	This Week's Calendar June 4-10, 2017	
Today Tuesday Thursday Friday	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> Strengthen the Church Mission Refugee Settlement Group Stephen Ministry Financial Committee Green Group Movie Night	<b>10:00am</b> 11:00am 7:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm
	This Week's Calendar June 11 - 17, 2017	
Sunday Tuesday Wednesday	Missions Outreach & Welcoming Bible Study Stewardship Pastoral Care <b>Extended Staff Meeting</b> Pastoral Care	9:00am 11:00am 5:00pm 7:00pm 10:00am <b>12:00pm</b> 6:00pm
Saturday	Men's Fellowship	9:00am
This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries		
Today Monday Wednesday Saturday	Bret Reifsteck Matthew K Max Morello Vernita Sto Duane & Salli Walden - 12 years Carol Seibel Falato Dan Quantock Ben Moe Ed Niesen	
	Concerns	

### Concerns

✤ Those who are grieving and struggling to move on after a loss.
✤ John Schneider as he recovers from surgery
✤ Fred & Mary Ellen Anderson as Fred continues his chemo

Joys

✤ Summer weather

✤ The red fox that's been strolling through the neighborhood



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astor: Rev. Mark Gregory Ministe Worship: 10:00 A.m. **Ministers: The Congregation** 

### June 4, 2017



# As We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

"A person who thinks only about building walls, wherever they may be, and not building bridges is not a Christian. This is not in the Gospel." ~Pope Francis

"Understanding languages and other cultures builds bridges. It is the fastest way to bring the world closer together and to Truth. Through understanding, people will be able to see their similarities before ~Suzy Kassem, "Rise Up and Salute the Sun" differences."

"If you are good at building bridges, you will never fall into the abyss!" ~Mehmet Murat ildan

# We Gather Together

Prelude:

Tina Andersen, Organist

Lighting the Path **Ringing of the Bells** Welcome and Trinitarian Greeting

# A Time for Praise and Preparation

\*Call to Worship:

Leader:	Let us bless the Lord.	
People:	Great are the works of the Lord.	
Leader:	The earth is wonderfully made,	
People:	The seas, plants, animal life and all good things.	
Leader:	Let our praise and meditation be pleasing to the Lord God	
	our creator.	
People:	Renew our spirits and fill our hearts with the peace of	
	Christ.	
Leader:	By Your Spirit's power, O Lord, bring us healing and joy.	
ALL:	Bless the Lord, O my soul, Praise the Lord!	
Opening Hy	mn: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! Chalice Hymnal #4	

\*Prayer of Confession:

Spirit of power and life, we confess to knowing more about how You would have us be than actually being that way. We confess to professing more in our statement s of faith than we make manifest in our living. So we come and confess our ambivalence, our confusion, our frustration and our apathy about the discrepancy between what we believe and what we do. We confess to justifying our compromises. But we also confess to trusting You in and through our failures. We confess to clinging to Your grace. Most of all, we confess our deepest gratitude for Your grace in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## \*Assurance of Forgiveness:

God has heard the confessions of our hearts and our mouths. Pastor: And because God has loved us, God loves us now, and God will always love us, through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

## People: This is the good news that brings us new life. The Gloria Patri:

Glory be to the Savior, and to our God, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, love without end. Amen.

# \*Passing the Peace:

With a "Holy Hug" or a "Holy Handshake," we greet those around us as a sharing of God's love with the words, \*Welcome, the Peace of Christ be with vou."

## Announcements, Joys and Concerns The Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

# **Responding to God's Gifts and Grace**

# The Call for the Offering The Offertory

\*The Presentation - The Doxology:

Praise God from whom all 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 of Gifts and Self:

O Lord, thank You for all that You have given to me. Use these offerings I return to You to accomplish the ongoing renewal of Your creation. Bless the labor of all who work the land and care for Your resources. Bless the labor of this church family as we engage in diverse ministries off teaching, healing, proclaiming organizing, nurturing, feeding, counseling and befriending. May all that we have, both abilities and resources, be used to serve You an our neighbors for the common good. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

# We Listen for God's Word

## Scripture Background:

Acts 2:1-21 Scripture Lessons:

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 nation 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, "Men of Judea 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

saved.'

Message:

This table is open to all who wish to know the presence of the Christ, symbolized in this humble act of sharing. Come not because you must, but because you may. It is spread for you and me, that we might know that God has come to us, shared our common lot, and invites us to be God's people in Christ. No matter what your race, your creed, your gender, or your orientation, ALL are welcome here. This is the table of grace. Come to this table, just as you are. The cup is never empty, and the plate is always full.

The symbolic elements of bread that sustains life, and wine, Pastor: reminiscent of Jesus' first miracle, reveal God's unfailing provision for us in body and in spirit. Today, as we surround this table, let us remember that Jesus' healing power is at work today, in the Word, in the bread, in the wine, and in the silence. This is the joyful feast for the people of God. Men and People: women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, the north and the south and gather around Christ's table. Partake and be made whole.

God, I thank You for inviting me to this table, where I have known the presence of the living Christ, and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen my faith and increase my love for others. Go with me to the streets, to my home, and to my places of work and play, so that I might carry Your amazing grace, and the light of Christ's love and forgiveness, into the dark places of this world. It is in His name I pray. Amen.

\*The Closing Hymn:

Postlude:

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

> Speaking in Tongues Rev. Michelle Prentice-Leslie

# Service of Holy Communion

## Invitation by the Pastor:

## **Unison Prayer of Consecration:**

Loving God, we take these common elements, made from grain and grapes, and set them aside for this symbolic and holy purpose, consecrated by You, and confirmed by the faith in our hearts. Amen.

## **Remembering the Last Supper**

## \*Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:

# Preparing for a Week of Serving

Shine. Jesus Shine Supplemental Hymnal #10 (pg. 15)

## ~ Carrying the Light into the World ~

# \*The Commissioning, Benediction and Response:

Tina Andersen