

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A United Church of Christ Congregation

PENTECOST SUNDAY

\* Congregation may stand

*Wherever you are on your journey ... you are welcome here.*

**Prelude** Dietrich Buxtehude  
*Nun biten wir den heiligen Geist, BuxWV 208*

**Welcome**

**Bringing in the Light of Christ**  
9:00 Emily Burling, Tori Slotter  
10:30 Genevieve Baylor, Oliver Zarges

**Introit** Daniel Iverson/arr. T. M. Scott  
Spirit of the Living God  
*Chancel Choir*

**Call to Worship** adapted from G. Waldie  
Leader: The Spirit is here among us,  
**People: within us, around us, between us.**  
Leader: The Spirit is here to strengthen us  
**People: bringing courage, bringing conviction.**  
Leader: The Spirit is here to stir within us,  
**People: moving us to sing and praise.**  
Leader: The Spirit is here! Come, let us worship.

\* **Hymn 218** EBENEZER (TON-Y-BOTEL)  
Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*) J. H. Derksen  
Almighty God, you poured out your Spirit upon Jesus'  
gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a  
new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the  
force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your  
word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a  
people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God, and  
hear us pray... (*moments for silent reflections*)

**Words of Assurance**

**Anthem** Breath of God Eugene Englert  
*Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir*

**Children's Message and Lord's Prayer** Katie Morgan  
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. Lead us not into  
temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the  
kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

\* **Hymn 303** Softly and Tenderly THOMPSON

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offertory** handbells arr. Hart Morris, vocals arr. T. M. Scott  
Old Time Ringin'

\* **Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture Lesson** Acts 2:1-21, pg 103 NT  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** Peter Wiley

\* **Hymn 229** PLEADING SAVIOR  
Spirit, Come, Dispel Our Sadness

\* **Benediction**

\* **Passing of the Peace**

**Postlude** D. Buxtehude  
Fugue in C Major, BuxWV 174

*First Congregational Church  
Welcomes Our Guests*

*We are thankful you are sharing  
in worship with us this morning.*

*Every Sunday, our 10:30 and 11:59 services  
are also lived streamed on our website.*

**First-time visitors**, please take a  
**Welcome Bag** from outside of the sanctuary.

**Large print bulletins** and **hearing assist devices**  
are available from ushers.

**Following worship**, clergy will greet worshippers  
in the narthex or you may also exit the sanctuary  
through the door to the left of the chancel.

**Parents With Young Children**

During the **10:30 and 11:59 worship services**,  
the Alcove is available for parents with young children  
who would like to **view the worship  
service on live stream television**. Please feel free  
at any time to leave the sanctuary and make your way to  
the Alcove, located near the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor elevator.  
Check with an usher if you need assistance.

**An activity basket** is available at the back of the  
sanctuary for the enjoyment of young children.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall  
for coffee and fellowship after worship.

**Church Staff**

The Rev. Dr. Peter Wiley ..... Senior Pastor  
The Rev. Jeanette Brodersen..... Associate Pastor  
The Rev. Dr. Richard Clewell..... Associate Pastor  
The Rev. Steve Hockstra ..... Associate Pastor of Youth & Adults  
Callie Baylor ..... Middle School Coordinator  
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Emily Lopick ..... Director of First Connect  
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Diana Finkes ..... Finance Associate  
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Bill Schmidt ..... Facilities Manager  
Laurence Frese ..... Custodial Manager

*Adjunct Clergy:*

*The Rev. Jonathan Dodson, Chaplain, Laurel Lake Retirement Community  
The Rev. Dr. Janet Ross, Mission for Haiti/Amistad Chapel*

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**Sunday, May 20, 2018**  
**9:00 and 10:30 am**  
**(or join us at 11:59)**