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“Never place a period
Where God has placed a comma”
[Gracie Allen]
God is still speaking,

May 27, 2007 – 10:00 a.m. PENTECOST SUNDAY

For Reflection

“Shall I not tell you what is better than prayers and fasting
And giving alms to the poor? It is making peace between
One another: enmity and malice destroy all virtues.”
(The Qu’ran – Muhammad)



Please stop by the Sound Booth if you wish to use a sound receiver today.
*The asterisk indicates the times when you are invited to stand if the Spirit so moves you.

WE GATHER

PIANO PRELUDE Dylan Gentile
WELCOME & OUR COMMON LIFE Guylaine Bouchard

WE WORSHIP GOD

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Acolyte: Faith Van Horsen
“Rain Down” by Jaime Cortez (based on Psalm 33)
Congregation, please join in on the refrain:

**Rain down, rain down,
Rain down your love on your people.
Rain down, rain down,
Rain down your love, God of life.**

*OPENING PRAYER (unison) Guylaine Bouchard

Good morning, dear Creator. Thank you for opening our eyes and placing our feet on solid ground. Thank you for sending noise and cheerful sounds to our ears. Thank you for refreshing the air and filling our nostrils with new scents. Thank you, Great Spirit, for placing your gentle touch upon our lips. Thank you for allowing us to taste your love. Now, O God, open our minds so we can receive your Word. Open our hearts so we can welcome your people. Open our souls so your Holy Spirit can descend upon us. Grant unto us deep compassion, radical love, and bold courage as we worship you. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN “On Pentecost They Gathered” NCH #272
Congregation Huber, Harm: Mendelssohn

The congregation may be seated.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Offering *(the children's plate is passed to collect their offerings)*

Story "Jesus loves you...and so do I" Pastor Art Cribbs

Our Common 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*All children are invited to process to Children Worship & Wonder.
Connie James Gililand is today's storyteller.
Barbara Sanchez is available to care for the youngest children.*

Music to Bless the Children "Children Welcome"
Edwards, arr. Fitch

Refrain: **Children welcome in the name of Jesus.
Children welcome in the name of love.**

**Children offer us gifts for living, with hearts opened wide, clear eyes to see,
Minds full of wonder, hands full of helping, joy as we follow where they lead.**

WE EXPERIENCE THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-21 Guylaine Bouchard
New Revised Standard Version Pew Bible pages 148-149

CHORAL MUSIC "Hamba nathi (Come Walk With Us)" Chancel Choir
A South African traditional song, arranged by Anders Nyberg

REFLECTIONS "Spirited Voices" Pastor Cribbs

CHORAL MUSIC A Medley for Pentecost Chancel Choir
"If you Believe and I Believe", A Zimbabwe traditional song, arranged by John L. Bell
"He Came Down", A Cameroon traditional song, arranged by John L. Bell

WE RESPOND WITH OUR GIFTS, OUR LIVES

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Call for the Offering Guylaine Bouchard

Music for Meditation/Offertory Dylan Gentile

*Congregational Response **NCH #779**
Hatton/Ken
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen**

*Dedication of Ourselves and Our Gifts (unison) Guylaine Bouchard

**Why did you do it, God? Why did you give us so much? Why did you
fulfill our desires? Why did you supply our needs? Why did you accept
us as we are? Why, O God, did you take from your bounty and freely
provide us with everything we have? Why did you do it? Help us now to
give back to you just as freely and cheerfully as we have received. We
dedicate ourselves and our gifts to you, O Lord. Amen.**

The congregation may be seated.

A TIME OF PRAYER

Preparation for Prayer "God, Fill Me Now" Congregation

**God, fill me now, fill me with your Holy Spirit.
You give me life, and you draw me to your presence.
Here before you now; see, my hands are empty.
God, fill me now with you.**

Prayers of the People Pastor Cribbs

*SENDING HYMN "I Will Lift the Cloud of Night" **NCH #482**
Congregation Jones

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Cribbs

***CHANGING OF THE LIGHT**

Guylaine Bouchard

***PIANO POSTLUDE**

Dylan Gentile

***Everyone is welcome to enjoy food, beverages
and conversation in Crist Hall following the service.
Refreshments are provided today by Cathy Burkdoll. Thanks, Cathy!***

We express a **warm welcome** to all who have joined us this morning. This Church is affiliated with the United Church of Christ, a denomination dedicated to spiritual growth, faith with action and social transformation.

VISITORS: Please stop by our **Visitor's Center in the Entryway** to sign our Guest Book, **fill out a visitor card** (*with nametag so we can greet you by name!*) and receive information about the exciting things happening here!

striving for peace and justice.”