



Faith

UNITED CHURCH of Christ

Rev. Ted Brelsford | Pastor
Rev. Gary Burdick | Pastor Emeritus
Dr. Ruth Foley | Music Director

Sunday, May 25, 2025
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

6th Sunday of Easter

WELCOME

Time of Silent Preparation for Worship

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 67) *Liturgist: Lois Thurnherr*

Leader: Let peoples praise you, O God;

People: Let all the peoples praise you

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge
the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon
the earth.

People: Yes, let the peoples praise you, O God;

All: Let all the peoples praise you.

INVOCATION

***HYMN** *This is the Day* Gray, #801

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and mercy, we confess that sometimes we
wander from your ways. Forgive us when we do what we
should not and fail to do the things we should. Call us
back, we pray, whenever we go astray. Turn our heads
toward you, and embolden our feet to follow where you
lead. For you are the guide for our lives on the path to
peace. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:9-15

ANTIPHONAL READING Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

*HYMN *America, the Beautiful*

Gray, #418 vs. 1,3,4

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5
John 14:25-27

SERMON “Divine Trickery”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* Gray, #436 vs. 1,3

*GIFTS and OFFERINGS *There is an offering plate on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. May God bless the missions of our church and the needs of the world through the gifts of our resources. Amen.*

GIVING
as an act of worship
BEFORE GOD
2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15



***DOXOLOGY**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

For peace in this country and the world, for our military, for all who are at war, and those who have lost loved ones and are grieving. And also for those whose needs we do not know.

For Bill Bates, Vickie Bieger, Sue Cook, Gary Cook, Stephen Dearth, Sonne Durphy, Barb Fink, Louise Forney's family, Scot Kish, Eleanor Kraft, Carol Mueller, Claudia Renzi, Chuck & Sheila Recktenwalt, Tom & Marilyn Rucker, Joe Ryan, Fred Shear, Linda Smerka, Janet Taber, Bob Tills, and Joyce Whittemore's family.

For Those in the Military: Zachary Braun, Justin Buczek, Teegan Partridge, Cadan Skinner, Jamie-Lynn Smerka, Justin Slighter (Air Force), Joe Solak, Mary Solak, Aaron Wellman, and Mark Williams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Monday, May 26th **Town of Boston Parade** using our parking lot again this year with volunteers giving out water.
- Sunday, June 1st and 8th **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** will be held at Faith United Church of Christ. Classes start at 10:00 and will end about 11:15. Fun activities and games will be shared while students learn about Jesus.
- Saturday, June 7th 11:00 a.m. **Joyce Whittemore Memorial Service** followed by reception in Fellowship Hall.

- We will be collecting our **Strengthen the Church Offering** on June 8th. This offering furthers the work of our conferences and the national UCC as we work together to strengthen and renew existing congregations, fund leadership development, and provide exciting new programs for youth and young adults. The offering is divided with 50% staying regionally within our conference and 50% supporting the National Ministries.
- **Wear your red!** On Pentecost, June 8th, we remember the “tongues of fire” representing the Holy Spirit descending on the gathered followers of Jesus. This is the only Sunday in the church year when the designated liturgical color is red. You can help us display and spread the spirit of this day by wearing red to church on June 8th!
- Saturday, June 14th 9:00 a.m. **Men’s Group Meeting.**
- Sunday, June 22nd We will be **honoring our graduates.** Please provide names of loved ones graduating and a brief description of relation, school and continuing education or job if applicable.
- Sunday, June 29th **Summer Hours.** Worship begins at 9:30 a.m.

OPERATING BUDGET INCOME & EXPENSES

Average weekly operating expenses: \$2492
 Offering collection from May 18, 2025: \$904
 Current: \$840 Benevolent: \$64
 Attendance on Sunday, May 18, 2025: 49