



Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Romans 15:13)



The Celebration of Worship

May 28, 2023 • Pentecost Sunday & Memorial Candle Lighting

Guest Pastor:
Worship Leader:
Pianist:
Japanese Reader:

Rev. Stephen Smith
Phillip Chew
Janet Hill
Miko Kumagai

Centering Prayer for Worship

Come, Holy Spirit! You are a song amid silence, a voice out of quietness, a light out of darkness, a Presence in the emptiness. Give us just a spark on this day, to kindle our smoldering apathy until we burst into bonfires to melt all the injustice which threatens to consume the world. Move among us as we gather to give witness to God's presence in the people and events around us. As we offer ourselves in service to each other and to You. Amen.

Prelude

Janet Hill

***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.

Welcome and Announcements

** Those who can, please stand*

Call to Worship

Phillip Chew

Leader: People of Pentecost, lift up your hearts.

People: We gather to celebrate the birthday of Christ's Church around the world.

Leader: We gather to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with the flames of Your love for others.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, teach us songs of compassion and service as we lift our voices to sing God's praise.

*Opening Hymn: "Let Every Christian Pray" (#130)

Sing to the tune of "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Let every Christian pray, this day and every day, come, Holy Spirit, come! Was not the church we love commissioned from above? Come, Holy Spirit, come!

The Spirit brought to birth the church of Christ on earth to seek and save the lost: God never has withdrawn, since that tremendous dawn, the gifts at Pentecost.

Only the Spirit's power can fit us for this hour: Come, Holy Spirit, come! Instruct, inspire, unite, and help us see Your light: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Invitation to Confession

Phillip Chew

Leader: When our lives remain hidden, when our hearts are shuttered, when our souls are filled with fear because of all we have done and said, God comes, breathing new life, blowing away our failings, restoring us to new hope.

Upcoming Events:

Today: Newsletter deadline. 5 pm.

May 31: Choir Practice. 7 pm in the social hall.

June 3: Memorial Service for Jane Matsuoka. 11 am.

June 6: Prayer Team Meeting. 7:15 pm via Zoom.

June 6: Bible Study. 6:00 pm via Zoom.

June 7: Worship Team Meeting. 5:00 pm via Zoom.

June 7: Choir Practice. 7 pm in the social hall.

June 8: Session Meeting. 1 pm. Location to be determined.

June 11: Pride Parade. Meet at church directly after service.

June 15: PPC Legacy Project. 7 pm via Zoom.

June 25: Summerfest. Starting at 4:30 pm. Get your tickets and sponsorships now!



***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.)*

Postlude

Janet Hill

*We invite you to remain seated during the Postlude as we enjoy the music
and God’s presence together. If you need to go, please feel free to do so. Go
with God’s blessings.*

In Appreciation:

- Greeters: Betsy Eskridge, Lynn Yamamoto
- Online Greeter: May Lee
- Ushers: Aki Kumagai, Miko Kumagai
- Parking (5/28): Tak Fukuman
- Parking (5/21): Phillip Chew
- Parking Barriers (Sat): Jonathan Sakakibara
- Sound System: Lois Van Beers
- Zoom Moderator: Judy Yee
- Altar Flowers: Steven & Janet Hill

Prayer of Confession

Phillip Chew

Leader: Creator God, You have sent Your Spirit to bring boldness to our lives and fill Your church, but our response has been lukewarm.

People: You have given us stories to tell and gifts to share, but we remain self-absorbed and silent. You have called us to be a new community but we have a hard time letting go of old grudges and negative stereotypes.

Leader: Forgive us and pour Your mercy into the closed rooms of our hearts. Breathe Your peace upon us, that we might be healers of brokenness.

All: Breathe Your hope upon us, that we might open ourselves to the lonely. Breath Your love into us, that we might be as generous and welcoming as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God’s Grace

Phillip Chew

Leader: This is the good news spoken long ago, yet brought fresh to us by the Holy Spirit. God forgives and transforms us.

People: Thanks be to God! God gives us new hope, new joy, new life – today and each day.

***Response to God’s Forgiveness: “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” (#582GtG)**

All Sing:

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Phillip Chew

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

***Hymn of Reflection: "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"
(#825 Worship & Rejoice Hymnal)**

Refrain. Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.
Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see coming for to carry me home? A band of angels coming after me, coming for to carry me home. O,
Refrain.

If you get there before I do, coming for to carry me home, tell all my friends I'm coming too, coming for to carry me home. O,
Refrain.

The brightest day that ever I saw, coming for to carry me home, when Jesus washed my sins away, coming for to carry me home. O,
Refrain.

I'm sometimes up and sometimes down, coming for to carry me home, But still my soul feels heavenly bound, coming for to carry me home. O,
Refrain.

Unison Prayer of Guidance

All: Now may the words of our mouths, the meditations 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.

***Sending Hymn: "Spirit" (#319)**

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, and when they were blinded with their 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.

Benediction

Rev. Stephen Smith

Opportunity To Present Offerings

All: Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, God's Son. (Repeat) And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat) Give thanks. Give thanks.

*Doxology

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

Phillip Chew

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Stephen Smith

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.

Japanese Reading: John 17:11

Miko Kumagai

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, protect them in Your name that You have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

1st Scripture Reading: John 20:19-23

Phillip Chew

From The Message

Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then He showed them His hands and side. The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were awestruck. Jesus repeated his greeting: "Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you." Then He took a deep breath and breathed into them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said. "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?"

Sermon & 2nd Scripture Reading

Rev. Stephen Smith

"The World as One"

Acts 2:1-21

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 people 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.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great
and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the
Lord shall be saved.’

Musical Offering

Janet Hill

Memorial Candle Lighting

Donna Komure-Toyama
Titus Toyama

In Memoriam

Joyce Honda

Beloved PPC member and mother of
Daryl, Wesley & Kristl

Jane Matsuoka

Beloved PPC member and mother of
Neil, Barbie & Mike

Don Foster

Beloved cousin of Maurine Huang

Marilyn Yee

Beloved sister of
Victor Yee & Yvonne Fong

Anna M. Wong

Beloved family friend of
Judy Yee

Dorie Kobayashi

Beloved friend of
William & Judy Yee

Jerry Okumura

Beloved nephew of
Fumi Nakata

And there will be no more night;
they need no light of lamp or sun,
For the Lord God will be their light

(Revelation 22:5)