued to receive during this time! You may always send your check directly to the church at PO Box 246, Richmond IL, 60071.

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastoral Benediction

Sending Song                      “Send me, Jesus”                      #360  
**Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me Jesus, send me, Lord.**  
**Lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus, lead me Jesus, lead me, Lord.**  
**Fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus, fill me Jesus, fill me, Lord.**

## POSTLUDE

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## CHURCH NEWS

### FOR LEARNING

**BIBLE STUDY:** Still on break.

### FOR SERVICE

**GIFT CARDS:** Our Gift Card Fundraiser continues constantly. Contact Penny Kraft to order gift cards for your regular shopping, dining out, gas stations, or, of course, for gifts! You get the full amount of the gift card AND the church gets a percentage for each card you buy. Penny reminds us that she’s not keeping very many cards in stock right now, but the turn-around is very quick on them; they’re usually here within 3-4 days of you ordering them. You can contact her at 815-236-6172 or [mriapk@gmail.com](mailto:mriapk@gmail.com) or leave an order form and payment in the mailbox labelled “GIFT CARDS” in the office hallway. Thanks for your support!

**COFFEE HOUR HOST: Did you know?** If you run out of supplies upstairs, please feel free to go downstairs to the elevator room. There are shelves on the left side of the room. On the shelves to the far right are the replacements. Please do not purchase any items without checking the supplies!

If you notice a shortage of anything downstairs, please either write a note and place it in the Kitchen mailbox or contact Kathy Speaker. 815-382-4340 or [kspeaker@charter.net](mailto:kspeaker@charter.net)  
The money in the jar can be put in an envelope and placed in the Kitchen mailbox in the hall. There are blank envelopes in the box. We like for the money collected in the jar to pay for any supplies rather than take it out of the general fund. Thanks to all who contribute to the “jar”!

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL:** As we're trying to get back to more of our regular offerings around church, we ask for your help in supporting Summer Sunday School. Our focus over the summer is simply on the chance for the children and some grown-ups they might not normally spend time with to have a little fun in the name of Jesus.

Teachers sign up for one Sunday at a time and are encouraged to choose an activity they would enjoy doing with the kids. Make a craft. Or take the kids outside to color the sidewalks with messages of love. Play them a bit of a movie or a VeggieTales story (suggestions available from Pastor Hope) while they do some coloring. Make a simple snack or cookies with them downstairs in the church kitchen. Teach them about knitting or braiding or teach them something about the plants outside the church building or about some other interest of yours. Read them a favorite Bible story, or teach them one of your favorite church songs (Play it for them on Youtube if you don't want to sing it!). The idea is just for some grown-ups of the church to spend some time with some children of the church doing something they enjoy.

**BONUS:** The family members of our church children do a lot of the Sunday School teaching during the program year; give those parents a gift and show them you value having their families here by signing up to lead Summer Sunday School. The sign-up sheet is in the lounge, and Pastor Hope would always be excited to help you plan your class. THANK YOU for your support!

**BLOOD DRIVE** – Tuesday, June 7, 3:30-7:30 PM here at the church. Contact Carrie via text or phone at 815-271-2910 to schedule an appointment. Donate and receive a portable Bluetooth speaker, while supplies last. Save the date for this life-saving event.

## **FOR CONNECTION**

**SUMMER FAMILY FUN** – The Youth Education team has a planned a few fun outings for the summer months. Our first event will be a Nature Walk at Glacial Park on Sunday, June 19, after worship. The Youth Education team will provide a simple lunch (Probably from Subway.) downstairs after worship, and then we'll head over to Glacial Park for our walk. This event is open to everyone in the church. Please sign up by Sunday, June 12, if you plan to join us – there's a sign-up sheet at the front of the sanctuary or contact Jean Valsa at 309-212-0902.

More summer fun is planned for July 9 and August 7 – stay tuned for details!

**COVID UPDATES:** Masks are currently optional at worship and church gatherings (though we do still ask the choir to mask when they sing their anthems).

We continue to ask that you stay home if you're feeling sick and that you maintain a healthy distance from other households when you choose your seats for worship.

We will watch public health conditions and to make decisions about our community's standards based on Jesus command to love each other and protect the most vulnerable among us.

Cases have been slowly but steadily rising in our area in the past month. Our "community spread" is rated as medium by CDC guidelines. Pastor Hope watches COVID statistics at [https://covidactnow.org/us/illinois-il/county/mc\\_henry\\_county](https://covidactnow.org/us/illinois-il/county/mc_henry_county)

**WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

**June 5            Today - Festival of Pentecost**

**Readers**                                 Ron Obara, Kathy Karch, Mike Kennedy, Nicki Carter  
**Video Director**                         Judy Jooss  
**Greeter/Usher**  
**Communion Setup**                     Kathy Karch  
**Special Music**                         Chancel Choir

**June 12**  
**Liturgist**                                 George Zimmermann  
**Video Director**  
**Greeter/Usher**  
**Sunday School**  
**Fellowship Host**

**June 19**  
**Liturgist**                                 Mike Anderson  
**Video Director**  
**Greeter/Usher**  
**Sunday School**

**June 26**  
**Liturgist**                                 Cheryl Kazimier  
**Video Director**  
**Greeter/Usher**  
**Sunday School**

## **PRAYERS for the Week of June 5, 2022**

If you have prayer updates or announcements to share, Please send them to BOTH Pastor Hope ([pastorhope@richmonducc.org](mailto:pastorhope@richmonducc.org)) AND our office manager, Brandi Pletcher ([office@richmonducc.org](mailto:office@richmonducc.org)). THANKS!

*We will leave a person on our list for four weeks, unless asked to leave them on longer.*

**JOYS:** Birthdays: Adam Connerty (June 7), John Bartsch (June 8), Marti Swanson (June 8), Ron Brossart (June 9), Sheryl Vezinz (June 9), Charles Kemp (June 11), Tyler Szydlo (June 12)

### **PRAYERS FOR:**

Cheryl Heber's father, Russell Koca  
Patt Clymer, friend of the Molozaiys

### **Ongoing Prayers:**

Marti Swanson's brother, John  
Lydia Blanton's friend, Natalie, and Natalie's family  
Ella Watts, Melissa Jones's mother  
Louise Strahs' niece, Amy Lenik

### **Prayer Partners:**

Our Congregational Prayer Partner this week is Grace Haskins.

**In the Wider Church:** We pray for our neighbors in Christ First Congregational United Church of Christ and their Pastors, Pastor Scott Oberle Senior Minister, Pastor Michelle McNamara Interim Associate Pastor.

**Our Mission Partner is the Senior Services:** Senior Services Associates, Inc. is a non-profit agency dedicated to sustaining and improving the quality of life for individuals age 60 and older, the disabled and their caregivers by providing access to the social services they need. We are dedicated to preserving their independence, promoting mental and physical well-being and protecting their rights and dignity. For More Information visit: [seniorservicesassoc.org/locations-overview/mchenry-mchenry-county/](http://seniorservicesassoc.org/locations-overview/mchenry-mchenry-county/)

**Members and Friends who are Homebound or in Nursing Facilities:** Mercedes Ahlgrim (New Mexico), Sharon Mensing (Sterling), Bob Krueger (Libertyville)

2 Cor. 3:17-5:5

Doris Akers, 1962; alt.

*Slowly*

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I  
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are  
know that Spir - it's full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I  
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

*to Refrain*

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.  
going to stay with Je - sus all the way."

This is one of the most popular gospel songs from the corpus of African-American songwriters who emerged during the golden age of gospel (1930-1969). Although this era was dominated by the Baptists, Doris Akers had Methodist roots.

Tune: SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT  
9.11.9.11. with refrain  
Doris Akers, 1962

*Refrain*

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill-ing us with your love; And for these bless-ings we

lift our hearts in praise. With-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

## God of Change and Glory

1 Cor. 12:4-27

Al Carmines, 1973

C G C F G C

1 God of change and glo - ry, God of time and space,  
 2 God of man - y col - ors, God of man - y signs,  
 3 Fresh-ness of the morn - ing, new-ness of each night,

E Am D7 G

when we fear the fu - ture, give to us your grace.  
 you have made us dif - ferent, bless - ing man - y kinds.  
 you are still cre - at - ing end - less love and light.

G7 C F C G7 C G C

In the midst of chang - ing ways give us still the grace to praise.  
 As the old ways dis - ap - pear, let your love cast out our fear.  
 This we see, as shad - ows part, man - y gifts from one great heart.

Refrain  
C F G C F C

Man - y gifts, one Spir - it, one love known in man - y ways.

Al Carmines, composer, playwright, performer, and teacher, has served as minister for two United Church of Christ congregations in New York City. This hymn, commissioned in 1973, was one of the first modern texts to place diversity as a gift from God.

Tune: KATHERINE 6.5.6.5.7.7.  
 Al Carmines, 1973

C F C F G

In our dif - fer - ence is bless - ing, from di - ver - si - ty we praise

C F G

one Giv - er, one Word, one Spir - it, one God known in man - y ways,

F C G7 C

hal - low - ing our days. For the Giv - er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

## Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

*Timothy Rees, 1922; alt.*

1 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing in the ho - liest realms of light;  
 2 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er breath - ing on the church the breath of life;  
 3 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing through the church - 's min - is - try—

Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing o'er a world of gloom and  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through your peo - ple's cease - less  
 Quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners

blight; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er rais - ing earth - bound souls to glo - ry  
 strife; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er form - ing in the church the mind of  
 free; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er bind - ing age to age and soul to

high; Liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it; you we praise and mag - ni - fy.  
 Christ: In our wor - ship we will praise you for your fruit and gifts un - priced.  
 soul, In com - mu - ni - ty un - end - ing you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

*Timothy Rees, Welsh curate, lecturer, chaplain, and winner of the Military Cross in World War I, was appointed Bishop of Llandaff in 1931. These words were written for the Anglican Community of Mirfield, Yorkshire, of which he was a member.*

Tune: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.  
 John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813