



PENTECOST SUNDAY



WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

- No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome in this **United Church of Christ** congregation.
- Large-print bulletins, hearing devices, and cough drops are available from the ushers.
- Nursery and pre-school care is available during worship if you wish.
- God is calling you today, but probably not on your cell phone! Please remember to put it on vibrate if you are expecting an emergency call.
- **ALL** are welcome to this time and place of worship.

Know that in this space you are welcome as you are, for who you are. Together we celebrate all of God's children – young, old and in-between; male, female and in-between; gay, lesbian, straight and in-between; the assured, the doubting, and the in-between; the optimistic, the cynics, and the in-between; the foolish, the wise, and the in-between.

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WE BELIEVE GOD CAN BLOW THE LID OFF ANY BOX AND TURN IT INTO A DANCE FLOOR. WE ARE OUT OF THE BOX PEOPLE.

May 20, 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Our faith is over 2000 years old
Our thinking is not.*

11:00 a.m.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

If you want to speak to God, tell it to the wind.

~ African Proverb, Ghana

GATHERING MUSIC

Komm Heiliger Geist (Come, Holy Spirit)
Dr. Ron Morgan, organ

J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for signing and passing the red hospitality pad found in the pews.

*Please use your smart phone to check in on Facebook; let your family and friends know
that you are at Coral Gables Congregational UCC.*

*Invite your family and friends around the world to worship with us online
each Sunday at www.Gablesucc.org/live.*

You are most welcome to connect your smart device to our free Wi-Fi service.

INTROIT *Amen, Siakudumisa (Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God)* arr. Moglebust
Bell Choir with Seth Woods, percussion

***THE CALL TO A PENTECOST CELEBRATION** Sandy Cleland Nojaim, leader

Leader: God's spirit calls us into the future,
God's spirit calls us to new vision,
God's spirit calls us in compassionate love.

**People: Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life
in the presence of God.**

Leader: The spirit of imagination is a gift to all people.

People: The spirit of faithfulness is the gift of the earth.

Leader: The spirit of hope breathes in the homeless and marginalized.

**People: The spirit of freedom was announced by those who went before us,
and we proclaim it again today.**

Leader: The spirit of love is a gift to the church in every age.

People: We see the flame of the Spirit of God.

Leader: The spirit is dancing, moving, struggling, rising
and calling to the ends of the earth.

People: We have seen the flame of the Spirit in our midst.

Unison: Thanks be to God.

***OPENING HYMN**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain:

***Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.***

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep,
and over the eons you called to each thing:
Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. ***(Refrain)***

You swept through the desert,
you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land,
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. ***(Refrain)***

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still,
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. ***(Refrain)***

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise. ***(Refrain)***

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Unison: Come, Holy Spirit, come, breathe into our hearts this day. Bless our worship and inspire us, that we may live Spirit-filled lives of love and compassion for all. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray...

***THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)**

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 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.

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: God makes peace within us.

People: Let us claim it.

Leader: God makes peace between us.

People: Let us share it.

Leader: Let us greet another as a sign of God's peace.

People: The peace of Christ be with you.

Leader: And also with you.

You are invited to share the peace or words of welcome with those around you.

*All children first grade and under wishing to attend Sunday School are invited to leave
during the Passing of the Peace to the Fellowship Hall.*

Children second grade through twelfth grade are invited to remain in worship.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE (Sung)

Bless the Lord, my soul and bless God's holy name

Bless the Lord, my soul who leads me into life.

ENCOUNTERING

THE PSALTER READING *Psalm 104:24-34*

Anthony Arevalo-LeSueur, reader

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.

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.
I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

CHORAL RESPONSE *Veni Creator Spiritus* Anthony Bernarducci
Vocal Ensemble, with Seth Woods, djembe and Michelle Caravia, soprano

QUIET AND SPOKEN PRAYERS

*At this time you are invited to text your prayer requests to Pastor Laurie at 305.968.6482.
There are prayer request forms in the pews. The ushers will receive those at this time*

CHOIRAL PRAYER RESPONSE

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God Getty/McDonald
The Chancel Choir with Ruth Nuñez, reader

EXPLORING

Victor Martinez and Karis Knoll, readers

The Ancient Word

Acts 2:1-4

When Pentecost day came around,
the apostles had all met in one room,
when suddenly they heard
what sounded like a
powerful wind from heaven.
The noise filled the entire house
where they were sitting.
And something appeared to them
that seemed like tongues of fire;
these separated and came to rest
on the head of each of them.
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and began to speak foreign languages,
as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Contemporary Word *Wind, Wind. A Reflection on the Spirit* William Loader

Wind, wind, you come from nothingness and go to nothingness,
and when you are still,
there is nothing we see, nothing we hear,
and you surround us in our not seeing and not knowing.

Wild, wild wind, you whip the seas, whirling great water spouts and fountains,
crashing the foamed edges of the shore,
sweeping the unsuspecting fisherman from the slippery rocks,
terrifying force, uncontrollable, beyond our power.

Wind, wind, wondrous wind, hovering at the birth of creation,
whisking secretly among the wonders of new life,
bearing the seed, lifting high the heads of mighty trees,
swirling among the grasses, celebrating life.

Wind, wind, gentle wind,
wind of our breathing, our life, our hope,
renewing, refreshing,
sighing in our stress,
moaning in our pain,
still in our dying.

O wind, wind, you breathed upon the clay and there was life,
you danced down to the forehead of a Galilean
and there was hope,
you shook the foundations of community
and there was Pentecost.

The Ancient Word *Acts 2:14-21*

This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

‘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 and women shall see visions, and your old ones shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

CHORAL RESPONSE *Fill-a Me Up* Pepper Choplin
The Chancel Choir with Seth Woods, percussion

AFFIRMING

PENTECOST REFLECTION

The Rev. Megan Smith

SUNG RESPONSE

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

THE RECEIVING OF OUR GIFTS

Invitation/Offertory Music

How Great Thou Art with Majesty arr/ Joel Raney
Bell Choir with Dr. Greg Taylor, piano

*THE SINGING OF THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Unison: God of all times and places, may our offerings reflect confidence and inclusiveness. And may the programs and concerns we undertake build up the Church among us and far beyond us. Amen.

Please remain standing for the hymn

CELEBRATING

*HYMN

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know that it's the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet Heav'nly Dove.
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love.
And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Our table is wide-open to all who desire a closer relationship with God no matter your age, gender, station in life, sexual orientation, or faith tradition.

We use grape juice and gluten-free bread is available on the communion table so that all may freely receive these holy gifts.

INVITATION

Leader: We are called to the table.

People: It is the table for breaking the fast that comes from sorrow.

Leader: The Table of Christ is long and has many chairs.

People: There's "plenty good room" here!

Leader: It is the table where LOVE is in charge of the guest list,

People: And reservations aren't required.

Leader: Come, whether you believe a little or a lot.

People: We come with open hands and open hearts.

Leader: Come, whether you have been shunned or applauded.

People: We come, we who have been here forever and we who have been missing for a very long time.

Leader: Come, just as God made you.

You have nothing to offer that isn't God's own.

People: The Grace is amazing; and makes a body feel at home.

BLESSING

THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND THE POURING OF THE CUP

This morning, we are inviting the Holy Sacrament Program students and their families to come forward first to receive the bread and cup.

Following which, the congregation is invited to come forward.

Please take a piece of bread, dip it in the chalice, eat, and be grateful.

You may then return to your seat. If you wish to be served in your pew, please remain seated and an usher will bring the bread and cup to you.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Come, Come to the Table
The Vocal Ensemble

Foley/Hassler

Breathe
Anthony Cabrera, soloist

***THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Unison: We thank you God for inviting us to this table where we have shared both nourishment and divine mystery. Strengthen our faith and increase our love for one another so our lives may reflect your love and justice in all we do. Amen.

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE SUNG BENEDICTION** *Alleluia*

As we end our service, you are invited to join hands with your neighbor as an expression of our unity in Christ and lift them up in glory to God on the second verse.

***THE POSTLUDE**

Dr. Greg Taylor, piano

During the postlude, you are invited to come forward to the piano and enjoy the music. Following the service, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for some coffee and refreshments. Visitors, we would LOVE to have you join us.



A WARM AND CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS!

If you are visiting us today, we welcome you. We are grateful we have found each other. And, if somehow, there is something in you, some still small voice seeking a place to live out your faith, to ask important questions, and to serve beyond yourself, we invite you into our community. For more information about the church, please contact Pastor Laurie at 305.448.7421, ext. 116 or LaurieH@gablesucc.org.

Invite your family and friends around the world to worship with us online today and each Sunday at gablesucc.org/live.



STAY IN TOUCH

Once a week or so, Pastor Laurie e-mails a pastoral letter, *Laurie's Lines*, to all members and friends, filling them in on the week's events, any special concerns that have arisen, and general church business. If you would like to be included, contact Ron Morgan at RonM@gablesucc.org.

THANK YOU TO OUR USHERS AND COMMUNION SERVERS TODAY:

Janet Copeland, head usher; Sofia Larraz, Malcolm Davies, Dawn Thompson,
Marilyn Caputo, and Dorothy Thorburn

TOUCH THE WATER, TASTE THE BREAD HOLY SACRAMENT PROGRAM

The Rev. Megan Smith, teacher

Participants: Nathaniel Woods, Nathan Ricardo, Caleb Ricardo, Matthew Patterson,
Clara Cleland Nojaim, Ari Lee-Schonfeld, Carolina Reyes, Joelle Addison, Allison Fink,
Isabella Anne Marlin, Aaron Burns, Gabriel Gonzalez, and Mattias Paulo Porras.

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP...

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

If you have not yet written your letter to Senator Rubio urging him and Congress to renew our federal government's major child nutrition programs including those for school meals and the WIC nutrition program for pregnant and new mothers along with their small children, please do so today. Tables with letter-writing materials are available in the Fellowship Hall.

PARENTS OF PRESCHOOLERS (POP)

TODAY, Sunday, May 20 from 12:00 p.m.- 1:30 p.m. in the ECC Playground

Rain or shine, enjoy a family potluck picnic on the playground or in Room 2 of the Arts and Education Wing. If you have children, infants through kindergarten, and want to find a place to meet other families while the kids have fun, the Parents of Preschoolers is the group for you! Come and meet new parents and catch up with old friends. Friends and grandparents welcome. **(In case of rain, we will meet in Room 2).**

FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Join us for Nourishment of Body and Mind

TODAY, May 20 from 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. in Havighorst Lounge

The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine

After seventy years, people are still asking, "What happened in Palestine in 1948?" Church-member Matt Bewley will use Israeli historian Ilan Pappé's book, *An Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine*, to discuss the 1948 Arab-Israel War, the displacement of over 700,000 Palestinians, and the current reality of Palestinian rights. Through historical documentation from Israeli archives and extensive research, the author gives voice to evidence for a premediated plan to remove Palestinians from the land, which many view as an act of ethnic cleansing. Join us for a light lunch (a freewill offering gratefully received) and a very timely conversation.

COMMUNITY ARTS PROGRAM (CAP)

Free Concert this Afternoon featuring Performing Ensembles

4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Hear CAP Creative Strings, CAP Jazz PREP Band, and CAP ALL-STAR Jazz Ensemble with music from Dvorak to Glenn Miller, Chick Corea, Neal Hefti and more. Bring you and yours for an afternoon of delightful music by talented Miami-Dade County Youth!

FROM THE W.I.S.E. TEAM

Join us TONIGHT for the Mental Health Film Festival

Gables UCC is a WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged for Mental Health) Congregation. Join us as we recognize Mental Health Awareness Month by attending NAMI Miami's Reel Minds Miami Mental Health Film Festival **TONIGHT**. We will meet at the church from **5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.** for pizza, before being shuttled by the church van to the University of Miami Shalala Student Center as a group. This event promises to be an informative night of films and discussion about various aspects of mental illness as NAMI seeks to raise awareness, and reduce the stigma of mental health challenges. The event is free, but registration for the movie is required at www.ReelMinds.Eventbrite.com.

FAIR TRADE MARKETPLACE: PRODUCTS WITH A PURPOSE

Clearance Sale through Memorial Day Weekend

All Necklaces 20% off ~ Select Tunics from \$9.99- \$19.99

We support artisans in over 30 developing countries by purchasing their indigenous products made under safe working conditions. Whole village standards of living are raised with trade, not aid. Check out the beautiful and creative items. Located outside the Fellowship Hall.

PACT CELEBRATION DINNER

Tuesday May 22, 6:30 p.m. ~ Carpool leaves at 5:45 p.m.

Christ the King Catholic Church, 16000 SW 112th Ave, Miami

After a year of hard work, it's time to celebrate our accomplishments with our annual PACT Celebration Dinner. We will gather in fellowship over a meal at **6:30 p.m.** and then learn of the progress we are making on immigration, gun violence, and affordable housing. You will also learn about how you can invest in the amazing work PACT is doing in Miami-Dade County. RSVP today for the meal and program at AaronL@gablesucc.org.

WORSHIP WITH US

Each Sunday morning, three worship experiences are offered:

9:00 a.m. Worship in the Chapel

A more intimate and meditative worship experience in Moye Chapel. Holy Communion is celebrated weekly. Following our service, enjoy the Coffee Bar.

10:00 a.m. Spanish-Language Worship

If you are part of a Spanish-speaking family or would enjoy worshiping in Spanish, come and join us in the Chapel for a service bridging the Latin experience with a progressive theology.

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

We gather in the beauty of our historic sanctuary to be engaged in meaningful worship, which feeds our spiritual hunger. It is said that each week is a bit different; there is always something that challenges and calls us to our authentic selves. Join us for beautiful music, challenging and inspiring messages, and liturgy that offers a renewal of mind and spirit.



SUNDAY MORNING ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION CLASSES

The Parables of Jesus

Sundays through May 27 in Havighorst Lounge

Led by the Rev. Kathryn Carroll

Jesus compelled his audiences to understand the world in a new way through his use of *parable*—meaning, literally, to "lay alongside." Parables are stories that take common images and "lay them alongside" a larger, and often groundbreaking truth. During May, we will explore some of Jesus' parables and seek to understand them both in their original context and in their significance today. The series will be led by Kathryn (Katie) Carroll, an ordained clergy in the Lutheran Church (ELCA).

BACK BAY MISSION

Still Time to Sign-Up!

Join us for a week of service and fellowship at Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi this **July 7-14**. This trip is a wonderful opportunity to serve those in need at one of the UCC's most historic mission sites. If you have any questions about the trip, please ask Pastor Aaron. You can reserve your spot today by e-mailing AaronL@gablesucc.org.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

Wednesday, May 23

6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. in Havighorst Lounge

Confirmation is the program by which young people in the **eighth or ninth grade** prepare to “confirm” the baptismal vows their parents took for them when they were much younger. It is their chance to say “yes” to their baptism and for the church to say “yes” to their growing faith. **All parents or guardians of youth in eighth or ninth grade** (or above if they have not been confirmed yet) are invited to an orientation this Wednesday. Dinner will be served. If you cannot be present and are interested, please contact Pastor Aaron.

BOOKS AND BOOKS PRESENTS...

Well, That Escalated Quickly: Memoirs and Mistakes of an Accidental Activist
By Franchesca Ramsey

Thursday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Video blogger and star of MTV series *Decoded*, Franchesca Ramsey explores race, identity, feminism, online activism, and the downfall of real communication in the age of Twitter rants, in a sharp, funny, and incredibly timely collection of personal essays.

SUPPORT LOTUS HOUSE

This year, our Sunday School children and youth are supporting Lotus House Homeless Shelter in Overtown and we need your help! Each month, they are collecting a different item that the women, children, or LGBT youth need. In May, we are collecting construction paper of all colors. Please place your items on the Lotus House Table in Fellowship Hall.

THE ELEPHANT RETURNS!

**It's almost Summer which means there is an Elephant in the Pew
Sundays, July 8, 15, 22, and 29**

Has there ever been something you wanted to know about your faith, but were afraid to ask? Well, this is your chance to ask tough questions about the Bible, church, ethics, or life and get an honest and personal answer back from Pastor Laurie. Maybe it's a topic or issue that we tend to sweep under the rug or ignore in order to keep the peace, avoid disagreement, or maybe even change... kind of like that proverbial elephant in the room or, in this case, in the Pew.

Over the past ten years, Pastor Laurie has answered questions concerning Palestine and Israel, atonement, angels, the afterlife and even one in 2010 about whether LeBron James, Chris Bosh and Dwayne Wade were really the “New Kingdom” as the *Miami Herald* declared. (For the record, she said yes). E-mail, write, or call Pastor Laurie, or go to the Gables UCC Facebook page and leave your question. She just might preach on it!

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