

**\*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: Miyo Uchida, Diane Younglove
- Ushers: William Yee, Diane Younglove
- Parking: Carl Odell
- Parking Barriers (Sat): Neil Matsuoka
- Sound System: Lois Van Beers
- Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Lori Hart
- Altar Flowers: Dave McGill
- Coffee Time: Janet Hill, Lois Van Beers, Judy Yee



**The Celebration of Worship**

May 19, 2024 • Pentecost Sunday

- Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
- Worship Leader: Donna Komure-Toyama
- Pianist: Janet Hill
- Choir Conductor: Ben Pryor
- Japanese Reader: Haruko Sakakibara

**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, and 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.**

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*\* Those who can, please stand*

## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

### Call to Worship

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: People of Pentecost, lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, teach us new songs of compassion as we offer our thanks and praise to God.**

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

*Sing to the tune "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 yYour light:

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

### Invitation to Confession

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: Let's ask the Holy Spirit to rain down on our dry and dusty lives to heal our wounded spirits and wash away our sins. To kindle the fire of God's love within us and burn away our apathy, resentments, and rigidity. Trusting in the grace offered to us in Jesus Christ, let's confess our sins to God.

## Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

**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: On Pentecost They Gathered (#128)

*Sing to the tune "The Church's One Foundation"*

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 glowing inspired each person there.

There 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.

## Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“Now fill your pitchers and take them to the host,” Jesus said, and they did.

When the host tasted the water that had become wine (he didn't know what had just happened but the servants, of course, knew), he called out to the bridegroom, “Everybody I know begins with their finest wines and after the guests have had their fill brings in the cheap stuff. But you've saved the best till now!” This act in Cana of Galilee was the first sign Jesus gave, the first glimpse of his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

### Musical Interlude

Janet Hill

### 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

Donna Komure-Toyama

### Joys & Concerns

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

### Prayer of Confession

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: God, You have sent Your Spirit to bring boldness to our lives and fill Your Church; but our response has been lukewarm. You have given us stories to tell and Your saving grace to share; but we remain self-absorbed and silent.

**People: You have called us to be a new community, but we are unwilling to let go of old hurts and prejudices. Forgive us.**

**All: Pour Your Spirit upon us, that we might be healers of brokenness. Pour Your Spirit into us, so we are as welcoming and forgiving as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

*Time for silent reflection and confession to God*

### Assurance of God's Grace

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: Because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, we are set free to love God and our neighbor, and work for justice and reconciliation in the world.

**All: We believe the Good News of the Gospel: we have peace with God, for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

**\*Response to God's Forgiveness:** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (#582 GtG)

*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

Donna Komure-Toyama

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

**All: And also with you.**

### Children's Message

**Hymn of Reflection: Breathe on Me, Breath of God (#316)**

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou  
wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity.

**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.**

**Japanese Reading: Joel 2:28-29** Haruko Sakakibara

It will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all  
flesh; Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men  
shall dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on  
the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those  
days.

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-16** Donna Komure-Toyama

*Select verses*

When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in  
one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong  
wind, gale force - no one could tell where it came from. It filled  
the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread  
through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of  
different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout  
pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound,  
they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after  
another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were  
thunderstruck. They couldn't for the life of them figure out  
what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans?  
How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother  
tongues? "They're speaking our languages, describing God's  
mighty works!" Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make  
head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused:  
"What's going on here?" Others joked, "They're drunk on  
cheap wine."

That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven,  
spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are  
visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight.  
These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They  
haven't had time to get drunk - it's only nine o'clock in the  
morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would  
happen.

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"When the Wine Runs Out..Be Filled With God's Spirit"

John 2:1-11

Three days later there was a wedding in the village of Cana in  
Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. Jesus and his disciples were  
guests also. When they started running low on wine at the  
wedding banquet, Jesus' mother told him, "They're just about  
out of wine."

Jesus said, "Is that any of our business, Mother—yours or  
mine? This isn't my time. Don't push me." She went ahead  
anyway, telling the servants, "Whatever he tells you, do it." Six  
stoneware water pots were there, used by the Jews for ritual  
washings. Each held twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus ordered the  
servants, "Fill the pots with water." And they filled them to the  
brim.