

Order of Worship

PENTECOST SUNDAY

10:00 am – May 23, 2021

Watching Live?

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

PRELUDE

The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning
Tyler Carlisle, keyboard

arr. Linda Hartman

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy one, we come ready to receive anew the gifts of your spirit that will give us vision to form and reform ourselves as a people of Pentecost. **Come, Holy Spirit, come and be a new reality.**

Free us from fear. Give us courage to speak of your marvelous ways and of your hope, so that we may live each day fully. **Come, Holy Spirit, come and be a new reality.**

Awaken us so that we may be bold to be the body of Christ's presence in the world, renewing our life together, renewing the world. **Come, Holy Spirit, come and be a new reality.**

Spirited wind of change: enable the bending of what is rigid, the reversal of what has gone astray, the freshness of new possibility. **Come, Holy Spirit, come and be a new reality.**

Come as comforter and offer us and all people relief, consolation, and companionship. Tend to our woundedness. Restore us to life, that we may be healers. **Come, Holy Spirit, come and be a new reality.**

Reconciler and spirit for justice: empower our prophetic voice, that it may be heard throughout the land retelling the gospel vision, praying for the unity of all true spirits. Come, Holy Spirit, come.

You are the reason this gathering is a holy place. **Come, Holy Spirit, and be a new reality.**

(adapted from "Sonja Dyer's Prayerbook," *seekerschurch.org*, ©2012)

HYMN

Build Your Kingdom Here

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Come set Your rule, and reign in our hearts again. Increase in us, we pray.

Unveil why we're made. Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls.

Holy Spirit, come, invade us now. We are Your church; we need Your pow'r in us.

We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst; refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize.

To see the captives' hearts released; the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.

We lay down our lives for heaven's cause. We are Your church; we pray, revive this earth.

Refrain: Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear. Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.

Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back. Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray!

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far.

No force of hell can stop Your beauty, changing hearts.

You made us for much more than this; awake the kingdom seed in us.

Fill us with the strength and love of Christ: We are Your church; we are the hope on earth.

(Refrain — 2x)

HYMN

Surely the Presence of the Lord — 3x

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Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel His mighty power and His grace.

I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Come Down, Love Divine
Hymn reading

Ginny Dilworth

SCRIPTURE

John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15; Romans 8: 22-27
The Word of God, for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Esther Benedict
Bruce Miller

MESSAGE

Pastors

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy Spirit, pour out on us your love. Renew us in the strength of your might. Embolden us to be witnesses for your kingdom. Guide our steps, so that our actions and words will be a demonstration of your peace and love. Amen.
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HYMN

O Spirit of the Living God

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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.

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.

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.

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

God Be With You

A message of gratitude to Becca, from the Music Ministry

Prayer Requests:

Atascadero UMC — Pastor Steve Poteete-Marshall

Pasadena: St. James UMC — Pastor Malyong Yi

Bishop Daniel and Ruth Arichea — hospitalized due to COVID-19

Becca Clarke — prayers for a safe and successful transition to New York

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