

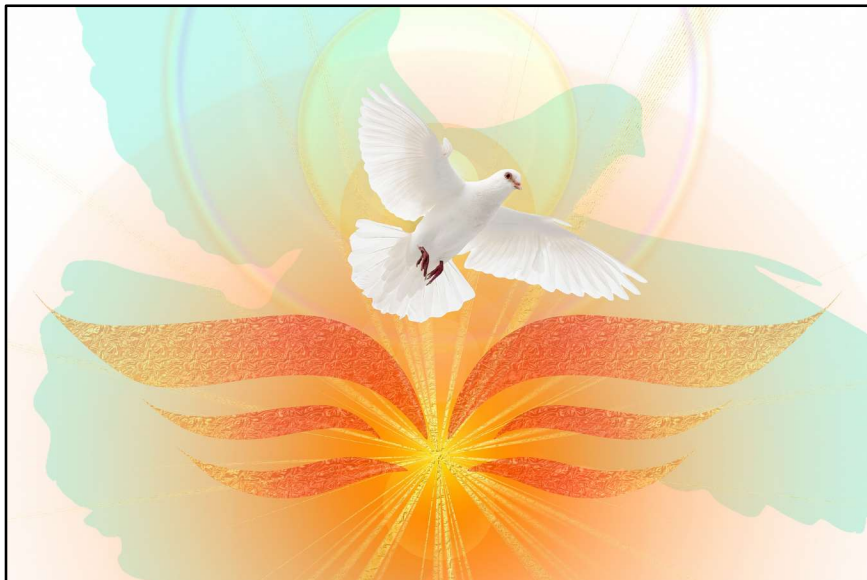
## Postlude

Nancy Arata-Fong

*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:	Tia Kilpatrick, Diane Younglove
Ushers:	Diane Younglove, Gary Younglove
Parking:	Russ Hart
Sound System:	Jonathan Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Lori Hart
Altar Flowers:	Russ & Lori Hart



## The Celebration of Worship

June 8, 2025 • Pentecost

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Steve Hanway
Pianist:	Nancy Arata-Fong
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Mieko Davis
YES:	Jana Nakase-Lee, Lynn Yamamoto

## 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

Nancy Arata-Fong

## \*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

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

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*\* Those who can, please stand*

## Call to Worship

Steve Hanway

Leader: People of Pentecost, lift up your hearts.

**People: We gather to worship 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, fill our hearts with the flames of Your loving compassion for others.**

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, teach us songs of justice and service as we lift our voices in 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

Steve Hanway

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

## Prayer of Confession

Steve Hanway

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.

## \*Sending Hymn: Arise, Your Light Is Come! (#411)

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of Your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

## \*Sung Benediction and Benediction Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Every Time I Feel the Spirit (#315)

*Sing 2 times.*

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.

## \*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.)*

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.

## **Musical Interlude**

Nancy Arata-Fong

## **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**

Steve Hanway

## **Joys & Concerns**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

## **Morning Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

Congregation

**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.**

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

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

## *A Time for Contemplation*

*This time of quiet is offered to encourage you to share your personal thoughts with God as well as listen to God through the presence of the Holy Spirit.*

## **Assurance of God's Grace**

Steve Hanway

Leader: This is the good news spoken long ago, yet brought anew to us today by God's Holy Spirit. When we turn to God and seek God's mercy, God forgives us and fills us with God's own Spirit.

**People: Thanks be to God! God gives us new hope, new joy, and new vision for creating justice in all the world – today and every day.**

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

*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**

Steve Hanway

Leader: As the forgiven and redeemed people of God, let us share our peace and joy with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## **The Sacrament of Baptism**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Louis Espinoza Reza

**\*Baptism Hymn: Baptized in Water (#492)**

*Sing to the tune of "Morning has Broken"*

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;  
heirs of salvation, trusting God's promise,  
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;  
one with His rising, freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
born of the Spirit, we are God's children,  
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

**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.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading (Japanese)**

Mieko Davis

Joel 2:28-29

Then afterward I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your old men will dream dreams,  
and your young men will see visions.  
When the time comes, I'll pour out my Spirit on those who  
serve me, men and women both.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading**

Steve Hanway

Acts 1:4-5

On one occasion, while Jesus was eating with them, He gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift My Father promised, which You have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

**Sermon & 3rd Scripture Reading**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"Fire Kindles Fire"

Acts 2:1-16

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 blown away. 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?"

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites;

Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia,

Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,

Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene;

Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes;

Even Cretans and Arabs!

"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."