



**LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST**

**Sparks of
the Spirit**

Sunday, June 5, 2022

Pentecost Sunday

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Prelude *Variations on "Veni Creator Spiritus", Plainsong, 4th century* arr. Hal H. Hopson
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Introit *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* Arr. Donald Moore
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Welcome

† **Opening Hymn** *Spirit of Faith, Come Down* UMH 332

1. Spirit of faith, come down, reveal the things of God,
and make to us the Godhead known, and witness with the blood.
'Tis thine the blood to apply and give us eyes to see,
who did for every sinner die hath surely died for me.
2. No one can truly say that Jesus is the Lord,
unless thou take the veil away and breathe the living Word.
Then, only then, we feel our interest in his blood,
and cry with joy unspeakable, "Thou art my Lord, my God!"
3. O that the world might know the all atoning Lamb!
Spirit of faith, descend and show the virtue of his name;
the grace which all may find, the saving power, impart,
and testify to humankind, and speak in every heart.
4. Inspire the living faith (which whosoe'er receive,
the witness in themselves they have and consciously believe),
the faith that conquers all, and doth the mountain move,
and saves whoe'er on Jesus call, and perfects them in love.

Blessing for Children

Prayers of the People

*A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.
Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.*

Pastoral Prayer

WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

John 14:8-17 25-26 (CEB)

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father; that will be enough for us."

Jesus replied, "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been with you all this time? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I have spoken to you I don't speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me does his works. Trust me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe on account of the works themselves. I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father can be glorified in the Son. When you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can't receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you.

"I have spoken these things to you while I am with you. The Companion, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I told you.

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.

Scriptural Response

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

Spirit, Come Down

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Message

Sparks of the Spirit

Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response in the World

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Evening song in Portland

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† **Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Confession, Assurance, and Peace

Liturgist: Spirit of truth, Giver of visions, Sender of dreams, our hearts remain troubled and afraid.

All: For we fear the future, forgetting your promise to do whatever we ask in your name.

Liturgist: You promise to fill us with new vision, to give us gifts of prophecy and dreams.

All: Yet, we act as if we are on our own, forgetting your promise to fill us with your Spirit.

Liturgist: You tell us that we are not alone, that you are always with us.

All: Forgive us when we forget, and we fail to keep your commandments to love you and one another.

Liturgist: Hear the good news: the Holy Spirit is always with us, filling us with prophecy, visions, and dreams. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

Online worshipers are invited to select elements including bread and juice (or similar) from their homes to participate in Holy Communion. Please wait until directed before receiving your elements.

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer After Communion

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† Closing Hymn

Loving Spirit

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1. Loving Spirit loving Spirit
you have chosen me to be
you have drawn me to your wonder
You have set Your sign on me
2. Like a mother you enfold me
Hold my life within your own
Feed me with your very body
Form me of your flesh and bone
3. Like a father you protect me
Teach me the discerning eye
Hoist me up upon your shoulder
Let me see the world from high
4. Friend and lover, in your closeness
I am known and held and blest
In your promise is my comfort
In your presence I may rest
5. Loving Spirit loving Spirit
you have chosen me to be
you have drawn me to Your wonder
you have set your sign on me

† Benediction

Postlude

Postlude in D

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