

Welcome to First Congregational Church United Church of Christ
Pentecost | Wear Orange Sunday
June 5, 2022

*** Some rise to their feet, some rise in their hearts—please rise as you are able.***

GATHERING BELL

At the sound of the bell, please silence yourselves and prepare for worship.

PRELUDE

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song, Cutts/Carter

Martha Jones

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Paul Ashby

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

**Whoever you are...and wherever you are on life's journey...
you are welcome here!**

OPENING REFLECTION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Carolyn Holmgren

Lift your hearts to the One who pours the gifts of the Spirit all across the earth.

To one the Spirit may give courage and strength.

To another it inspires great works of art with all the colors of the rainbow.

**To some, the Spirit opens paths to wisdom, insight and understanding. They become
inspired teachers.**

Others become people who are healers and peacemakers. Still others become known for creating
faith and hope on this earth.

Holy One, Let Your Spirit be poured upon us.

**HYMN NCH 270

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

All

Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body,
to the branches of the vine,
to the church in faith assembled,
to her midst as gift and sign:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Respond to each shared prayer request with "Peace, Shalom, Salaam."

Paul

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Carolyn

OFFERTORY

Send Down the Fire, Marty Haugen

Pam and Congregation

Send down the fire of your justice,
send down the rains of your love.
Come send down the Spirit, breathe life in your people
and we shall be people of God.

**DOXOLOGY

Hal-le, hal-le hal-le-lu-ja.

All

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Carolyn

Holy One, from our many different backgrounds, you call us to live in unity, while at the same time loving diversity. By Your Spirit, grant us the blessing of unity within diversity. Let everyday of our life be an unfolding of the gifts and Spirit of Pentecost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-8;12 - 21

Carolyn

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: '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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

MESSAGE

God's Spirit Gets Poured All Over the Place

Paul

HYMN NCH 292

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

All

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

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

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

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

COMMUNION

**HYMN *If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers* (tune: *O Waly, Waly*) All

If we just talk of thoughts and prayers
And don't live out a faith that dares,
And don't take on the ways of death,
Our thoughts and prayers are fleeting breath.

If we just dream of what could be
And do not build community,
And do not seek to change our ways,
Our dreams of change are false displays.

If we just sing of doing good
And don't walk through our neighborhood
To learn its hope, to ease its pain,
Our talk of good is simply vain.

God, may our prayers and dreams and songs
Lead to a faith that takes on wrongs ---
That works for peace and justice, too.
then will our prayers bring joy to you.

** BENEDICTION Paul

UNISON SUNG BENEDICTION *World Peace Prayer*

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth,
From despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace,
Let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our world,
Let peace fill our universe!

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Pastoral Care

To call Pastor Paul:

- **His new cell phone, 970-793-8638. [Paul prefers calls over texts]**
- *His extension at church, 970-242-0298, x104.*
- *Home landline, 970-200-2668. [Paul is always up until midnight, do not be shy about calling late when there is need.]*

To share a prayer request with the congregation, contact Beth Rakestraw, office@uccgj.org or 970-242-0298 x 105.

Announcements

Contact: Beth Rakestraw, Office Administrator, office@uccgj.org

Guest WiFi Access | The name of our guest WiFi is FCUCCguest; the password is “welcomeall.”
Join us for Coffee Hour after worship | You must be up to date with vaccinations to attend all church social events including Coffee Hour.

New Directory Update | For the next several Sundays, a draft of the new directory will be available for your review. I'd like congregants to review their photos and contact information, make any necessary corrections, and initial next to the entries to show it has been reviewed. Your initials will also express your permission for your photo and contact information to appear in the directory. Arrangements for new photos or retakes can be made at that time. Thank you! ~Beth

Mission & Outreach June Collection | June is the 3rd month of the 2nd quarter of the year, and Mission and Outreach continues to focus on **Solidarity, Not Charity**. For June, we will be collecting items to create hygiene packs. Watch Church Chat for more details.

Mission & Outreach Ongoing Collections for Solidarity, Not Charity | We currently collect hotel and personal size toiletries, water/milk jugs with their lids and plastic grocery bags for sleeping mats for Solidarity, Not Charity.

June Collection for Catholic Outreach | Beverages | With the weather heating up in the Valley, C.O. guests are thrilled to have a bottle or can of a refreshing beverage to take with them into the heat of their afternoons. Let's collect at least 100 cans or bottles or cartons of juice and/or soda, cold drinks, soft drinks, soda-pop (or whatever y'all called it back home) to share with our thirsty friends here in the Valley.

Take Action Against Gun Violence | Are you seeking an opportunity to put action to your lament, thoughts, and prayers? I offer the following as theological grounding and concrete action. Call on your legislators to do justice; it is their job to hear and vote in ways which represent us.” Colorado Senators: Michael F Bennet, 202-224-5852; John W Hickenlooper, 202-224-5941. Sample Script: “Hello, my name is [your name]. I am a constituent from Colorado, zip code [xxxxx]. The only response I am seeking is ACTION. I am troubled by the lack of senate action on gun control. I am particularly concerned about the lack of a senate vote on the Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021, H.R. 8, and the Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2021, H.R. 1446. I encourage you, in the strongest of terms, as my elected senator, to support a vote and the passage of these acts. Thank you for listening to the voices of the people you represent.”

Vision & Mission

As a progressive Christian community of faith, we seek to walk with compassion, inclusion, acceptance, bravery and understanding as Jesus did.

We STRIVE to:

- ◇ *be a welcoming congregation where you are safe to be who you are.*
- ◇ *be life-long learners that question and challenge each other to grow in faith, thought and actions.*
- ◇ *work for peace, equity and justice for all people*
- ◇ *protect and restore the integrity of our earth and all of creation.*
- ◇ *be change-makers.*

This Week at FCUCC **June 5 – June 12, 2022**

Sunday 5	Pentecost Wear Orange for Gun Violence Awareness	
	10:00 Worship w/ Communion	sanctuary/YouTube
	11:00 Happy Hour	pilgrim
Tuesday 7	5:30 Cantabile Ringers	music room
Wednesday 8	1:00 Through the NT Study	chapel
	2:00 Mission & Outreach	chapel
Friday 10	10:00 Zoom Coffee Hour	zoom
Sunday 12	10:00 Worship w/ Communion	sanctuary/YouTube
	11:00 Happy Hour	pilgrim

Save the Dates:

June 9 - 11 | RMC Annual Celebration Business Meeting
 June 18 | Women’s High Tea
 June 19 | Father’s Day | Juneteenth
 July 4 | Independence Day | Church Office Closed
 August 12–14 | Church Camping Trip | Island Lake [on Grand Mesa]
 September 5 | Labor Day | Church Office Closed

Church office hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 to 3:00.