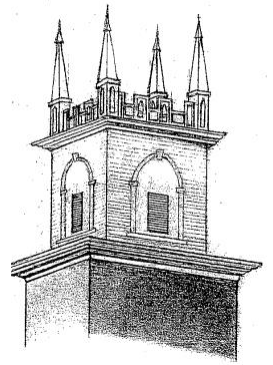


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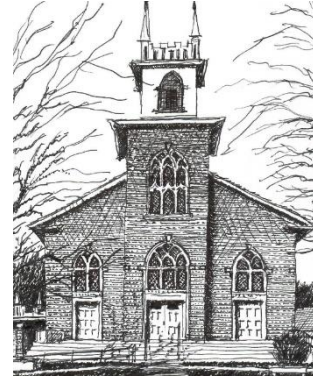


*Celebrating the birthday of the Christian church: Pentecost Sunday 2021,
Pittsford Congregational Church. Thanks to George Valley for taking the picture.*

We celebrated joyfully with organ and song on Pentecost Sunday after a long stretch of services with no singing. As we start a new liturgical season following Pentecost, sometimes called Ordinary Time, we must remember that first, extraordinary things have happened: The Resurrection of Jesus, His ascension to heaven, the and Holy Spirit descending in tongues of fire on the heads of those gathered in the Upper Room. From that moment, the church reached out to a wider world in a mission that we carry forward today. Each of us is a missionary as we proclaim the Good News of the Gospel. Let us continue to move forward with faith, hope, and a love that shows we are Christians. Let us also give thanks for the many blessings we have received.

Rev. Linda Kulas shared with me the following reflection, author unknown. It puts into perspective why we celebrate who and what we are:

In a big world,
 THE SMALL CHURCH has remained intimate.
In a fast world,
 THE SMALL CHURCH has been steady.
In an expensive world,
 THE SMALL CHURCH has remained plain.
In a complex world,
 THE SMALL CHURCH has kept simple.
In a rational world,
 THE SMALL CHURCH has retained feeling.
In a mobile world,
 THE SMALL CHURCH has been an anchor.
In an anonymous world,
 THE SMALL CHURCH knows my name.



Yours in faith,
Michael F. Dwyer, Interim Pastor