

# St. John's United Church of Christ

10 A.M. Worship

May 24, 2026

*Pentecost*

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE WORD OF GOD

## Ringing of the Chimes

## Welcome and Announcements

*(Please note the \* indicates when you should stand)*

*Members and Visitors please make note of your attendance by signing in on the pew pads.)*

## \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you

And also, with you

Prelude	"Tongues of Fire (Pentecost Dance)"	Fedak
Time for the Child in us All		Pastor Katie Jo

*"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"*  
Child of God your loving parent,  
Learn to listen for God's call  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,  
Trust and love God more than all.

## \*The Call to Worship

The Spirit (woosh) descends like a dove, bringing peace to unite the world in a just and caring community.

**The Spirit (woosh) comes like a breath (woosh), bringing life to renew the people of God.**

The Spirit (woosh) spreads like fire, bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

**Spirit (woosh) of the living God, come to us and transform our lives by your power.**

* Hymn	"On Pentecost They Gathered"	#237
On Pentecost they gathered Quite early in the day, A band of Christ's disciples, To worship, sing, and pray. A mighty <b>wind</b> came blowing, Filled all the swirling air, And tongues of fire aglowing Inspired each person there.  The people all around them Were startled and amazed To understand their language, As Christ the Lord they praised. What universal message, What great good news was here? That Christ, once dead, is risen To vanquish all our fear.	God pours the Holy <b>Spirit</b> On all who would believe, On women, men, and children Who would God's grace receive. That <b>Spirit</b> knows no limit, Bestowing life and power. The church, formed and reforming, Responds in every hour.  O <b>Spirit</b> , sent from heaven On that day long ago, Rekindle faith among us In all life's ebb and flow. O give us ears to listen And tongues aflame with praise, So people of all nations Glad songs of joy shall raise.	

\* **Gathering Prayer** (*In Unison*)

**Almighty God, your Holy Spirit (woosh) came to Jesus' disciples, hidden in an upper room in Jerusalem. A violent wind (woosh) and tongues of fire were the symbols of a new thing happening in their lives. May your Holy Spirit (woosh) burst into our lives today, encouraging and inspiring us to proclaim boldly the good news of Jesus Christ who offers healing and hope to all people. Amen.**

**Special Music**

*"Spirit Song"*

**Wimber**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21**

**The Coming of the Holy Spirit**

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

**Peter Addresses the Crowd**

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews<sup>[a]</sup> and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,  
and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

20 The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

**Hymn***"There's a Spirit in the Air"*

#257 vs 1-2,5-6

There's a **spirit** in the air,  
telling Christians everywhere:  
"Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world."

When a stranger's not alone,  
where the homeless find a home,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world.

Lose your shyness, find your tongue,  
tell the world what God has done:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today.

May the **Spirit** fill our praise,  
guide our thoughts and change our ways.  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today.

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD**Invitation to Give Generously**

*(Thank you for being so generous in your care of St. John's UCC and its mission, through your participation and giving. Your stewardship makes a difference. You may make your offering several ways including in church, online, or mail. We are grateful for your support.)*

**Offering***"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"*

arr. Carter

**\*Doxology** *(In Unison)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts;  
Creator, Christ, and **Spirit**, One. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication** *(In Unison)*

**For all you have given, for all we have received, we give you thanks. We bring before you our gifts of substance and the gift of our lives. We bring our passion and joy, our visions and dreams. May they refresh and enliven our church and community, as the wind (woosh) of your Spirit (woosh) did long ago. Amen.**

COMMUNION**Invitation & Story****Blessing the Elements**

**Sharing the Meal** *(the wafers in the middle of the bread trays are gluten free)*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** *(In Unison)*

**Spirit (woosh) of the living God, move among us all, for you transform us into the people you invite us to be, for you transform the world into the place you dream it to be. Make us one in love, humble, caring, selfless, sharing. Blow among us, fill us with your courage and care. Hurricane and Breath (woosh), take us on a journey of love! Amen.**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\* Hymn

"Spirit"

#249

**Chorus**

**Spirit, Spirit** of gentleness  
Blow through the wilderness  
Calling and free  
**Spirit, Spirit** of restlessness  
Stir me from placidness, **Wind**  
**Wind** on the sea

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 (Chorus)

You swept through the desert  
You stung with the sand  
And you gifted your people  
With a law and a land  
When they were confounded  
With idols and lies  
Then You spoke through Your prophets  
To open their eyes (Chorus)

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** (Chorus)

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 (Chorus)

**Benediction**

Pastor: **Rev. Katie Jo Bielke**

Director of Music: **Ruth Notch**

Liturgist: **Todd Armstrong**

Usher Team: **Phil Difani**

Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**

Fellowship/Lockup: **Barb Ackerman**

Chancel Choir: **Mary Bowers, Ellen Brandon, Rich Brandon, Jeanne Buchner, Don Duperrett, Mary Jane Duperrett, Carolyn Golfin, Helen Stortz, Evelyn Weber**

Communion Service: **Helen Stortz & Mary Jane Duperrett**

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*Announcements*

Please pray for

**Tyler Ackerman, Karen (Scooter) Beatty, Lee Difani, Rev. Dwayne Dollgener  
Danny Mueller, Margie Pauls, and Anita Paz.**

Please let us know your prayer concerns. Private prayer concerns speak with Rev Katie Jo Bielke.

**Thank you for your prayers for Lindsey Spahr. Your prayers were answered.**

## Food for Circle of Concern

Our **donations** have been **down**, but the **need continues**. During the month of May we are doing a special drive. Please bring at least one item each week. There is a shelf upstairs and one downstairs where you can place the food. The Food Pantry's current needs; **Dinner Helpers, Cereal/Oatmeal, Snacks** (8-12 servings). And understandably Circle of Concern **does not accept expired** food.

**Sign up for the following fun activities:** Using your phone and the QR code

### HOW TO SCAN A QR CODE

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Sun, 5/24 10 AM  
Strengthen the Church Offering



Sat, 6/6 8 am  
Habitat Build



Tue, 5/26 6:30 PM  
Women's Game Night



Thu, 5/28 5:30 pm  
Table Fellowship Spiro's



Sun June 7 - 11 am



Please join us **Sunday, June 7**, for a visit to the **Campbell House** in downtown St. Louis on Locust Street. This is a beautiful pre-Victorian home built in 1851, completely restored and decorated in the period. It is a wonderful piece of St. Louis history that you don't want to miss! Prior to our visit to the home, we will be having **lunch at The Fountain**, also on Locust St. A nostalgic restaurant of the 30's and 40's and they make their own ice cream! We will be **carpooling from church directly after service.**

#### 05/31/26 Service

Liturgist: Jan Ittner  
Usher Team: Ken Ruff  
Technology: Steve Hawkinson  
Fellowship/Lockup: Christine Norton  
Special Music: Flute

#### 06/07/26 Service

Liturgist: Danny Mueller  
Usher Team: Jim Pisoni  
Technology: Steve Hawkinson  
Fellowship/Lockup: Nora Amato  
Special Music: Violin  
Communion Service: Donna Switzer & Mary Polt

#### 06/14/26 Service

Liturgist: Mary Polt  
Usher Team: Larry Sontag  
Technology: Steve Hawkinson  
Fellowship/Lockup: Nora Amato  
Special Music: Clarinet

### ... Looking Ahead

Sun	5/24	10:00 AM	Strengthen the Church Offering
Sun	5/24	4:00 PM	Ronald McDonald House (contribute)
Mon	5/25		Memorial Day Office Closed
Tue	5/26	10:00 AM	Book Club "The Names" by Florence Knap
Tue	5/26	6:30 PM	Women's Game Night
Thu	5/28	5:30 PM	Table Fellowship, at Spiros
Sun	5/31	9:15 AM	Loaves & Fishes
Sun	5/31	11:00 AM	Mission Meeting
Wed	6/3		Bimonthly Newsletter
Thu	6/4	11:00 AM	Senior Ministry Meeting
Sat	6/6	8:00 AM	Habitat Build
Sun	6/7	10:00 AM	Communion Sunday
Sun	6/7	11:00 AM	Campbell House with Lunch at The Fountain on Locust
Sun	6/14	11:00 AM	Church Picnic
Mon	6/15	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wed	6/17		Bimonthly Newsletter

Please check your News Notes/Website for specific information around upcoming activities

<https://www.stjohnsuccchesterfield.org/fellowship>

We are livestreaming Sunday morning services.  
You can join us live or watch the YouTube video later.

**Facebook:** livestream:



**YouTube:** video here:



**Website:** info here:



**Offering**



**Join us on Sundays**  
9:00 a.m. - **Fellowship** with coffee and donuts  
10:00 a.m. – **Sunday School**  
10:00 a.m. – **Worship**  
In-Person, Facebook Live, or Virtual

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## June 14<sup>th</sup> Church Picnic

**You are invited to the Church Picnic!**

**Sunday June 14 from 11:00am-1:00pm at the pavilion.**

Food & drinks will be provided, feel free to bring a dish to share.

Fun games and activities for both kids and adults!

Volunteers needed to set up & clean up!

Questions contact Barb Ackerman



(TO RSVP)

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