

The Congregational Church of Rupert 1786

Pentecost

June 05, 2022



An Open and Affirming Church

Mission of the Congregational Church of Rupert

The mission of CCR is to seek to follow Jesus' teachings in his Sermon on the Mount, and to practice the words of Micah by living justly, by being kind and compassionate while walking with God in all humility.

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signifies you should stand if you are able, **bold signifies congregation speaks in unison.*

Thoughts for Meditation

Lord Jesus, when you came among us as a human, you bore the name Prince of Peace. You promise peace to all who worship God as Father and love his children as brothers and sisters.

Guide us in the way of peace. Reconcile us with one another, that we may be reconciled with you.

May peace reign in our hearts, and may we be witnesses to the peace you give to all the world.

Prelude

Kevin Bishop, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Let us sing to the Creator of the cosmos, to the divine power of love!

Let us praise God with our heart, our mind and our soul.

***Hymn # 272 (NCH/Black) On Pentecost They Gathered**

Psalm 104:24-34,35b (Unison Reading)

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are

there, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works--who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

Silence

Time with Children

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord Be with you,

And also with you.

Let us Pray.

Please keep the following in prayer (In your mercy. Lord, hear our prayer): Ellen, Dodi, Elizabeth, John, Jack, Kinsley, Clary, Dan H., Loretta R., Nicole & Ethan Croff, Donna & Axe I, Marietta, Jennie & Jeff Gould, Chuck Gaiotti, Harry Tveter, Eva Marchand, Norma & Joe Will, Gwen, Sue & Rod, Evan L., Diane L., Don Lewis, Rhonda, Jessi Webb & Glenn LaPlante, Willie Steel, Jane & John LoBrutto, Brian, Elizabeth L., Clark French and Family at the loss of Lu, Changwa & Sam Koo, Bob Ebling, Karen & Jim E., Ed B, Kelly and Family, Ellen and others with COVID, Gene and Kevin. The people of Ukraine. The people of Yemen. The families of those senselessly murdered in Buffalo, NY, Uvalde, Texas, and other places where violence has been an is being unleashed.

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 sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.

Offertory

Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above, Ye Heavenly Host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

(Tune: Old Hundredth from "Genevan Psalter", 1551)

Dedication

Scripture

Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar.

Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth."

The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built.

And the LORD said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Acts 2:1-21

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 .2:18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. 2:19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 2:20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. 2:21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Romans 8:14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ--if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

John 14:8-17, (25-27)

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

14:25 "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

***HYMN # 284 (NCH/black) Joys Are Flowing like a River**

Message The Holy Spirit of Truth Rev. Dr. Steven E. Berry

Communion

***Hymn: # 337(NCH) Draw Us in the Spirits Tether**

Benediction

Postlude: (It is our custom to remain seated during the Postlude)

Kevin Bishop



The Congregational Church of Rupert's faith and covenant is expressed as follows:
"Surrounded as we are by field and forest, our faith and covenantal mission is a call to care for our earthly home, to honor our habitat and all our relations. We remain open to the ways God imparts insight through the Bible; God's blessed Word of Truth, through ancient wisdom, scientific insight, the natural world and religious experience. This we do *pro gloria Deo* (for the glory of God), for our spiritual and personal growth; and increase in all graces. We seek to live a nonviolent life and work toward justice in the spirit of Jesus within the context of community. We believe that each member shall have the undisturbed right to follow the Word of God according to the dictates of his or her own conscience under the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit. We accept our personal responsibility to nurture our individual faith as well as the call to share such faith insights humbly and lovingly with others in community. We are prompted to move forward into a time of greater inclusivity and love as we seek to welcome people of other traditions and faith experiences. So, that in the 21st Century, we may "raise up the foundations of many generations" (Isaiah 58:12) and that we may, as a people, grasp Jesus' words "that we may all be one." (John 17:21)

News

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Calendar

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Every Thursday at 7pm

June

05 **Pentecost**

06 D-Day

12 Trinity Sunday

14 Flag Day

19 Juneteenth

Fathers' Day