

May 28, 2023

!! PENTECOST!!

Greeting

Welcome Statement (Printed on the bulletin insert)

Into Silence

...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...”

Prelude and Bringing in the Light

- **Pentecost Call to Worship** Adapted from Acts 2

LEADER: When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

PEOPLE: 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.

LEADER: Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

PEOPLE: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

- **Hymn** *Sound the New World Rising* (tune: NCH 238)

- **Morning Prayer (unison)**

Gracious God, we are a people created by your love, formed by the words of Jesus and breathed into life by your Spirit. In your grace, we are whole. But sometimes we wander from wholeness; sometimes we seek light in darkness. May your ever present Spirit shake us when we need shaking, hold us together when we are coming apart and shape us more each day into the people you want us to be we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen

* Promise

“I am with you” Jesus said, “to the end of the age.” From our beginning, through our middle and past our end, God is with us. We will never be left alone. We need never be afraid. This is the gospel. What can we say but—

Thanks be to God!

- * **Sung Response** *Breathe on me Breath of God...* (On screen)

Announcements

Offering Invitation

Offertory

- **Sung Response** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow...*

- **Gratitude Prayer (Unison)**

Generosity and grace, abundance and blessing, love without borders, beauty beyond description, kindness under everything. For all that is and was and ever will be we give you thanks. Amen.

Kids Time

1st Scripture Reading Acts 2:1-4

Holy Spirit

2nd Scripture Reading Acts 2:16-21

Sermon

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

- **Closing Hymn** *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* (NCH #63)

- **Benediction**

Postlude

- *Please stand if you are able*



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An Open and Affirming Congregation

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father 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, and the power

and the glory forever.

Amen



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist: Peggy Ganzer

Radio Sponsor: Liz Bongard in memory of Vic Bongard's birthday on May 23 and Missy and Jacob's wedding anniversary on May 19.

If you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast call the church office at 608-643-8387 to check on available dates. Cost is now at \$90.00/week. Your support of this important ministry is much appreciated.

Address Changes—If your phone number, mailing or email address changes please send the new address to the church office so we can keep our records up to date.

From our Stock the Schools campaign—suggested donations for May: *Food items:* Granola bars. *Personal items:* Tooth brushes and full size toothpaste. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated by everyone. Please drop your donations off in the red tote outside the educational doors during office hours (Monday-Friday 8am–Noon) or inside during Sunday worship. Thanks for your help.

Questions? Concerns? Perplexed? Thirsty for some good coffee? Give a call and we'll find a table at a coffee shop. Pastor Brad

Monthly Church Offering Update:

Monthly Budget:	\$ 15,262
April offering:	\$
Net:	\$ ()

Totals for the Year:	
Offering budget thru Apr.:	\$ 61,048
Income thru April	\$ 61,986
Expenses thru April	\$ <u>61,208</u>
Net:	\$ 778

“Accept one another, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.”
Romans 15:7

We at First United Church of Christ-Sauk City have been embraced by the inclusive love of Jesus, and so we strive, as an Open and Affirming congregation, to be a welcoming presence in Sauk City and beyond. We invite anyone and everyone to worship and serve within our covenant to “do justice, love kindness and walk humbly” in the way of Jesus. *Everyone*—without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, race, or faith background. Anyone who covenants with us to “do justice, love kindness and walk humbly” in the way of Jesus will be a valued member of this fellowship.

“The apostles remembered what many modern Christians tend to forget—that what makes the gospel offensive is not who it keeps out but who it lets in.” Rachel Held Evans

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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.

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