

Order of Worship

PENTECOST

9:30 am – May 28, 2023

Participating Live?

Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.

PRELUDE

Hail Thee, Festival Day

Kyle Hanks, piano

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PROCESSION

PENTECOST VIDEO

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bruce Miller, liturgist

Lord, our hearts are on fire this day!

Set the blazes of hope that burn away fear!

Lord, we come here to be empowered to serve you.

Cause the winds of change to blow away doubt and alienation!

Praise to God who has brought to us the Holy Spirit!

Let us worship and rejoice, for God is challenging and empowering us this day!

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GREETING

HYMN

Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us

UMH 331

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1. Holy Spirit, come, confirm us in the truth that Christ makes known;
We have faith and understanding through your helping gifts alone.
2. Holy Spirit, come, console us, come as advocate to plead;
Loving Spirit from the Father, grant in Christ the help we need.
3. Holy Spirit, come, renew us, come yourself to make us live;
Holy through your loving presence, holy through the gifts you give.
4. Holy Spirit, come, possess us, you the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father, Holy Spirit of the Son.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2: 1-12 (NRSV)

various speakers in different languages

BELL OFFERING

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

arr. Bill Ingram

VFUMC Bell Choir; Clara Johnson-Director

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PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

HYMN

O Spirit of the Living God

UMH 539

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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 rise 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!

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13 (NRSV)

Bruce Miller, liturgist

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt McPhee

CHORAL OFFERING

Peter Gonna Preach

VFUMC Chancel Choir; Clara Johnson-Director; Kyle Hanks-Pianist;

Dianna Burdick-Soloists

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of wind and flame: set us on fire this morning as we celebrate the explosion of your Holy Spirit coming into the world on the Day of Pentecost! Remind us that the gift you gave that day was not just the gift to speak in different tongues, but also the gift of hearing and comprehension. May your Holy Spirit keep us attuned to the voices all around us, to those who need us to be bearers of your love and compassion, and may these gifts we give help us, through your church, meet those needs. In the holy name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

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HYMN*As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

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1 As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,
 So the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.
 Not to preach out creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,
 We join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.

2 We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.
 We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.
 By our gentle, loving actions we would show that Christ is light.
 In a humble, listening Spirit we would live to God's delight.

3 As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed,
 So may we be signs of oneness 'mid earth's peoples, many hued.
 As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,
 May our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE***Toccata Brillante*

Kyle Hanks, piano

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Peter Gonna Preach

Refrain: Peter gonna preach. When the fire came down.
 Peter gonna preach. The Spirit moved around.
 Peter gonna preach 'bout the glory of the Son of God,
 Peter gonna preach it now.

On the day of Pentecost, gathered in one place, a sound came like a rushing wind: the Spirit of the God of grace. Peter stood and raised his voice, "Listen to my words." God has poured His Spirit out, let His truth be heard! *Refrain.*

Mighty wonders and miracles Jesus did perform. Healing by the pow'r of God, raised the dead and calmed the storm. Though He died on Calvary, and drank the bitter cup, by His awesome mighty hand God has raised Him up!

Oh, preach it, Peter! Let the fire come down. Refrain.

Peter gonna preach it now. Let the fire come down.

Prayer Requests

Santa Maria First UMC—Pastor Neil Platon III

Sherman Oaks UMC—Pastor Garth Gilliam

Kate Stradling—prayers for recovery after extensive brain surgery—prayers for doctors and her family

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.