



Sharing Faith's Journey



**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
MAY 24, 2026**

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10:30 AM

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Enter in Prayer, Worship with Gratitude, Go Forth to Serve

Welcome Rev. Michael Poage

Opening Voluntary

Veni Sancte Spiritus
(The Golden Sequence)
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Alfred V. Fedak

Welcome and Announcements

Ray Mengelkoch

Introit

Spirit of Life

Carolyn McDade

*Spirit of Life, come unto me. Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free; Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.*

Call to Worship

Rev. Michael Poage

Opening Hymn

Morning Has Broken

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*Responsive Reading

Ray Mengelkoch

One: When despair for the world grows in me

All: And I wake in the night at the least sound

One: In fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,

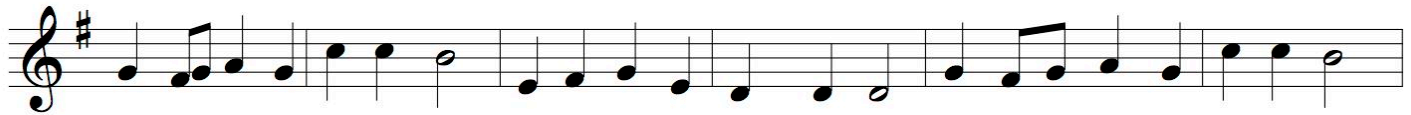
**All: I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beauty
on the water, and the great heron feeds.**

One: I come into the peace of wild things

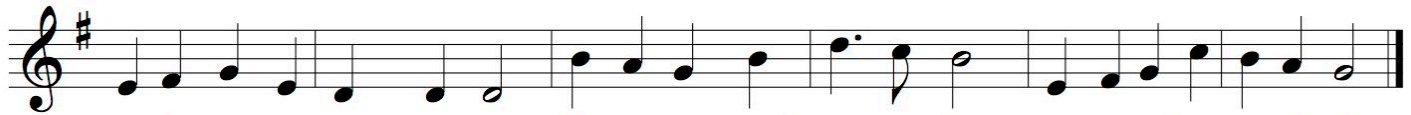
**All: Who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.**

One: And I feel above me the day-blind stars waiting with their light.

All: For a time, I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.



Praiseto God, im-mor-tal praise, For the love that crowns our days! Boun-teous source of ev-ery joy,



Let thy praise our tongues em-ploy: Sing-ing thus through all our days, Praiseto God, im-mor-tal praise.

***Invocation and Lord’s Prayer**

Ray Mengelkoch

O God of community, in spite of our tendency to pull apart, in spite of our tenacity to our old ways, our loving God continues to call us back together again, showing us the true nature of forgiveness. God does not keep score of our wrongs, or measure how far we have wandered. God welcomes us like a mother scooping up her lost children, like a father embracing his prodigal offspring. We are encouraged to learn from that forgiveness, and to accept the mysterious goodness as our hope and our home. With courage let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught

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.

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-13

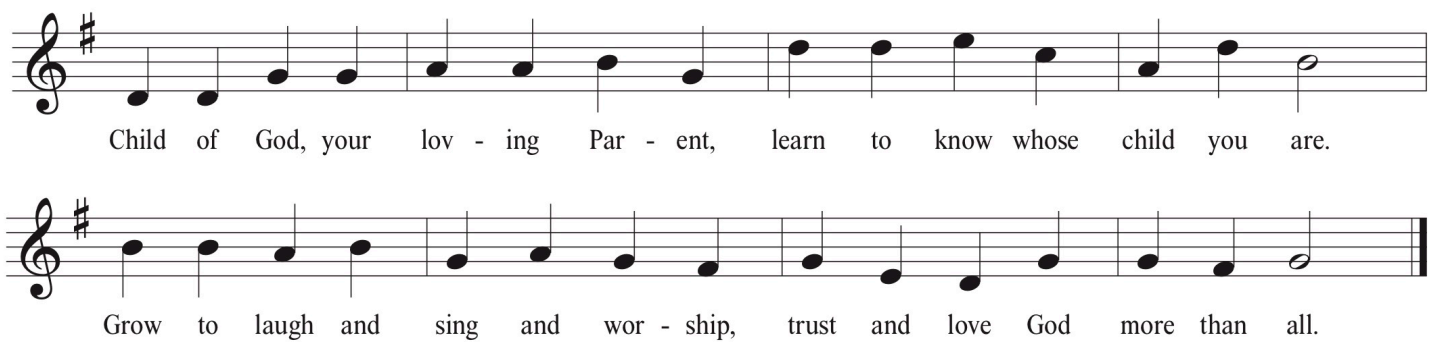
When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

Welcoming Song

Child of Blessing

STUTTGART



Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

A Moment With Our Children

Lindsay Miller

Solo

The Wind Was Low
Jennifer King, soloist

Chuck Girard

*And the wind was low and He brought me to the water.
I felt His hand and joy began and there was meaning.
And the sky was blue and He gave me His assurance.
I then began to understand the blessed meaning.
Oh Creator, your perfect wisdom.*

*And the wind grew still and he touched me with the power.
Then came the fire, the strong desire to really serve Him.
And the tears were joy and He listened as I sang to Him.
I bowed my head, He gently said I was forgiven.
Oh Creator, your perfect promise.*

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

I Will Sing with the Spirit

John Rutter

*I will sing with the spirit. Alleluia.
I will sing with the understanding also: Alleluia.
I will sing with the spirit, Alleluia.*

Sermon

“AMAZED AND ASTONISHED!!!”

Rev. Michael Poage

Closing Hymn

Come Down, O Love Divine

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***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

Tongues of Fire (Pentecost Dance)

Alfred V. Fedak

* Let all who are able please stand.

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN 5.5.5.4 D

C Dm/F G F C

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light, mine is the morn - ing, born of the

C/E F C G7 C Am F C

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing, praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play. Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

Am D C Em Am Dm/F G C

morn - ing, praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word.
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day.

Come Down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

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Responsive Reading: “The Peace of Wild Things” a poem by Wendell Berry. 02/2018 Penguin Books

“Spirit of Life”

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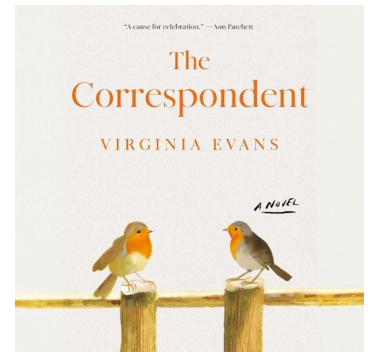
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Summer Reads – choose 1, 2, 3, or 4 of these books to read over the summer and we will discuss them all when we meet in August

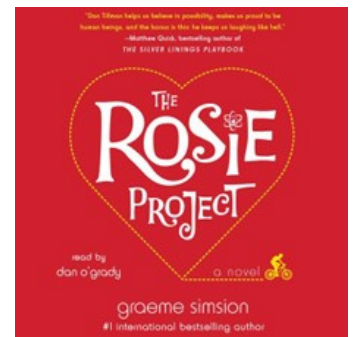
The Correspondent by Virginia Evans

In development as a major motion picture starring Jane Fonda Filled with knowledge that only comes from a life fully lived, *The Correspondent* is a gem of a novel about the power of finding solace in literature and connection with people we might never meet in person. It is about the hubris of youth and the wisdom of old age, and the mistakes and acts of kindness that occur during a lifetime.



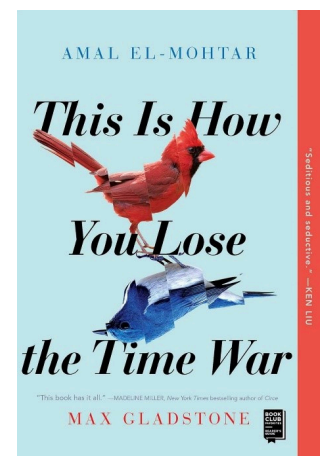
The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion

The international bestselling romantic comedy “bursting with warmth, emotional depth, and...humor,” (Entertainment Weekly) featuring the oddly charming, socially challenged genetics professor, Don, as he seeks true love.



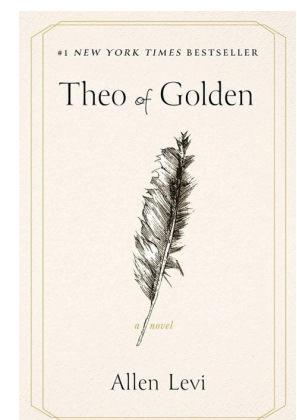
This is How You Lose the Time War by Amal El-Mohtar and Max Gladstone (won the Hugo, Nebula, and Locus awards)

Among the ashes of a dying world, an agent of the Commandant finds a letter. It reads: Burn before reading. Thus begins an unlikely correspondence between two rival agents hellbent on securing the best possible future for their warring factions. Now, what began as a taunt, a battlefield boast, grows into something more. Something epic. Something romantic. Something that could change the past and the future



Theo of Golden by Alan Levi

Theo visits the local coffeehouse, where ninety-two pencil portraits hang on the walls, portraits of the people of Golden done by a local artist. He begins purchasing them, one at a time, and putting them back in the hands of their “rightful owners.” With each exchange, a story is told, a friendship born, and a life altered.



Volunteers needed as Quilt Show Monitors - Daily - Mon thru Fri - 10am to noon & noon to 2pm - (2) shifts. Volunteer on Breeze Events Calendar, or contact the office (316) 684-0221 or office@plymouth-church.net

JUNE 1 to 7, 2026



Mission: By sharing the story of the struggle against HIV/AIDS, we remember, in perpetuity, the lives lost, we offer healing and hope to survivors, and we inspire new generations of activists in the fight against stigma, denial, and hate for a just future.

The AIDS Memorial Quilt at Plymouth - Public Display Hours

- June 1 – 5** Weekdays from 10 am to 2 pm in Fellowship Hall
- June 5** First Friday Art Display from 5:30 to 8 pm
- June 7** Sunday from 9 am to noon

We are pleased to announce that Plymouth Congregational Church and the National AIDS Memorial are partnering together to bring twelve panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt (the Quilt) to Wichita as part of the Community Display Program. The Quilt panels will be on display at Plymouth from June 1 through 7, 2026. The display is free to the public, with any donations received supporting the mission and work of Plymouth.

“The Quilt sections on display connect the story of AIDS directly to the work we do to provide services, educate, and raise greater awareness about HIV today. The Quilt offers an important reflection about the tremendous loss of life, allowing us to remember those we’ve lost, ensure their lives are never forgotten, and provide hope for the future.”



All God's Children



Strengthening one another in love,
understanding and unity.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 15-19, 2026

5:30 DINNER ~ 6:00 - 8:00 PM VBS

Sponsored by Neighborhood Churches

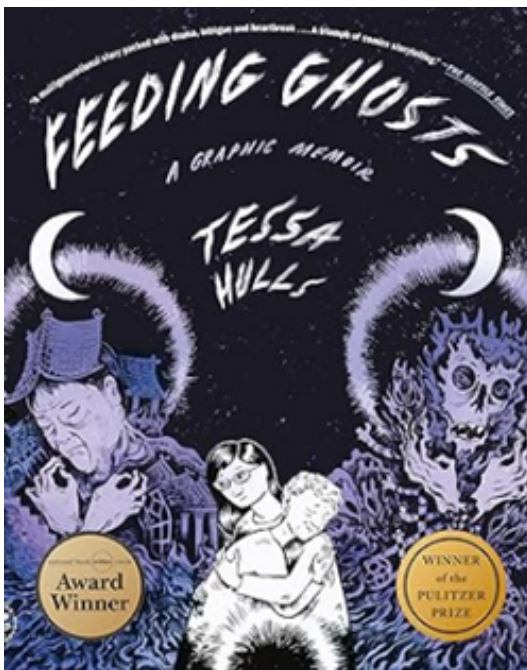
Hosted by St. James Episcopal



sign up to volunteer



sign up your child



Wed Night Dinners

May 27 - Book Club:

Last dinner til Fall!

Followed by Book Club.

Menu: Burgers & Brats + Baked Beans + Salads + Dessert

MAY

Birthdays

Michael Safley	May 3	Tim Robu	May 16
Mary Short	May 4	Judy Frick	May 19
Rich Smola	May 7	Anna Uhlig	May 20
Teresa Young	May 8	Cindy Perkins	May 21
Alan Roskam	May 11	Claire Watson	May 22
Cindy Couch	May 14	Nancy Roskam	May 31
Mary Thomas	May 15		



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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APRIL 10:30 WORSHIP YOUTH SUNDAY	AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING		AEROBICS WED DINNER PANDO INITIATIVE SPEAKER CHOIR REHEARSAL	WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	AEROBICS	

MAY 1ST

3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:00 ADULT STUDY GROUP 10:30 WORSHIP MAY DAY BRUNCH	AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	5:30 PM CABINET	AEROBICS WED DINNER GRACE MED SPEAKER CHOIR REHEARSAL	WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	AEROBICS	

10	11	12	13	14	15	16
NO GROWTH STEERING MEETING 10:30 WORSHIP	AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING		AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER DULL CREATIVES CHOIR REHEARSAL	WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	AEROBICS	

17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:30 WORSHIP NO MISSIONS BOARD MEETING	AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	INVESTMENT CLUB	AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER BIRTHDAY KIT BUILDING CHOIR REHEARSAL	WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	AEROBICS	

24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10:30 AM WORSHIP	AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	5:30 PM TRUSTEES	AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER BOOK CLUB	WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	AEROBICS	

MAY 31

9:15 AM CE BOARD 10:30 WORSHIP 11:30 DEACONS	**MEMORIAL DAY** OFFICE & PRESCHOOL CLOSED					**LAST WED DINNER TIL AUGUST**
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