



**LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST**

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday



La Jolla United Methodist Church

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Prelude: Variations on “Veni Creator Spiritus” - arr. Hal H. Hopson

Musician: Jennifer Lai

Welcome

Opening Music: “O Spirit of the Living God” UMH 539

Musicians: Joyce Theilacker, Lisa Corpron, Jayson Coleman, Randy Seward, Jennifer Lai

1. O Spirit of the living God,
thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more,
and make it truly thine.

Fill it with love and joy and power,
with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,
and sin and sorrow cease.

2. Blow, wind of God!
With wisdom blow until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt,
which blind our eyes to thee.

Burn, winged fire!
Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news,
God’s glorious commonweal.

3. Teach us to utter living words
of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand
when love speaks loud and clear;

till every age and race and clime
shall blend their creeds in one,
and earth shall form one family
by whom thy will is done.

4. So shall we know the power of Christ
who came this world to save;
so shall we raise with him to life
which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness,

which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee, we reach
creation's glorious goal!

Prayers of the People

A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying. A time of silence will indicate when you may share one name or very short phrase to add.

Pastoral Prayer

Blessing for Children

Scripture:

Acts 2:1-8, 12-21 (CEB)

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. They were surprised and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language?"

They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, "What does this mean?" Others jeered at them, saying, "They're full of new wine!"

Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, "Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! These people aren't drunk, as you suspect; after all, it's only nine o'clock in the morning! Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.
Your young will see visions.
Your elders will dream dreams.
Even upon my servants, men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.
The sun will be changed into darkness,
and the moon will be changed into blood,
before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes.
And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Message: “Playing with Fire”

Response to the Word

Confession, Assurance, and Peace (*based on Psalm 1*)

Liturgist: Gracious God, we do not often listen for your Holy Spirit. We turn from your guidance and your inspiration. The whispers and the shouts do not penetrate the noise of our daily lives. We silence the wisdom available to us through your Spirit of Truth. Open our lives to your holy whispers and shouts, that our very lives may testify to unseen hope. Amen.

Pastor: God’s breath moves through our hair and across our skin. God’s fire burns within us. In the name of Jesus Christ, who sent us the Spirit of Truth, you are forgiven.

Liturgist: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: “Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit” Traditional Spiritual, Arr. by William Dawson

Musicians: Joyce Theilacker, Lisa Corpron, Jayson Corpron, Randy Seward, Jennifer Lai

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Communion elements have been placed on chairs before the beginning of Worship for in-person participants, and online participants may select from your home to include bread (or similar) and juice (or similar). Please wait until directed before receiving your elements.

Closing Music: “Spirit of God” TFWS 2117

Musicians: Joyce Theilacker, Lisa Corpron, Jayson Coleman, Randy Seward, Jennifer Lai

1. Spirit of God, bright Wind,
breath that bids life begin,
blow as you always do;
create us anew.
Give us the breath to sing,

lifted on soaring wing,
held in your hands,
borne on your wings.

Refrain

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

2. Spirit of God, bright Dove,
grant us your peace and love,
healing upon your wings
for all living things.

For when we live your peace,
captives will find release,
held in your hands,
borne on your wings.

Refrain

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

3. Spirit of God, bright Hands,
even in far-off lands
you hold all the human race
in one warm embrace.

No matter where we go,
you hold us together so,
held in your hands.
borne on your wings.

Refrain

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

4. Spirit of God, bright Flame,
send us in your holy name,
the power to heal, to share
your love everywhere.

We cannot fail or fall,
or know defeat at all,
held in your hands,
borne on your wings.

Refrain

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

5. Spirit of God in all,
we gladly hear your call,
the life in our hands that sings,
the power of your wings.

Born of your grace we rise,
love shining in our eyes,
held in your hands,
borne on your wings.

Refrain

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Benediction

Postlude: “Soeur Monique” - Francois Couperin

Musician: Jennifer Lai

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