



## The Celebration of Worship

May 23, 2021 Pentecost

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson  
Pastoral Resident: Veronica Gould  
Worship Leader: Betsy Eskridge  
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara  
Japanese Reader: Michael Wright  
Zoom Moderator: Nancy Arata-Fong

### Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

*Please join in lighting a candle at home.*

### Introit

**All: Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us one. Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.**

### Call to Worship

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!

**People: Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. Energize our lives to work for God.

**People: Let your wind of hope swirl around us, lifting and moving us from complacency.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your blessing on us.

**People: Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God's presence and love in everything we say and do. Amen.**

### Confession Prayer

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: We aren't ready, Lord. It is easier for us to hide in the upper rooms of our lives, to let the world go by and not acknowledge Your presence. But You have challenged us to come alive again with Your love and words of healing mercy.

**People: Forgive our hesitant witness and our complacent spirits. Heal our fears and our wounds.**

Leader: Help us to be agents of healing and hope for others. Challenge and inspire us to overcome our feelings of inadequacy and remind us that You have called us beloved and have given us what we need to proclaim Your Good News. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

**All: Amen.**

### Assurance of God's Grace

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: Don't be afraid! God's Holy Spirit brings you healing comfort and hope. You are being prepared to serve God in some mighty ways. Rejoice! God's Holy Spirit is with you always.

**People: Amen.**

### Response to God's Forgiveness

**All: Glory be to Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.**

### Passing of the Peace

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: The peace of Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

### Children's Message

Veronica Gould

### Hymn

"Spirit of the Living God"

### Unison Prayer Of Guidance

Betsy Eskridge

**All: Now may the words of our mouth, the meditation of our hearts, the interpretation of our minds, and the response of our hands be acceptable to You, our Lord and our Redeemer. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

### Japanese Reading: Psalm 104: 34-35;37

Michael Wright

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

I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please him;

I will rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Hallelujah!

**1st Scripture Reading: Romans 8:22-27**

Betsy Eskridge

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

**2nd Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-13**

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples 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? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

"Acts 2 Means We Need To Act, Too"

**Musical Offering**

Haruko Sakakibara

*"Méditation" from the opera "Thaïs" by Jules Massenet*  
Time for silent reflection.

**Opportunity To Present Offerings**

Betsy Eskridge

**Doxology**

Betsy Eskridge

**All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

Betsy Eskridge

**Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer**

Veronica Gould

**The Lord's Prayer**

**All: Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

**Benediction**

Veronica Gould

**Response: "Shalom"**

**Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, Kami no mi megumi. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, may we be blessed with grace from God.)**

**Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly, abundantly.)**

**In Appreciation:**

Online Greeter

May Lee

Coffee Time

No coffee time this week