

Order of Worship

PENTECOST

9:30 am – May 19, 2024

Participating Live?

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

PRELUDE

Sonata # 8, second movement, Opus 13
Public Domain
Mary Ellen Reddie, piano

Ludwig van Beethoven

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION OF KERSTIN SHAFFER

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) from Psalm 104: 24, 25, 33, 35b

liturgist

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

There is the sea, great and wide;

Creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Bless the Lord O my soul.

Praise the Lord!

OPENING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 384

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1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
4. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2: 1-21 (NRSV)

liturgist

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Children and Youth come to the steps for a word from the pastor)

PREPARATION HYMN

In the Midst of New Dimensions
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1. In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

Refrain: God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

2. Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,
who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? **(Refrain)**

3. As we stand a world divided by our own self-seeking schemes,
grant that we, your global village, might envision wider dreams. **(Refrain)**

4. We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,
each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung. **(Refrain)**

5. Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
may your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again. **(Refrain)**

MESSAGE

Pastor Diane Rehfield

MUSICAL RESPONSE

I'll Sing the Praise of Jesus

Craig Courtney

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VFUMC Chancel Choir, Bob Riggs-interim director, Mary Ellen Reddie, piano

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, you offer us the gifts of your love, the grace of your Son, and the power of the Holy Spirit. We can never repay you, but today we give back a portion of what we have been given. With your blessing, we pray that these our gifts will help to show your love, the grace of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit to those who are in need, both near and far. May they bring healing to a hurting world. Amen

SENDING 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!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

It Is Well with My Soul
by Philip Bliss, arr. Mark Hayes

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Mary Ellen Reddie, piano

Prayer Requests

St. Mark UMC of Santa Barbara—Pastor Robb Fuesler

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All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.