

***Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

***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

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:	Pattie Hashimoto, Maria Mar
Ushers:	Aki Kumagai, Miko Kumagai
Parking:	Phillip Chew, Jack Nordman
Sound System:	Dave McGill
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Lois Van Beers
Altar Flowers:	Stan & Christine Umeda



The Celebration of Worship

May 24, 2026 • Pentecost Sunday and
Memorial Candle Lighting

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Sue Goodwin
Pianist:	Nancy Arata-Fong
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Miko Kumagai
YES:	Julie Chew, Cathy Nishizaki

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

Centering Song for Worship: "Be Still, for the Spirit of the Lord" (#129 in Worship & Rejoice)

Be still, for the Spirit of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and with fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the Spirit of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

** Those who can, please stand*

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendor he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Call to Worship

Sue Goodwin

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 flame
of your loving compassion for others.**

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, teach us songs of justice and
service, as we open our hearts to worship You with
reverence and joy.**

*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.

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

Sue Goodwin

Joys & Concerns

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Pastoral 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.**

*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.

2nd Scripture Reading

Sue Goodwin

Acts 2:1-4

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, like fire, appeared among them, and 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.

3rd Scripture Reading & Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“The Gift of Pentecost- Wild Goose or Gentle Dove?”

Acts 2:5-11

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!”

Musical Interlude

Nancy Arata-Fong

Memorial Candle Lighting Ceremony

Titus Toyama

Please see insert.

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

Sue Goodwin

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. Please join me, as we pray together to God.

Prayer of Confession

Sue Goodwin

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

People: You have called us to be a beloved community but we are easily offended, quick to criticize others, and slow to let go of resentments and bruised egos. Forgive us.

Leader: Pour Your mercy into the closed rooms of our hearts. Breathe Your peace on us that we may be healers of brokenness.

People: Breathe Your kindness and compassion into us so that we may offer empathy instead of judgment.

All: Pour Your Spirit into us that we might be as welcoming, gracious and forgiving as our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Time for Silent 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

Sue Goodwin

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

People: God gives us new hope, new joy, and new vision for bringing justice to all the world. Today and every day.

All: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

***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

Sue Goodwin

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.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Children and youth may now go to YES.

***Hymn of Reflection:** "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.

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.

1st Scripture Reading (Japanese)

Miko Kumagai

This first reading is recited in Japanese to honor our church founders, who established this church in 1912 in the original Japantown of Sacramento.

Joel 2:28-29

"Then afterward I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people; Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream, your young men will see visions. When the time comes, I'll pour out my Spirit on those that serve me, men and women both."