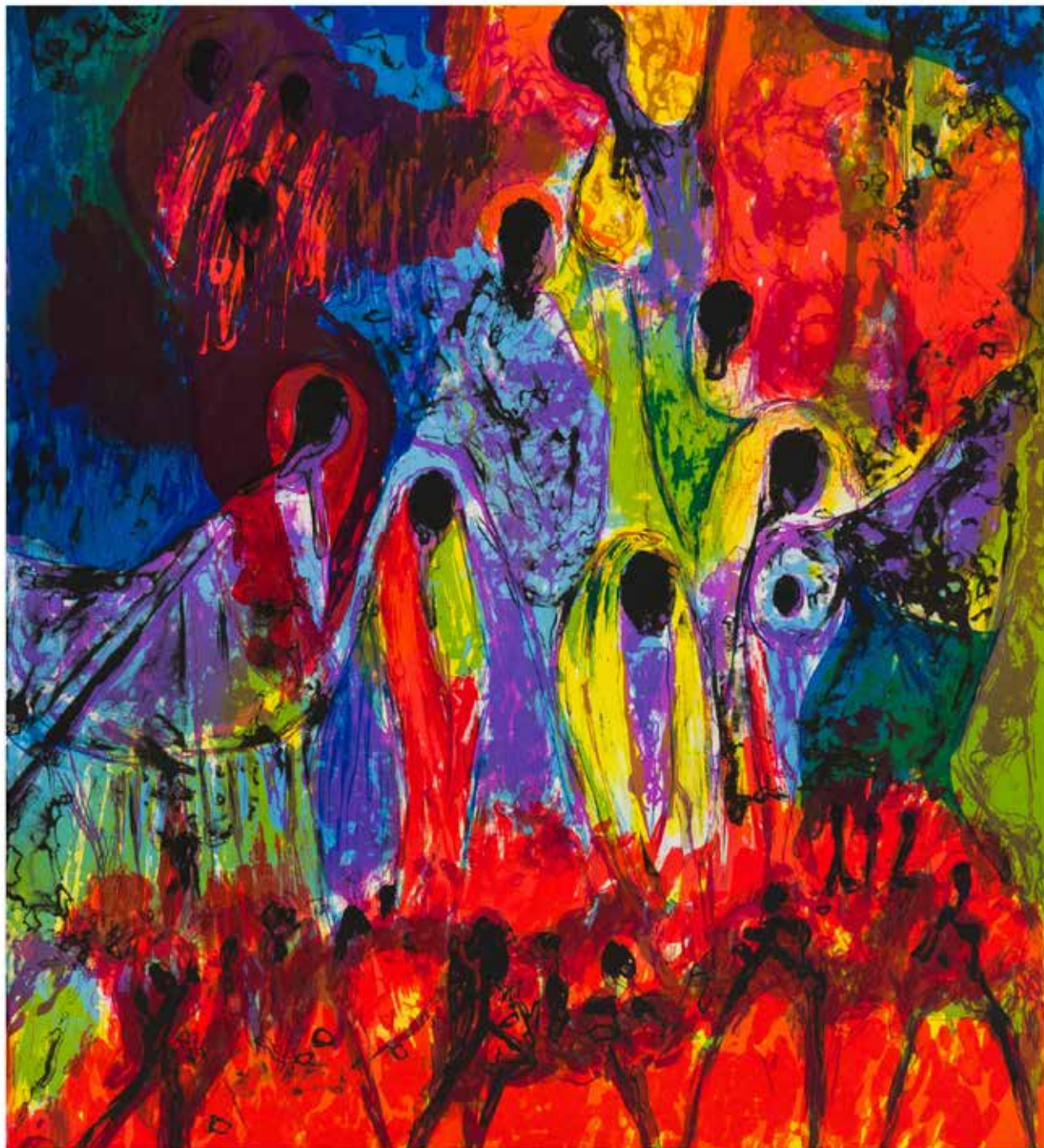


# FIRST (PARK) CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC

Pentecost, May 28, 2023



## *Order of Worship for Pentecost May 28, 2023*

Gathering, Centering, Announcements - 10:15am

Sanctuary Worship - 10:30am

Gathering Music Phyllis Ann Miner, harpsichord

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Darryl Kistler

Prelude Phyllis Ann Miner, harpsichord  
*Flute Piece*  
William Hine (1687-1730)

Call to Worship Reading Responsively  
Rev. Dr. Roger LaWarre, liturgist

One: Holy God—we, your people, stand ready and open to receive the flame of your Spirit. Speak your truth of never-ending love to us this day.

**All: Come, Spirit of Truth, fill our hearts.**

One: May that which was of stone be now transformed into life.

**All: Come, Spirit of Life, change our hearts.**

One: May we who receive your Spirit dwell together in Your love.

**All: Come, Spirit of Love, soften our hearts.**

One: Bestow your compassion on those who suffer in mind, spirit, and body.

**All: Come, Spirit of Hope, heal our hearts.**

One; Make us bold to bring your peace to violent places, warmth to the cold places, and love to the empty places.

**All: Come, Spirit of Faith, strengthen our hearts.**

One: Spirit of the Living God, fill our hearts, minds, and souls to overflowing.

**All: Come, Spirit of God, move in our hearts.**

One: Holy God—we, your people, stand ready and open to receive the flame of your Spirit. Speak your truth of never-ending love to us this day. Amen.

+ Opening Hymn - No. 289

*On Pentecost They Gathered*  
Tune: MUNICH

+ Prayer of Invocation

Reading Responsively  
Rev. Dr. Patrick Coyle, liturgist

One: Spirit...

Wind...

Breath...

**All: fill our lungs and lives with your recreating, life-sustaining presence;  
refresh our weary souls;  
inspire our closed off minds;  
soften our hardened hearts;  
stir within us a passion for love, hope, joy, and peace so that we may  
humbly and courageously be your breathing, living, compassionate  
presence in the world. Amen.**

+ Chimes

*The Chimes give us an opportunity to center ourselves as we stand in silence  
and prepare our eyes, ears, hearts and minds to receive the message God has for us.*

Blessing of the Children and Youth

*Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday activities.  
Visitors, we invite you to go with your children and then come back and join us for worship.*

***Sacrament of Baptism***

**Finley Meelynn Prior**  
*child of Nichole and Sloane Prior*

Blessing of the Baptized

Reading in Unison

**Gracious and loving God, we pray for the newly baptized, Finley. She is a child made in your image, and we offer our love and blessing to her. Grant her strength for life's journey, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and hope of new life. Let her know your abiding presence as she continues to grow and emerge into who you have called her to be. In Christ Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-13  
Pew Bible page 948

+ Congregational Response - No. 581

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father (Creator),  
and to the Son (Christ) and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen, amen.**

Sermon

Rev. Darryl Kistler

Meditation

Phyllis Ann Miner, organ  
*Siciliano*  
John Alcock, Jr. (1740-1791)

A Litany of the Lord's Prayer in Many Languages

The Pastoral Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer

concluding, the congregation prays in unison:

...Our Father/Mother/God, 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Response

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*  
Tune: UNION SEMINARY

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

The Summer Singers  
*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*  
Arr. Patrick Coyle

*(For text, see Hymn 267.)*

+ Doxology - No. 606

*Praise God, From Who All Blessings Flow*

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him (God) all creatures here below;  
Praise him (God) above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
(Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost). Amen.**

+ Prayer of Dedication

Reading in Unison

**God who is in the spirit of Pentecost, you have given us so much: Christ to inspire us, your Spirit to enable us, your love to support us; and so we bring these offerings so others may be inspired, enabled, and supported. Amen.**

+ Hymn - No. 410

*God is Calling Through the Whispier*

Tune: W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

+ Our Common Commission

Reading in Unison

**Let us now go forth into the world in peace; being of good courage;  
holding fast to that which is good; rendering to no one evil for evil;  
strengthening the faint hearted; supporting the weak; helping the afflicted;  
honoring all people; loving and serving the Lord and rejoicing in the power  
of the Holy Spirit.**

Postlude

Phyllis Ann Miner, organ

*The Golden Trumpet*

Lani Smith

**Thank you for joining us this morning!**

We'd like to know that you were here, answer any questions you have, and support you in prayer. Please fill out the information card and place it in the offering plate.

Pentecost birthday cake and ice cream will be served after worship today.

**Stop by the P.O.P Table in Allinder Commons for *baseball and books* after worship today.** You can pick up your Whitecaps tickets today or on June 4th. If you will not be able to do so, please contact Terrie Hunter (thunter@parkchurchgr.org) to make arrangements. The Summer Book Club June selection, *The Story of More* is available to purchase for 10.00. There is no charge if you commit to attending the discussion in person on June 27.

**Summer Childcare begins today** for children 5 and under.

The Youth Choir musical, *Good Kings Come in Small Packages* was postponed last week due to illness. We are pleased to announce that the program will be presented during the worship service on Sunday, June 11.

**Office Hours:**

The office will be closed on May 29 in recognition of Memorial Day.

Summer office hours will begin on May 30. **Monday - Thursday from 9:00-3:00**

The office will be closed on June 19 in recognition of Juneteeth.

**Low-Key, Low-Commitment Summer Book Club: Come Join Us!**

**Tuesdays June 27, July 25, August 29 at 6:30-8:30**

**Locations to be announced**

The IDEA committee is hosting a summer book club to get folks talking and connecting around interesting and meaningful topics. We'll read three different books, one for each summer month, and gather in a friendly home to discuss each one. Read them all or just pick one - we'd love to have you when it works for you!

The June selection is *The Story of More* by Hope Jahren which is available at the P.O.P. table for 10.00. If you commit to attending the June 27 meeting, the book is free.

## ***Joys and Concerns***

**Please keep Mark Jackson in your prayers.** Mark's mother passed away on May 23. Mark has been a Choral Scholar for several years and was recently received as a new member. Condolences can be sent to him at 1146 Dunham SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.

Please pray for those navigating illness/treatment including: **Bruce Dybas, Bob Rieger, Bill Smith, and Bev VanDuinen**

Remember those serving in the military including: **Joe Birkhold, Jesse Campbell, Kit Grant, Andy MacGregor, Stefan Pawelka, and Matthew Quick.**

*Pastoral care is always available.* Reach Pastor Darryl at [dkistler@parkchurchgr.org](mailto:dkistler@parkchurchgr.org) or Jonathan Shotwell at [jshotwell@parkchurchgr.org](mailto:jshotwell@parkchurchgr.org), or call the office. 616-459-3203.

### ***The Sanctuary Flowers***

**The flowers on the Altar** are in honor of Sarah Myers' birthday.  
Given by her parents, Kurt and Cindy Myers.

**The flowers at the Pulpit** are in memory of Eric Thorsen.  
Given by his wife, Jan Thorsen.

**The flowers at the Lectern** are in honor of Andrew Henry DeBoer's graduation from St. Olaf College.  
Given by his parents, Andrew and Camille DeBoer.

**The flowers on the Children's Altar** are in honor of all the children.  
Given by Kathy Miller.

## **Summer Sunday Fundays**

**Every Sunday from June 4 - August 27**

Park Church will be offering a multi-age spiritual formation and education time each Sunday of the summer. Following the Blessing of Children and Youth each Sunday, our children and youth will be invited to gather in Merriam Hall during the rest of the worship service for a fun and festive time of music, dance, crafts, snacks, story, and prayer. Any child 5 years old and up is welcome to attend. Children under 5 years old will be invited to be part of our childcare in the nursery and Little Lambs rooms.

We are very excited about this new program and so pleased that Heidi Hertel will be facilitating many of the Sunday Fundays. We are in need of other adult helpers and leaders to partner with her and lead the occasional Sunday. Middle and high school youth are especially encouraged to help out, serving as junior leaders and assistants. **If you are interested in helping out for a Sunday or two or more during the Summer Sunday Fundays, please contact Pastor Darryl at [dkistler@parkchurchgr.org](mailto:dkistler@parkchurchgr.org).**

## **Youth Group Outing**

**Saturday, June 23 in Spring Lake**

We are planning this summer to have a youth group fun day! Get ready to paddle your way into an awesome adventure on June 23rd! We'll be heading to Lakeshore Kayak Rental in Spring Lake for some fun in the sun. We've got 8 tandem kayaks, which means 16 of us can hit the water and make some waves! The journey will take us about an hour from the church parking lot, but trust us, it's worth it!

We need some drivers, so make sure you rally up your friends to join in on the fun. Even those who will be in 6th grade next year - we've got room for everyone!. Don't forget to RSVP directly with us and bring some snacks. And of course, we'll need plenty of sunscreen! After we're done kayaking, we'll head to Grand Haven for some lunch together.

***Have any questions?*** Email Jonathan [jshotwell@parkchurchgr.org](mailto:jshotwell@parkchurchgr.org).



## **One-Liners**

**We are welcoming many visitors lately. Please wear your name tags!**

**Graduation Sunday is June 4.** If you are graduating from a course of study in 2023, please let the office know! [office@parkchurchgr.org](mailto:office@parkchurchgr.org)

**Were you or a someone you know married in Thompson Chapel?** We'd like to see your pictures! Please contact Terrie Hunter. ([thunter@parkchurchgr.org](mailto:thunter@parkchurchgr.org))

**If you would like to mark an occasion by dedicating Sanctuary flowers** talk with Marcia Streeter about signing up! [mabiti1@gmail.com](mailto:mabiti1@gmail.com)

**The Church Historian could use some help cataloging on Wednesday mornings.** Contact Fritz Crabb to find out more. [heritage@parkchurchgr.org](mailto:heritage@parkchurchgr.org)

**The Park Church Golf League** meets in Byron Center on Wednesdays at 4:00pm. Contact Jim Butler to find out more. (616-802-4355).

**For all you baby-minders,** did you know there are changing tables in both the men's and womens' restrooms?

**Nimble Needles handcrafting group meets after worship on Sundays.** Contact Mary Raab to find our more. ([m\\_c\\_raab@yahoo.com](mailto:m_c_raab@yahoo.com))

**Do you get the weekly Congregationalist E-Newsletter?** To get signed up, send a quick note to [office@parkchurchgr.org](mailto:office@parkchurchgr.org).

## **Friendly Tech Support Sundays**

Are you having trouble finding service videos or receiving the Congregationalist? We'd like to help keep you connected. Bring your phone, laptop or ipad to church on June 11, July 9, or August 13. Some friendly faces will be on hand after worship to help you out.

## **Coming up at Park Church**

**Mon. May 29** - Office Closed for Memorial Day

**Tues. May 30** - Summer office hours begin: Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm

**Sun. June 4** Sanctuary Worship - Rev. Darryl Kistler Senior Minister

Graduation Sunday, Communion Sunday

Youth Choir Rehearsal from 9:15-10:15 in the Chapel.

P.O.P table: Camp Talahi information and summer book club book pickup.

**Tues. June 6 at 6:30pm** - Board of Deacons meeting

**Sun. June 11** Sanctuary Worship - Rev. Dr. Roger LaWarre

Youth Choir Musical “*Good Kings Come in Small Packages*”

P.O.P table: Friendly Tech Support Sunday and  
summer book club book pickup.

**Tues. June 13 at 7:00pm** - Board of Trustees meeting

**Fri. June 16 at 9:00am** - Cooking at Park for Degage

**Sun. June 18** Sanctuary Worship - Rev. Darryl Kistler, senior minister

Sundae Sunday - hosted by Ofield Ten after worship.

**Mon. June 19** - Office Closed for Juneteenth

**Mon. June 19 at 9:00am** - Cooking at Park for Degage

**Tues. June 20 at 6:00pm** - Whitecaps game at LCMU Park (tickets at P.O.P Table)

**Fri. June 23 all day** - Youth Group kayaking day in Spring Lake

**Sun. June 25** Sanctuary Worship - Rev. Darryl Kistler, senior minister

P.O.P table: summer book club book pickup. (July selection)

**Tues. June 27 at 6:30pm offsite** - Summer Book Club Discussion (*The Story of More*)

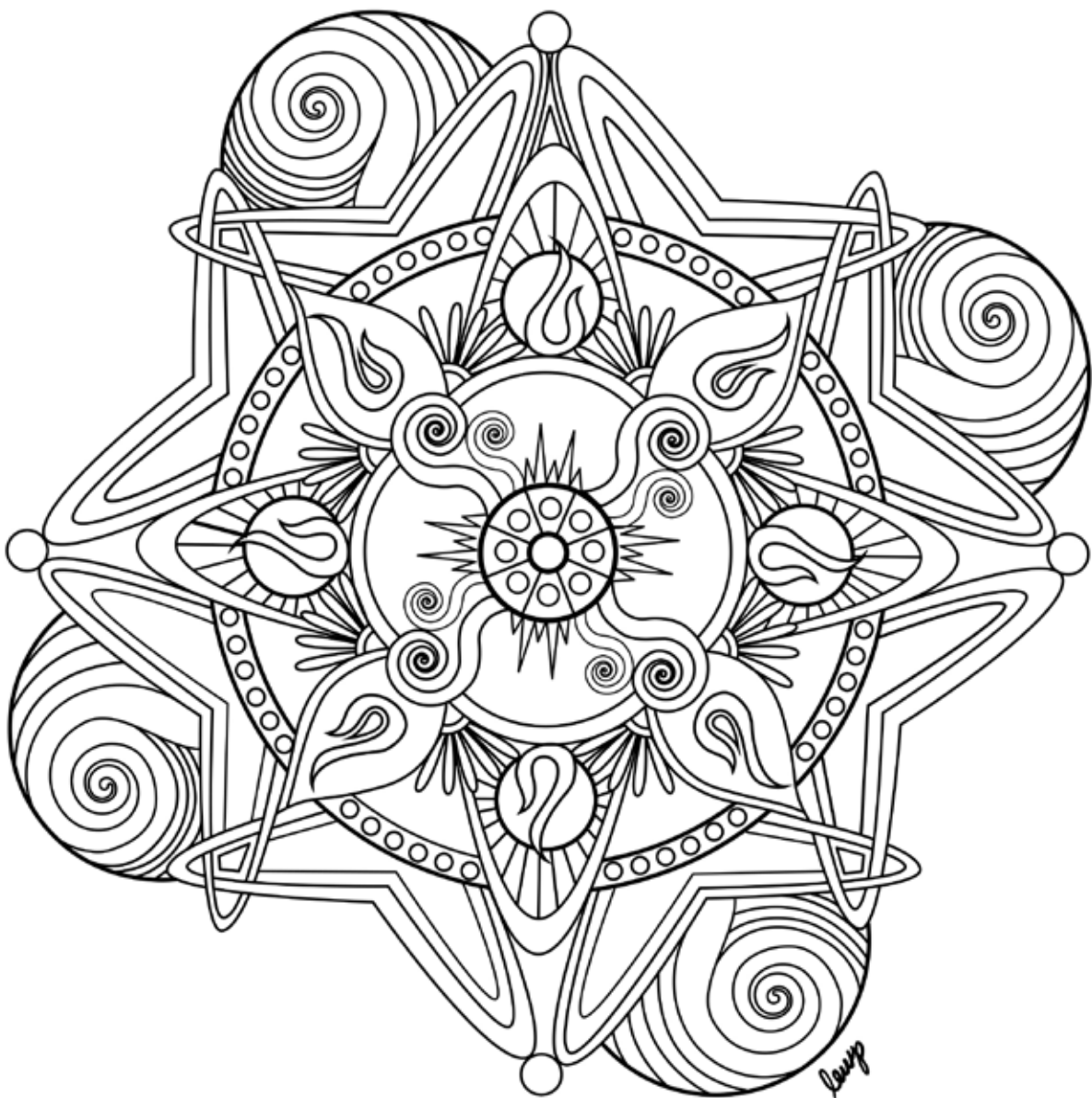
**Wed, June 28 at 4:30pm** - Mobile Food Pantry

\* please note that free chair yoga is on hiatus for the summer. See you in September!

Volunteers are needed for the Degage food ministry for several shifts in **June, July, and August**. Click on the QR code to sign up.



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Parking Lot Greeter: Bill Streeter

Greeters: Dick and Diane Sherlock

Childcare Providers: Jerika Kihn, Alexia Dominguez, Brianna Kim.

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Video: Bruce Robey

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