

# PENTECOST & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Congregational responses are in **bold** and • means "please rise in body or spirit."

MAY 24, 2026 | ORDER OF WORSHIP



**Prelude** Oren Varess (they/them)

**Welcome** Deacon Megan Sawyer (she/her)

**Call to Worship** Written by Joanna Harader  
Led by the Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grade

Come, Holy Spirit,  
**The wind of God, the breath of Life.**  
Come, Holy Spirit,  
**Our Advocate, our Counselor.**  
Come, Holy Spirit,  
**Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.**  
Come, Holy Spirit,  
**Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.**  
Come, Holy Spirit.  
**May we feel God breathing through our worship.**  
**May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place. Amen.**

**•Youth Music** (please rise in body or spirit) Hello Song

[Chorus]	In France they say Bonjour (Bonjour!)
Hello, Hello, Hello	In China they Say Ni Hao (Ni Hao!)
Hi, Hi, Hi	In Mexico they say Buenos Dias (Buenos Dias!)
Hello, Hello, Hello,	In India they say Namaste (Namaste!)
Hi!	[Chorus]

**Centering Words** Taken from the "Just Love Story Bible"

*The Power to Become the Church, from Acts 2*

The people who loved Jesus were left with their memories, and with figuring out what to do next. They spent time together, telling stories of Jesus, helping each other recall his teachings and his hopes for them. They remembered that Jesus said, "John baptized you with water, but soon you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." When the Holy Spirit is with us, we have the power to love the world!

**We Pass the Peace of Christ**

**Anthem** Spirit Come Down | Mark Hayes  
First Church Choir

## Celebration of Gratitude

*“If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough.”*

*-Meister Eckhart*

As we name the abundant blessings of our lives (anniversaries, birthdays, clean-and-sober milestones, and many more!), we offer a gratitude gift in any amount, so that the blessings we have received from God may be multiplied and shared with all who long to experience God’s extravagant welcome in this church and beyond.

*Please consider using a gratitude heart, located in the racks in the pews, if you choose to make a gratitude gift.*

## We Sound the Bell

### Sharing Our Sacred Story

Reader: Friends, hear what the Spirit is saying to the church today.

✦ Acts, a reading from The Just Love Story Bible

Reader: This is the story of life for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God**

### A Message for all Children of God

*Written by our Teen Group*

*What are your dreams for the world?  
How can our church support these dreams?*

• **Hymn** *(please rise in body or spirit)*

Every Time I Feel the Spirit  
No. 282 in the Black Hymnal

### Prayers of the People

#### The Lord's Prayer

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 sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### Offering of Love & Promise

*The Reid Family*

### Offertory Music

*Oren Varess (they/them)*

• **Words of Thanksgiving** *(please rise in body or spirit)*

Praise God, from whom blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that Love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

- **Prayer of Dedication** *(please rise in body or spirit)*

Loving and Holy God, we ask that You would pour out Your blessing on this offering today. Guide us in Your way and use these gifts to make our church and our world even more:

*We call out words like “joyful, kind, just” to bless our church and world*

- **Hymn** *(please rise in body or spirit)*

This is the Day  
No. 84 in the Black Hymnal

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Oren Varess *(they/them)*

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**Service Credits:**

*The Just Love Story Bible, Jacqui Lewis and Shannon Daley-Harris*



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# Announcements

## Special Missions Offering

Our next special mission offering, Strengthen the Church, Great and Wide, is an offering that supports church growth, pastoral and lay leadership development, and youth and young adult ministries within our conference. Special offering envelopes are in the bulletin, or you can donate online with a memo about Strengthen the Church. Thanks and gratitude for all you do for our church & world!

## Missions Plant Sale

The annual plant sale is taking place on **Saturday, June 6 from 9 am to noon** outside of the Oberg offices on Main Street! We are currently accepting donations of: house plants, annual seedlings, perennials, and vegetables/herbs. Please put each donation in a pot with a label and **drop them off** at church on **Friday, June 5 between 12 noon and 5 pm**. We are also taking donations of pots! Empty pots can be left by the buddy bench near the rear door of the church. Thank you!

## Yard Sale Update

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we are unable to hold the yard sale on our previously scheduled date of May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be in touch with those of you who offered donations as soon as we clear space in the barn to store them, and will announce a new date soon. Thank you again for your support of this important fundraiser!

## Celebrating Our Graduates

Is someone you love graduating this spring from high school, college, graduate school or a certificate program? Let us know so we can celebrate with you during an upcoming Sunday service!

Please contact Sandy with the following:

- Graduate's name
- Where they graduated from
- A picture
- How they are connected to you

All are warmly welcome to join us on the lawn following worship for a special Pentecost Snack & Chat! Come enjoy a s'more and celebrate being together! ❤️

## First Church Ministry Leaders

### Ministers

All of Us

### Senior Pastor

Rev. Emily C. Goodnow (*she/her*)

### Minister for Intergenerational Innovation

Pastor Spencer Law (*he/him*)

### C.E. Coordinator

Sandy Wissmann (*she/her*)

### Director of Music Engagement

Cassie Cooper-Ricci (*they/them*)

### Organist & Pianist

Oren Varess (*they/them*)

### Office Manager

Kylie Morel (*she/her*)

### Co-Moderators

Rosemary Wiser (*she/her*)

Marita Wiser (*she/her*)

### Treasurer - Asst. Treasurer

Peter Clark (*he/him*)

Gail McBride (*she/her*)

### Trustee of the Week

Glenn Tippy (*he/him*)

### Deacon of the Week

Megan Sawyer (*she/her*)

### Greeters-Hospitality

Price Hutchins, Eilieen Perry,  
Stephanie Wilcher

### C.E. Leaders

Edna & Jessica Engstrom

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### *This Sunday, May 24*

- Youth and Children Song Rehearsal, CE wing, 9:30 am — all youth and children are invited to warm up and practice the "Hello Song" to be sung during the service!
- Children's Sunday, 10 am
- Snack & Chat, on the lawn, following worship

### *Monday, May 25*

- Memorial Day, church office closed

### *Tuesday, May 26*

- Jeanette's Closet, 9-11 am
- Tiny Tots, 9 - 10 am
- Staff Meeting, 10:30 am
- Prayer Group via Zoom, 1:30 pm

### *Wednesday, May 27*

- Bible Study, parlor, 10 am led by Rev. Emily

### *Thursday, May 28*

- Missions Meeting, 5:30 pm
- Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm

### *Next Sunday, May 31*

- Worship, 10 am
- Snack & Chat, fellowship hall, following worship
- VBC Teen Training, 11 am
- Council Meeting, 11:30 am

Church office is open 9 am - 12 pm, Mon-Fri  
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