

# FRIENDS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Pentecost Sunday  
June 8, 2025  
9:00am



*An Open & Affirming  
Congregation*

## QUOTE FOR MEDITATION:

“Without Pentecost, we’d just be people who tell Jesus’ story. With Pentecost, we’re people who live into Jesus’ story.”

-Danielle Shroyer

## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

## WORDS OF WELCOME

Trent Williams

## PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Diane Simpson

One: The Holy Bewilder is here—

**All: Shaking up the order of things**

One: Pouring out Mystery over our lives

**All: Prophesying through unlikely sources**

One: Like mist on a mountainside

**All: Like fire cleansing a forest**

One: Sometimes subtle, sometimes unwieldy

**All: But always dreaming of a World to Come—**

**Where all speak the language of compassion  
and are alight with the flame of solidarity.**

## \*OPENING HYMN - No. 272 On Pentecost They Gathered

*Munich*

*An asterisk\* indicates that the congregation is invited to stand in body or spirit.*

## **\*INVOCATION**

Diane Simpson

## **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Brooke Dooley

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Brooke Dooley

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Trent Williams

*Children in the sanctuary are invited to come to the front. All are invited to sing a verse of NCH #524 "This Little Light of Mine" to begin the children's message.*

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 2:1-21, NRSV

Brooke Dooley

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

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But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, 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, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **God is still speaking. Thanks be to God!**

## **THE MESSAGE**

Brooke Dooley

## **SILENT PRAYER & MEDITATION**

*One chime calls us into silence, and two chimes call us out of silence.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES FOR INTERCESSIONS**

Trent Williams

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**\*DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God the source of all our gifts,  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts,  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

Trent Williams

Towards the new order of things—where oppressors are no more. Where healing is readily accessible. Where all have what they need. To the new order of things—we dedicate our gifts and resources, Holy Mystery. Come and dwell among us, root us in ancient wisdom, breathe our bodies awake. Amen.

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Trent Williams

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 sin against us;  
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**

Brooke Dooley

**\*CLOSING HYMN** - No. 282 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*African-American spiritual*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Brooke Dooley

**\*SUNG RESPONSE** - No. 181 You Are Salt for the Earth, O People (Verse 1 only)

*Bring Forth*

## POSTLUDE

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*Instrumental Music:*

Prelude: Come Down, O Love Divine - Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Offertory: Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart - Frederick Cook Atkinson  
Postlude: The Spirit of Joy - David Paxton

*Scriptures for Second Pentecost Sunday, June 15, 2025: Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15*

## GETTING CONNECTED AT FRIENDS

**GET CONNECTED!** On Fridays we email out a newsletter called “This Week at Friends” that shares important information and all of the activities and events going on at Friends. Subscribe by contacting [office@friends-ucc.org](mailto:office@friends-ucc.org).

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

**LGBTQ+ YOUTH & ALLIES GAME SOCIAL, JUNE 8:** The Pride Community Center is hosting a game social for LGBTQ+ youth and allies on Sunday, June 8, 3-5pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Brazos Valley. Youth are invited to gather for snacks, board games, and video games. For more information, contact [queeryouth@pridecc.org](mailto:queeryouth@pridecc.org).

**FAMILIES OF ADOPTED & FOSTER CARE CHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP, JUNE 8:** A support group for families with adopted or foster care children meets every second Sunday of the month. For the summer, we will meet at Lupe Tortilla at 813 Texas Ave, College Station, 77840 at 12:30pm. For details, contact Ann Rome: [ann.rome@yahoo.com](mailto:ann.rome@yahoo.com).

**WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS WITH WOMEN, JUNE 11:** Wonderful Wednesdays with Women will meet on June 11 at 5pm at Downtown Uncorked Winebar. This is a casual, come-and-go event. All are welcome! Contact Stacy De Leon ([stacybdeleon@gmail.com](mailto:stacybdeleon@gmail.com)) for more information.

**GUYZ BREAKFAST, JUNE 14:** Guyz Breakfast brings together fellowship, fun and great food. Join us at the church on the second Saturday of the month 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Bring your favorite breakfast food or drink to share. Pancakes and coffee are provided.

**A TIME FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR COUNTRY:** On Saturday, June 14, St. Francis Episcopal Church, 1101 Rock Prairie Road, will host a community gathering, 4–6pm in the sanctuary, to reflect on peace, harmony, and understanding.

**Why do we need to build community?** Community building creates a sense of belonging and support among a group of people. This produces a positive impact by connecting people across diverse geographies, backgrounds, and ages. Community building creates trust and accountability.

**What to expect when you join us:** Some people quietly reflect and pray. Others choose to share their thoughts and ideas. Some come with poems, stories, and prayers to read aloud. However you choose to participate, this is a time for quiet reflection, sharing thoughts and ideas, and community. Please join us as we continue to work for peace, harmony, understanding, and healing for our country.

Please contact Sara Ptomey, saraptomey12@gmail.com, with any questions.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHILDCARE HELP NEEDED:** Our childcare worker, Morgan, will be out of town on June 15th. We will need one more volunteer to fill in for her. Please let Morgan or Pastor Trent know ASAP. We will need to run background checks on volunteers, which takes a couple of days to complete.

**SENIOR PASTOR'S SCHEDULE - FROM PASTOR DAN:** I will be away from Friends Church June 9-21. June 9-11, I will be in D.C. attending Sojourner's "A Pentecost for a Moral Budget" event (rally and march), and participating in Bread for the World's "Advocacy Summit" (training and legislative visits advocating for food justice). June 12-13, I will be in Conroe serving as the officiant for a wedding. June 14, I will be in Austin for a reunion of the First Baptist Church youth group and our minister from that era, who I haven't seen in 25+ years. June 15-21, my family and I will be on vacation. If you have a pastoral need while I'm away, contact Pastor Brooke or Pastor Trent. Thank you for your prayerful support.

**FRIENDS WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Join our Friends Church worship team! We are in need of additional folks to help on Sunday mornings to serve as greeters, lay leaders and communion stewards to make our worship services flow smoothly. Sign up with these links.  
9am Service [bit.ly/0900worship](https://bit.ly/0900worship)      11am Service [bit.ly/1100worship](https://bit.ly/1100worship)

**SUMMER SABBATH FOR 9AM SERVICE AFTER JUNE 29:** Starting the first Sunday in July, the 9am service will take a six-week break. Many of our 9am attendees are out of town for various Sundays in the summer, making it difficult to secure volunteer lay leaders, greeters, and communion stewards each week. Director of Music Ministries Chris Hoffman will be on his annual one-month sabbatical starting July 1. Taking these challenges into consideration, as well as the need to provide our pastors and A/V team some respite, the 9am service will not be offered Sundays, July 6 through August 10. After June 29, the 9am service will resume on August 17. Rest well, and we'll see you at 11am on Sundays in the sanctuary or online.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AND SHARE

**SUPPORT OUR PODCAST:** Help us spread the good word! Share this week's sermon with those you love with our "Friends Congregational Church Sermons" podcast, available wherever you can find podcasts! Easily access and publicize our mission to follow the model of Jesus: to live faithfully, love limitlessly, and serve boldly. With over 100 episodes published (since Advent of last year) we've expanded (since Eastertide this year) our efforts to include the wider library of sermons offered before this podcast kicked off. We would love to have your support by either showing this podcast to friends and loved ones, and/or contributing your voice to introduce an episode. Volunteers can reach out to [av@friends-ucc.org](mailto:av@friends-ucc.org) (Jeremy) if interested, or you might get approached after service. Recording takes less than 10 minutes and is almost entirely scripted.

**Be a Greeter and Communion Steward:** To help in the 9am and 11am services, please contact Worship Committee Chair Charity Stokes: [worship@friends-ucc.org](mailto:worship@friends-ucc.org).

**Youth Group Looking for Extra Help:** We are still looking for volunteers to help with the Youth Group events for the new school year. Contact Pastor Brooke at [pastorbrooke@friend-ucc.org](mailto:pastorbrooke@friend-ucc.org).

**Sunday School Teachers Needed:** Are you feeling called to teach our children or youth? Contact Pastor Dan for more information: [pastor@friends-ucc.org](mailto:pastor@friends-ucc.org).

**Coffee Crew/Kitchen Angel:** "All I need is coffee; all we need are volunteers to make it!"

Sign up via sheet on kitchen counter, at [bit.ly/friendschurchcoffee](http://bit.ly/friendschurchcoffee) or email Jan at [Fellowship@friends-ucc.org](mailto:Fellowship@friends-ucc.org).

**Be a Curbside Steward:** Recycling occurs once every two weeks early on Fridays and trash pick-up is weekly, early on Mondays. Bins need to be placed at the curb the afternoon or evening before the scheduled pick up day and returned to the side of the church after pick-up. Contact [Property@Friends-ucc.org](mailto:Property@Friends-ucc.org)

**Serve the Community:** Help out at the Brazos Church Food Pantry, the Friday food distribution at Peace Lutheran, or Brazos Interfaith Immigration Network (BIIN) as an English or citizenship class tutor. And more! Visit the Friends Church website ([Friends-ucc.org](http://Friends-ucc.org)) ▶ Get **Involved** ▶ **Volunteer** or email [office@friends-ucc.org](mailto:office@friends-ucc.org) for more information or to volunteer.

## SAVE THE DATE

**PRIDE PALOOZA PICNIC, JUNE 27:** A church-wide picnic on the front lawn Friends Congregational Church on June 27 from 6:00 - 8:00pm. Bring a chair. Bring a cup. Bring a drink. Bring a friend. Bring a snack to share. Choose a color from the rainbow and bring a snack to match. We will provide brisket sliders, water, tea, and lemonade.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, JUNE 29:** Save the Date! Congregational Meeting coming up -- June 29th, after the 11:00 service. Please join us as we present the budget for fiscal year 25-26 and nominations for new leaders.

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