

Tulare United Church

May 23, 2021 10:00am

Pentecost Confirmation Sunday

Gathering Music
Welcome

Cyndi Bachman, Organist

***Call to Worship**

One: God of Easter, you freed your Son from the clutches of death.

ALL: Send your Holy Spirit, we pray.

One: God of Ascension, you raised your Son to join you in glory.

ALL: Send your Holy Spirit, we pray.

One: God of Pentecost, you poured your Holy Spirit upon the apostles.

ALL: Send your Holy Spirit, we pray.

One: God of the Church, your Spirit's gifts empower the Church for service.

ALL: Send us in your Spirit to serve.

One: God of Compassion, you see the suffering in your world.

ALL: Send us in your Spirit to embody compassion.

One: God of Love, you loved us so much you sent your dear child. **ALL: Send us in your Spirit to love as we are loved by you. Be with us now as we worship surrounded by the Spirit. Be with us later as we leave this place surrounded by the Spirit. Amen.**

*** Opening Hymn** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* projected
written by Edwin Hatch, music by Robert Jackson. The version we are using today is in the public domain.

Morning Prayer of Confession (together)

Holy God, whose wind still blows, whose breath still brings life, whose Spirit stir stirs and enlivens: hear our confession. Blessed with your Spirit's gifts, we have at times left them unused or unrecognized. Blessed by the gifts your Spirit brings to those around us, we have at times not nurtured or even

encouraged their gifts. Forgive our neglect of our own gifts or those of others, and renew us with a commitment to be open to the ways you would work through us. Help us, through your Spirit, to be the people you would have us be, loving you and our neighbors, and working together as the Body of Christ. We pray this in the name of our Risen Savior. Amen.

Confirmation Statements of Faith and Blessing of the Confirmands
Seth Domke, Mercedes Jones, Brendan Nowell,
(Each Confirmand's Family is asked to come forward as each person is blessed)

Scripture Acts 2:1-21
Message *Touched by Fire*

Confirmation Statements of Faith and Blessing of the Confirmands
Maverick Jones, Jackson Maynard, Weston Wagner
(Each Confirmand's Family is asked to come forward as each person is blessed)

Service of Confirmation and Reception into Membership

Communion

We serve an open communion. If you did not pick up individual communion when you came in please let an usher know. When we share the bread (wafer) together - hold the cup and gently pull back the top piece of plastic to expose the wafer. When it is time to share the juice again gently hold the cup (do not squeeze) and pull back the seal. Napkins have been provided to set the seal on as you drink. Please dispose of your napkin and communion cup in the trash container at the back of the sanctuary as you leave.

Communion Hymn *Spirit of the Living God* projected
by Daniel Iverson, © Words: 1935. Renewed 1963 Birdwing Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) Music: 1935. Renewed 1963 Birdwing Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) reported to CCLI song number 126529

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Invitation to Share Tithes and Offering

*Ways to give to the work and ministries of Tulare United Church (UMC and UCC) * prayers * time * financial (deposit at Heartland State Bank or online giving at tulareunitedchurch.com), text to 605-299-8102 or use the GivePlus mobile app. Checks can be mailed to the Financial Secretary at PO Box 109, Tulare, SD 57476 Thank you for your generosity!*

Prayer of Dedication (together)

We bring nothing into this world, and we take nothing out of it. What matters is what we do with all this stuff, all these things, all those possessions, while we're here. It is amazing, Creator God, the trouble we go through to make sure the world knows what's ours and what ought to be ours, when all along it's all yours. Today, in our offering, may we recognize once more our part as stewards and not owners of your good earth. Accept these gifts as we reorient ourselves toward radical discipleship. In this time of offering we praise you. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** *Hymn of Promise* **# 707**
by Natalie Sleeth, © 1986 Hope Publishing Company reported to CCLI song number 126529

***Benediction**
*** Response** *Go Now in Peace* projected /in back of hymnal

*** Postlude**

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Worship Notes: * The congregation is invited to stand at points marked if you are able *

Thanks to Mary Buchholz, Katie Jones, Andrew Frankenstein and others for hosting the Confirmation Reception this morning.



Keep every promise you make and only make promises you can keep.

- Anthony Hitt

**WELCOME TO
TULARE UNITED CHURCH
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
PENTECOST
MAY 23, 2021**

May we pray for you?

Our prayer list... for mind, body and spirit:

Hyke family and all who work at Hyke Funeral Home, Tom & Linda McNeill (children of Sandi McNeill), Karen Kohlen (member), Bob Bruening (neighbor), Cole Louwagie (son of Kristen (Swope) & Derek – friend of Jankords) the United Methodist Church denomination, people in prison, everyone living with cancer and other long term physical or mental illness or addiction, all military and their families at home especially: **Edna Knutson** (Kianna Binger's mother deployed to Djibouti), **Brandon Peters** (Pastor Lorah & Rich's son-in-law currently on duty with SD National Guard) the United Church of Christ denomination, Mary Merrigan (Pastor Lorah's friend), McKenzie Lee (Rhonda Stroh's daughter), Karen Stephenson, Tenlee Gatzemeyer, all those with or affected by or recovering from Covid-19, Mona Schultz, **Sandra McNeill**

Our sympathy to Rick & Judy Wagner on the death of **Ron Wagner** (Rick's brother).

StoneyBrook (Huron): Alice MacNeill
Eastern Star (Redfield): Marvin Roeber, LaDean Stoner,
Shirley Stellmacher (Judy Wagner's mother), June Bottum
Lakeside (Redfield): Erma Ames, Amy Garman
At Home: Leone Schultz

Mail a card or note to someone on this list.



**Vacation Bible School at
Tulare United Church
May 25-27, 2021**

**5:30 – 7:30 (supper will be provided)
Preschool Sunday School – completed 4th grade
Volunteers needed to help!**

Worship Notes: Thank you for worshipping with us – come again and/or join us online. If you would like more information about joining Tulare United Church please talk to Pastor Lorah. There will be a new member class within the next few months.

Our worship service is a time to move away from outside distractions and focus on God. Thank you for turning off cell phones and not texting during worship. (but feel free to use your Bible app) If you do not want to take your bulletin home please help us keep the sanctuary clean...and recycle it by putting it in the basket in the entry. All hymns and songs printed in the bulletin or projected are used by permission.

There are gift bags for each of the Confirmation Students for your cards, notes and good wishes.

This week at Tulare United Church...

Sunday 5/23 Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday

- 9:15 Reception for Confirmation Class (and pictures)
- 10:00 Worship with Communion and Confirmation for **Jackson Maynard, Brendan Nowell, Seth Domke, Maverick Jones, Weston Wagner and Mercedes Jones**
- Musician: Cyndi Bachman
- Ushers: Jason & Stacey Banister
- Video Recorder: Patrick Maynard
- Projection Set-Up and Projection: Talisa Buchholz
- 11:00 Jones Family in Fellowship Hall

Monday 5/24

- 1:00 Pastor Lorah attends On Resilience with Anne Lamont online

Tuesday 5/25

- Pastor Lorah in Sioux Falls (back Thursday)
- 5:30 – 7:30 Come to the Table VBS
- 8:00 Pastor Lorah has premarital meeting with couple via Zoom

Wednesday 5/26

- 5:30 – 7:30 Come to the Table VBS

Thursday 5/27

- 10:00 Women's Coffee & Conversation Group in FH
- 5:30 – 7:30 Come to the Table VBS

Sunday 5/30

- 10:00 Worship
- Musician: Karla Schultz
- Ushers: George & Jean Semmler
- Video Recorder: Riley Fliehe
- Projection Set-Up: Talisa Buchholz
- Projection: Rich Jankord

Church Office: 596-4156 Friday and Saturday are generally Pastor Lorah's days off but the office will also be closed Tuesday and Wednesday this week

Web Page: www.tulareunitedchurch.com – all worship services are posted here – under Praise and Worship – Worship Together

E-mail: tulareuc@venturecomm.net

Pastor Lorah Houser Jankord 450-0408 cell 596-4256 home

May 3- 9, 2021

Attendance

Tithes & Offerings \$ 2,093.50

(\$ 2,219 is needed each week to meet the budget)

There is a piggy bank on the back pew for all change for camperships. All change in the offering basket also goes to camperships. We have 9 youth signed up for church camp so far!

Tulare American Legion & Auxiliary #292 will rerun the 2020 **Memorial Day** cemetery service on YouTube and H-T School Venture channel 384. A link will be posted on H-T School Facebook for Tulare, SD 2020 Memorial Day Service. No program or dinner will be held.

Lynne's Asparagus Patch has begun harvesting! Roxanne Knock and family have started picking and Elly Jo Wagner is administering the Facebook site. Asparagus is available for \$4.00 a bunch (or more – this is a FUNDraiser) and is in the TUC refrigerator. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser. Spread the word.

We are being very conscientious of having the correct licenses in place to record and/or live stream songs, scriptures, liturgy, etc.

*CCLI license is 2240454 and 204118604 (streaming)

*One License is 726840

* Lorie Line Music, Inc. streaming license W29645

**Service of Confirmation and Reception into
Tulare United Church for
*Seth Domke, Maverick Jones, Mercedes Jones,
Jackson Maynard, Brendan Nowell, Weston Wagner***

Scripture *1 John 2:3-6*

Invitation

Questions of the Confirmands

* Affirmation of Faith *(please rise if you are able.)*

One: Do you believe in God?

All: I believe in God

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ.

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Prayer of Confirmation

Question about Participation for those choosing to be members at Tulare United Church

Welcome

One: Let us, the friends and members of Tulare United Church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

All: 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. Amen.