



Friends Church
An Open & Affirming Congregation



Pentecost
Peter Koeing, 1964

June 8, 2025
11:00am

WELCOME TO FRIENDS CHURCH!

We are honored that you have chosen to spend your Sunday morning with us. Friends Congregational Church is an **Open & Affirming** congregation of the United Church of Christ. We welcome all people into the full life and ministry of our church—people of all ages, races, sexual orientations, gender identities, and abilities. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

FIRST TIME AT FRIENDS? If you are a guest with us today, please let us know. Welcome cards are located in the chair backs to fill out and leave in the offering plate during today's offertory. If you are joining us online for today's service, you will find an Online Visitor Card at <https://www.friends-ucc.org/your-first-visit>. We are so glad you are here, so please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.

CHILDCARE: We invite children to participate fully in our community and worship life. Children of all ages are welcome in worship or you may choose childcare, offered for ages 1-5 in the nursery down the hall through the piano side double doors. We currently have Covid Protocols in place, which you can find posted outside the nursery door.

WiFi: To access church WiFi, please use this login information:
WiFi – The Promised LAN Password: stillspeaking

RESTROOMS are located through the double doors on the piano side of the sanctuary. Gender assigned restrooms are straight down at the end of the hall, and a gender neutral restroom is to the immediate right.

LEADING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Lay Leaders: Diane Simpson & Cathy Hansen
Greeters: Carolyn Young & Becky Bordovsky and Carol Wilson

Next Sunday, June 15:
Lay Leaders:
Communion Stewards:
Greeters:

We give God thanks for our volunteers sharing their gifts. To volunteer for a Sunday as a lay leader, communion steward, or greeter, email worship@friends-ucc.org.

COMMUNION ON REQUEST: While the sacrament of communion is observed in worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at Friends, communion is available any Sunday on request. If you would like to receive communion on a 2nd, 4th, or 5th Sunday, please find one of our pastors to serve you at the conclusion of the worship service.

Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday

Celebrated fifty days after Easter Sunday, Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Jewish harvest festival called Shavuot, also known as the Festival of Weeks. Pentecost Sunday is also referred to as the birthday of the Church, when the apostles went out among the people and began spreading the message of Jesus.

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**

Cathy Hansen

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

***INVOCATION**

Cathy Hansen

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

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.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Brooke Dooley

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

Many: **And also with you!**

***HYMN OF RESPONSE - No. 351** I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry *Borning Cry*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:8-17, 25-27 CEB

Cathy Hansen

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father; that will be enough for us."

Jesus replied, "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been with you all this time? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I have spoken to you I don't speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me does his works. Trust me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe on account of the works themselves. I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father can be glorified in the Son. When you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can't receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you.

"I have spoken these things to you while I am with you. The Companion, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I told you.

“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don’t be troubled or afraid.

HANDBELL ANTHEM: Breathe on Me, Breath of God - Michael Mazzatenta

SECOND 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.”

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

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

SERVICE FOR THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Henry Ballweg & Chloe Gutierrez

INTRODUCTION

Brooke Dooley

STATEMENTS OF FAITH

Confirmands

INVITATION

Dan De Leon

SENTENCES

Trent Williams

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

Trent Williams

ACT OF CONFIRMATION

Dan De Leon

***WELCOME (UNISON)**

Brooke Dooley

Chloe, Henry, we promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

***HYMN – No. 391 In the Midst of New Dimensions**

***PRESENTATION**

Brooke Dooley

PRAYER

Dan De Leon

INVITATION TO SHARE

Cathy Hansen

OFFERTORY

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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

Dan De Leon

*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.

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.

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.

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) 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.

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.

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 11am Service bit.ly/1100worship

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 (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.

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.

Sunday School Teachers Needed: Are you feeling called to teach our children or youth? Contact Pastor Dan for more information: 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 or email Jan at 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

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) ▶ **Get Involved ▶ Volunteer** or email 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.

Friends Congregational Church United Church of Christ

Vision:

Rooted in the way of Christ, we strive to be a community of God's radical inclusion and extravagant welcome.

Mission:

United by the example of Jesus, we live faithfully, love limitlessly, and serve boldly.

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