

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF EAST SUMNER
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
The Day of Pentecost
May 31, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

The Call to Worship

Psalm 104:24-34

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works -- who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

* Hymn "Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow" Hymnal # #333

* The Gathering Prayer of Confession

* The Invitation

We come together to serve the God of all nations and peoples. We praise and rejoice in the many languages that proclaim God's word and wonderful deeds. This morning we offer our prayer of confession in one unified and yet diverse voice. Let us pray.

* The Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we thank you for today. And for that day, long ago, when you poured yourself out, in a new and marvelous way, to renew your people and your creation. We thank you for reaching out to us in ways that surprise us, and even shock us. We confess that sometimes we have trouble loving our neighbors. Often we do not understand others—their languages, their customs, their lifestyles—

and so we build walls that keep us apart. Misunderstanding fills us with fear, and keeps us from being the loving, caring people you want us to be. Forgive us, we pray. In Jesus' name. Amen.

* The Assurance of Pardon

God's Spirit comes to break down our walls of indifference and enables us to reach out to one another with love. Through Christ our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

* The Gloria Patri

Hymnal #734

Prayer for Children and Youth

Scripture

Numbers 11:24-30

p 131/LP 199

Acts 2:1-21

p 966/LP 1471

John 7:37-39

p 946/LP 1445

Sermon

* Hymn

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among us" Hymnal # 329

Prayers of the Church - Joys and Concerns

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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, for ever. Amen.

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts

* Doxology

Hymnal #34

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Hymnal #326

* Benediction

* Postlude

* All who are able, please stand.

For church or pastoral matters, feel free to contact Bill Glass (388-2263) or Cyndy Norton (388-2667).

Church calendar-

Today	9:30am	Council meeting (on Zoom)
Monday, June 1	9am-Noon	Food Bank Open
Monday, June 15	9am-Noon	Food Bank Open
Sunday, June 21	9:00am	Worship in the sanctuary. Masks required.
Sunday, June 28	9:00am	Worship in the sanctuary. Masks required.

This Week's Lectionary.

Mon., June 1	Ps. 104:24-34, 35b	Joel 2:18-29	Romans 8:18-24
Tues., June 2	Ps. 104:24-34, 35b	Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29	Romans 8:26-27
Wed., June 3	Ps. 104:24-34, 35b	Numbers 11:24-30	John 7:37-39
Thurs., June 4	Ps. 8	Job 38:1-11	2 Tim. 1:8-12a
Fri., June 5	Ps. 8	Job 38:12-21	2 Tim. 1:12b-14
Sat., June 6	Ps. 8	Job 38:22-38	John 14:15-17

What is Pentecost? Pentecost is the Greek name for the Feast of Weeks, a prominent feast in the Hebrew calendar celebrating the giving of the Law on Sinai. This feast is still celebrated as Shavuot and marks the completion of the seven-week counting period between Passover and Shavuot. In New Testament times Jews from all over the known world would come to the Temple for this feast – it is a reason why there would have been so many languages represented in today's reading from Acts.

Resuming Worship in the Sanctuary. Council has set June 21st as the date for resuming on site worship. We are following the trends in the COVID virus in the state and area to monitor how our area fares during these first weeks of general reopening. We pray that infection levels and seriousness remain low and do not indicate community transmission.



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