

Sunday Flowers available:

June 8

August 31

September 7 October 19



Our **Greeter** today is Dona Bronkie.



Save the Date!

TELL YOUR FRIENDS !!!!



Chicken BBQ Dinner
and Strawberry Festival

Thursday June 19, 2025 4-7pm

THIS IS AN "ALL HANDS ON DECK" EVENT.

We'll need LOTS of volunteers so please
mark your calendar today and

WATCH FOR SIGN-UPS!!!

Tickets will be available next week.

Buy and sell your tickets!

Use the QR Code Below to make your weekly donation, support Clara's Closet, or purchase tickets to any of our fundraising events. It's the fast & easy way to give.



**You are
welcome
here.**

RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK



Eighth Sunday of Easter

Pentecost Sunday

June 8th, 2025 10:30am

Central Park United Methodist Church

216 Beard Ave. Buffalo NY 14214

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Clara's Closet Website: clarasclosetbuffalo.org

Rev. Brian Rotach, Interim Pastor

Mr. Matthew Caputy, Minister of Music

Reader: Rev. Brian Rotach

Videographer: **Mr. Frank Murphy**

*We are a Christ-centered community
of faith and love, reaching out to all.*

The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God.

Centering Music Andante from Sonata No. 2 Robert Schumann

Greeting/Announcements

Opening Song: Hymnal #500
"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

+Opening Words:
The Holy Spirit sweeps among us, binding us together as family in Christ.

We are children of God, heirs of grace.
Beloved, have you noticed? The Holy Spirit moves among us, creating and renewing the whole of creation, inspiring us to co-create with God and one another.

We are children of God, co-creators in grace.
Beloved, be encouraged. The Holy Spirit lives among us, surrounding us with mercy and grace, telling us about God's steadfast love for God's people.

We are children of God, witnesses to grace.
Beloved, pay attention! In a rushing wind or a gentle breath, the Holy Spirit welcomes you here, for we are all children of God, brought together by grace.

We are children of God, knit together by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Opening Prayer (Unison):
May we feel your presence this day, Holy Spirit, like the people gathered on that Day of Pentecost. May you rush into our hearts and inebriate our souls. May we be empowered by your Spirit to live a more faithful life. God, You are always doing a new thing, we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change. God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or local concerns. Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes, our shuttered churches, and the security systems on our hearts. Open up our lives, and let your Spirit blow through. Amen.

Invitation to Children: "Where Children Belong"

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

A Time for Children

The Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (Inclusive Language Psalter)

+The Apostles' Acts: Acts 2:1-21
The words of Luke for God's people:
Thanks be to God.

The Sermon: The Rev. Brian Rotach

Joys and Concerns/Morning Prayers

Baba Yetu

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal #895

Prayer Response: "Spirit of the Living God" Hymnal #393

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Hymn: "Come, Share the Lord" Insert

+Blessing our Gifts

Holy Communion Hymnal #9

+Closing Song: Hymnal #404
"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

+Send-off

Postlude Improvisation

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+denotes standing, as you are able.

