

SUNDAY WORSHIP  
PENTECOST

10:30am • Sunday • May 19, 2024

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**Mission Statement:** As a community of faith, we welcome all who seek understanding. • As a community of hope, we offer friendship and comfort to those in need. • As a community of love, we provide caring support and shared fellowship to all.

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WE ARE A COMMUNITY CHURCH. OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND MEMBERS COME FROM MANY PLACES AND MULTIPLE FAITH TRADITIONS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO FIND A SPIRITUAL SANCTUARY HERE.

— ANNOUNCEMENTS —

— PASSING the PEACE & WELCOME —

CENTERING MUSIC

*Sharon Novak*

CALL to WORSHIP

One: In a world dry and thirsty

People: *Living Water flows;*

One: In a world fainting and breathless

People: *Divine Wind blows;*

One: In a world cold and dark

People: *Spirit's Flame glows;*

All: *Spirit has always been here, and we open our awareness to perceive her and receive her. Spirit is here! We give thanks and celebrate!*

— PRAYING —

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

LORD'S PRAYER

*Adaptation from New Zealand Prayer Book*

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain

our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. *Amen.*

\*SONG

*Spirit, Spirit  
of Gentleness [insert]*

*Sharon Novak*

— REFLECTING —

SCRIPTURE /READING

MESSAGE

SEEDS OF SPIRIT

*Erica Corbett-Klein*

\*SONG #386

*One in the Spirit*

— OFFERING —

\*SONG #44

*Doxology*

*Sharon Novak*

— CLOSING —

\*BENEDICTION

*Sharon Novak*

*May the love of God live in us today, may the love of God live in us today.*

*May the warmth we feel within us show in all we do and say.*

*May the love of God live in us today.*

*May the peace of God be with us today, May the peace of God be with us today.*

*May it guide us and protect us, as we go our separate ways.*

*May the peace of God be with us, May the love of God live in us,*

*May the love of God shine through us today.*

BLESSING

*Deacons*

*\*Please rise if you're able*

**MARK 1:4-8:** So John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. He proclaimed, *“The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”*

**ACTS 2:1-4 — The Coming of the Holy Spirit:**

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.

**1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-13 — Spiritual Gifts:** Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

**One Body with Many Members:** For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit

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*Image: Sadao Watanabe*

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**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE: *For* PEOPLE**

Annie, Allan, Anjali, Annie, Arden, Alexis, Barbara, Bob, Cindi, Cheryl, Corey, Deb, Darlene, Dean, Don, George, Jan, Jean, Joan, Joyce, Jonathan, Judy, Kathy, Ken (KC), Irene, Laurie, Lee, Marcia, Matteo, Mary, Maureen, Meg, Parker, Phaedra, Sarah, Scamp, Spencer Elizabeth, Tom, Robert, Val, Vivianne Elizabeth, Lori's niece & nephew, Dawson's sister, Tish's mother & family and Stam family.

For those in need of the essentials of life: dignity, work, education, food, water, shelter, freedom of thought and expression and belief and self-direction, sense of belonging and purpose, a place to call home.

For people with new diagnosis, undergoing treatment, seeking healing and recovery in body, mind or spirit. For those with cognitive, mental, and emotional challenges and changes. For those holding vigil until the end of life, and for those who are grieving, including the families of Gino and Robert.

For those serving in the military and for their families. For those in caring roles and professions. For emergency responders: firefighters, police, EMTs and ambulance, medical health, social health, and mental health, disaster relief, crisis intervention, and others. For those in leadership positions making choices that affect other people.

**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE: *For* PLACES**

For climate-related occurrences around the world. For places affected by natural disasters: earthquakes, floods, fires, droughts, famine, eruptions, storms and other phenomena. For places struggling with conflict, systemic oppression, or violence such as Israel, Gaza, Palestine, and the Ukraine. For places with which we have partnership, including Chikanga Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe and communities in Honduras.