

## Pentecost

### An Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Most powerful Holy Spirit,  
Come down  
Upon us  
and subdue us.

From heaven,  
where the ordinary  
is made glorious,  
and glory seems  
but ordinary,

bathe us  
with the brilliance  
of your light  
like dew.

Celtic Daily Prayer

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please sign the Friendship Folder and pass it to others seated on your pew.*

## Passing the Peace of Christ

### Prelude *The Day of Pentecost*

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS and FEEL THE SPIRIT, arr. Hal Hopson

Chancel Choir, Marilyn Wilkins, soprano, and Noah Adams, trumpet

*Veni Creator Spiritus,  
mentes tuorum visita:  
imple superna gratia  
que tu creasti pectora.*

*Creator Spirit, Heav'nly dove.  
descend upon us from above;  
with graces manifold restore  
your creatures as they were before.*

*Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.*

*Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.*

*All the disciples were gathered there; an awe and wonder filled the air.  
A wind from heaven came rushing down; the Spirit moved on all those around.*

*The Spirit still moves, it moves in my heart. Alleluia!*

*Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.*

*Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.*

*The people gathered all spoke as one, the Spirit's power now had begun.*

*This is the story that Luke once told; the Spirit's power they did behold.*

*The Spirit still moves, it moves in my heart. Alleluia!*

*Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.*

*Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.*

*Lord, when I feel the Spirit moving, moving, moving, I will pray.*

*moving in my heart, I will pray. Amen.*

## †Call to Worship

Rhonda Haskins

One: On the day of Pentecost, the church was gathered together in one place.

**All: On the day of Pentecost, differences were minimized as people came together, seeing and hearing one another.**

One: On the day of Pentecost, the Spirit of God fell down like rain on everyone gathered, and sons and daughters prophesied.

**All: Young people saw visions, and old people dreamed dreams.**

One: Thanks be to God for bringing us together in this place for worship.

**All: May we, like those before us, worship God with our whole hearts.**

## †Hymn #289 *On Pentecost They Gathered*

MUNICH

*On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,  
a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.  
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,  
and tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.*

*The people all around them were startled and amazed  
to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.  
What universal message, what great good news was here?  
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.*

*God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,  
on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.  
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.  
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.*

*O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,  
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.  
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,  
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.*

## Prayer of Confession

One: Mighty God, long ago you showed up in dazzling light and in a still, small voice.

**All: You showed up as a tiny baby lying in a manger.  
You showed up on a long dusty walk to Emmaus.**

Leader: You keep showing up in the most mysterious ways,  
so we shouldn't be surprised if you show up like a powerful wind,  
bringing the ability for us to hear one another.

**All: We should have known, and yet we didn't.  
We don't. We doubt.**

Leader: Like the weary people of Bethlehem, we don't make room for you.  
Like the disciples on the way to Emmaus, we don't see you.

**All: And like members of the early church community,  
we look for excuses to explain your presence away.**

Leader: Loving God, forgive our weak hearts.

From the beginning you have been here, revealing yourself to us.

**All: And from the beginning, we have struggled to see you.**

**Leader:** Despite our bad track record, we come to you again today,  
asking that once more you give us another chance.  
Once more, pour your Spirit out on us,

**All:** **for we are in desperate need of you and of the mysterious ways you  
keep showing up.**

(Silent Confession)

## Assurance of Pardon

**Prayer for Illumination #288** *Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

***Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.***

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

## First Scripture Reading I Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

## Anthem *Spirit Come Down*

Mark Hayes

Noah Adams, trumpet

*Refrain:*

*Spirit, come down like the days of old Spirit, come down and fill my soul.*

*Lord, I want to be used by You, to feel Your power in all I do.*

*Spirit, come down and fill my soul.*

*Now on the day of Pentecost the disciples of the Lord were in one place*

*when suddenly from Heav'n on high came the sound of a mighty wind.*

*That mighty wind then filled the place, and the Spirit appeared like tongues of fire.*

*It took control of ev'ryone, filling them with pow'r.*

*Refrain*

*There were people there from ev'ry land yet they heard God's word in their native tongue,  
for the Spirit had helped them understand the mighty word of the Lord.*

*Refrain*

## Second Scripture Reading Acts 2:1-8, 12

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'

**Sermon "Spirit!"**

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

**†Affirmation of Faith: (from A Brief Statement of Faith)**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

**†Hymn #297 *In Christ Called to Baptize***

ST. DENIO

*In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace  
and gather a people from each land and race.  
In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death,  
then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.*

*In Christ called to banquet, one table we share,  
a haven of welcome, a circle of care.  
Although we are many, we share in one bread.  
One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.*

*In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach  
the life-giving gospel; God's love we will teach.  
By grace may our living give proof to our praise  
in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.*

*Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love,  
for you are within us, around us, above.  
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow.  
In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.*

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory** *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA, arr. John Head and Sue Mitchell-Wallace

Noah Adams, trumpet

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**Receiving the Elements**

**Prayer After Communion**

*Refrain:*

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.  
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

*You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
And over the eons you called to each thing,  
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."*

*Refrain*

*You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand;  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land.  
When they were confounded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.*

*Refrain*

*You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.  
And down in the city, you called once again  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.*

*Refrain*

*You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;  
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.  
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise.*

*Refrain*

†Charge and Benediction

†Response *Threefold Amen*

Danish

Postlude *Hallelujah from MESSIAH*

Noah Adams, trumpet

Georg Frideric Händel

†Please stand in body or spirit

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**Leading in Worship Today**

Rev. Dr. Fairfax F. Fair  
Rhonda Haskins, Liturgist  
Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director  
Ron Ollis, Organist  
Noah Adams, Trumpet  
Barry Webb, Audio-Visual  
Yulissa Delgado, Nursery Attendant

CCLI #3275908  
CVLI #505477134

**Flowers** today are given to the **glory of God** by the Worship Ministry to celebrate the day of Pentecost.

**Worship** in the Sanctuary is at 10:30 am each Sunday. Livestream can be found at [fpcpasadena.org](http://fpcpasadena.org).

**Dr. Fair's Pentecost stole was made by Johnnie Haltom. Thank you, Johnnie!**

**Please stay after today worship for our annual **Pentecost** group photo!**

**FPC Sunday School: All classes except Men's Bible Study begin at 9 am.**

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study**—8:45 am in the Library. Led by Mark Corder.
- **Stepping Out in Faith**—Bride's Room & Zoom (*contact Bonnie Keith for the Zoom link*). Pat Abrams leads the current study of *Paul for Everyone: 1 Corinthians*, by N. T. Wright.
- **Current Christianity**—Room #8. Mark Clemmons leads the current study of the book *Elusive Grace: Loving Your Enemies While Striving for God's Justice* by Dr. Scott Black Johnston.
- **Kindergarten through 5th grade**—Room #7. Led by Bonnie Keith and Donna Gilchrest.
- **6th-12th grade** led by James Jackson and Brian Davis meets in Room #10.



*Drop by the Fellowship Hall after Sunday School or before worship for fellowship, a cup of coffee, and possibly a 'treat'... 10-10:30 every Sunday morning.*

**Brunch and Book Group** meets next on Saturday, June 15, 10-Noon in the Fellowship Hall to discuss the book ***The Covenant of Water*, by Abraham Verghese.**

***The Mo-Ranch Women's Conference will be June 7-9.*** The theme this year is Getting to the Good Part! Weaving Community in Christ, based on Luke 10:38-42. The cost per person will be \$425. If you are interested in going, please contact Bonnie Keith. Carpooling can be arranged. For more information, go to: <https://www.moranch.org/attend-a-conference/adult-conferences/womens-conference/>.

**Attention High School Seniors:** If you are a member of FPC and are a 2024 high school graduate, you are eligible to apply for the annual \$300 Young at Heart Memorial Scholarship. Application deadline is June 12, 2024. Applications located under the *bulletin boards*.

**Remember in your thoughts and prayers:**

**Health concerns:** Kay Goates; Mary & Rex Knapik; Mike & Susan Wallace; Margaret Bardin; Emma Abrams; Maurice Barclay; Pat Pesl; Kay Hutson; Brad Stratton; Imelda Carrillo; Anne Berridge; Cathy Armstrong; Valerie O'Keefe, friend of Joan Gibertini; Corrie Martinez, friend of Richard Heath; Patricia Roberts, John Griswold's sister; Scott Bash; Akilah Woods, friend of Samantha Cayton; Bill Myers, friend of John and Liz Griswold; Scott Moelman, Lou Anne Sinor's nephew; Sherry Sinor, the Sinor's daughter-in-law; Leah Slaven; Deborah Gaskins, Joan Gibertini's daughter; Ukraine and the Middle East.

**Congratulations Graduates:**

Linley Brown graduated from The University of Texas at Austin. Linley is the granddaughter of Ruth Askine.

Cole Reed graduated from Schreiner University, BBA in Accounting. Cole is the son of Carrie and Jason Reed, and grandson of Liz Reed.

Darcy McPhail received her Early Childhood Development Certificate from San Jacinto College. Darcy is the granddaughter of Pat McPhail and Marilyn Wilkins.

Sunday, May 19	Sunday School-Men's Class—Library	8:45 am
<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	Sunday School-All Ages	9:00 am
	Fellowship—FH	10:00 am
	Worship Service - Communion	10:30 am
	Deacons Meeting—#10	11:30 am
	Handbell Practice	12:15 pm
	<b>Ministerio Corban—FH</b>	<b>4-8:30 pm</b>
Monday, May 20	Session Meeting—FH	6:45 pm
Tuesday, May 21	Chair Yoga—FH	5:00 pm
	Floor Yoga—FH	6:15 pm
Wednesday, May 22	Baywood Crossing	10:00 am
	Brown Bag & Bible	12:00 pm
	Prayer Shawl—#10 and Zoom	1:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
	<b>Ministerio Corban—FH</b>	<b>7-10:00 pm</b>
Thursday, May 23	Men's Breakfast—Frank's	7:30 am
	Chain Stitchers—FH	12:00 pm
	Intercessory Prayer—Library	1:00 pm
	<b>Private/Ortiz—Library</b>	<b>3:30-4 pm</b>
	Chair Yoga—FH	5:00 pm
	Chain Stitchers—#9	6:00 pm
	Floor Yoga—FH	6:15 pm
Saturday, May 25	Men's Breakfast—FH	8:00 am
	<b>Private/Graduation—FH</b>	<b>5-11:00 pm</b>
Sunday, May 26	Sunday School-Men's Class—Library	8:45 am
	Sunday School-All Ages	9:00 am
	Fellowship—FH	10:00 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Handbell Practice—#11	12:15 pm
	<b>Ministerio Corban—FH</b>	<b>4-8:30 pm</b>

**Mission Statement**

"Our mission is to live and share the good news of God's love, grace, and mercy in Jesus Christ, to equip people for discipleship and service, and to work for social justice and peace."

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Bonnie Keith	Pat McPhail	Jason Reed
Tom Swan	Laura Phipps	Barry Webb

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