



First Congregational

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Pentecost Sunday



June 8, 2025

Children's Message

Brandyn Miller

Director of Music

Luke Overton

Senior Pastor

Brandyn Miller

Organist

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

Office Manager

Michelle Wolfe

Custodian

Kyle Lindaman

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Prelude	Hymn Improvisation	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
Welcome and Announcements		Brandyn Miller
*Call to Worship	<i>Based on Psalm 104:24-34</i>	Brandyn Miller
Pastor: God, your creation is amazing—so full of life, detail, and wonder.		
People: Your Spirit gives life to everything! You breathe, and the world is renewed.		
Pastor: Your glory shines through all you've made. May we never stop noticing.		
People: As long as we live, we'll sing your praise and celebrate your goodness.		
Pastor: May our thoughts bring you joy, as your presence brings us joy.		
All: Come, Holy Spirit—fill this space, fill our hearts, and draw us into praise!		
*Opening Hymn	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i> (x2)	#283 (NCH - Black)
*Prayer of Invocation (unison)		
Faithful God, on this Pentecost day, we gather in expectation. We are longing to hear your Spirit's voice, to feel your presence among us, and to be renewed in your power. As you once filled your church with wind and flame, fill us now with your breath of life. Speak through your Word, strengthen us by your Spirit, and send us forth as faithful witnesses of your love. Amen.		
Special Music		Grace Dinneen
Invitation to Offertory		
Offertory		Hudson Lourenço-Feld
*Doxology		#515 (Pilgrim - Red)
*Prayer of Dedication		
Children's Message		Brandyn Miller
Scripture Reading	Acts 2:1–21 & Romans 8:14–17	
Leader: This is the word of the Lord		
All: Thanks be to God!		
Sermon	<i>"Faithfulness & Fire"</i>	Brandyn Miller
*Song of Response	<i>Faithful Then / Faithful Now</i>	(See Screen)
Joys & Concerns		
Leader: Lord, in your mercy		
People: Hear our prayer		

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (unison)Brandyn Miller

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

All: Faithful God, we thank you for this holy meal, for the bread that strengthens us and the cup that renews us. As you fed your disciples long ago, you have nourished us with your love and grace. Send us now into the world, filled with your Spirit, ready to live with courage, to love without fear, and to walk in faithfulness wherever you lead. In the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

***Parting Hymn**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

#286 (NCH - Black)

***Benediction**

Brandyn Miller

Postlude

Hymn Improvisation

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

* Please Rise in body and spirit

On communion Sunday, children are welcome to join the Pray-Ground which is located at the back of the sanctuary, offering them a comfortable space while staying connected to the service. They will then be able to participate in Communion with their families at the end of service.