

PENTECOST SUNDAY WORSHIP
with Memorial Day Weekend Observance
10:30am • Sunday • May 24, 2026

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.

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.

PRELUDE *Sharon Novak*

— PASSING the PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS —
— WELCOME —

CALL TO WORSHIP *Adapted from writing of Beth Merrill Neel*

One: A wind from God blew over the face of the waters,

People: *And the voice of God spoke from a burning bush,*

One: Jesus breathed peace on the disciples,

People: *And the Spirit of God, like little flames,
rested on all who gathered.*

All: *So God's Spirit moves among us this day.
Let us worship God.*

— MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE (INSERT) —

— PRAYING —

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

LORD'S PRAYER — Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. *Amen.*

SONG #207 *Simple Gifts* *Sharon Novak*

— REFLECTING —

SCRIPTURE ACTS 2:1-21, 32-33

MESSAGE *FIRE & WIND* *Rev. Gail Doktor*

*SONG #386 *One in the Spirit* *Sharon Novak*

— OFFERING —

DOXOLOGY #44

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

— PENTECOST LITANY (INSERT) —

— 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.

PRAYERS

For PEOPLE: *Focus this week:* Alex A., Allen, Alexis, Allison, Annie, Ariana, Bette D., Bill M., Bob C., Bob G., Brianna & baby Addie, Cindi G., Deb L., Doug, Dominique, Francis, Hannah, Huntley, Jenn, Jess, Joanne's parents, Kailee, Karen, Larry, Mary, baby Miles, Mike, Nancy, Nat & baby June, baby Noelle, Rob, Ruth, Sascha, Shelly, Steve, Tom, and baby Quinn N. For those grieving. Our adversaries and enemies.

For PLACES: For Chikanga Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe and communities in Honduras. For hurting places in the world, wounded by natural disasters or human-made causes and conflicts.

ACTS 2: 1-21, 32-33 —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.

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.”*

Peter Addresses the Crowd

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 ... “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you see and hear.”

PENTECOST

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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Artist: Sadao Watanaber

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LITANY of REMEMBRANCE

Leader: In the rising of the sun and in its going down,

People: We remember them.

*Leader: In the blowing of the wind and
in the chill of winter,*

People: We remember them.

*Leader: In the opening of buds and
in the rebirth of spring,*

People: We remember them.

*Leader: In the blueness of the sky and
in the warmth of summer,*

People: We remember them.

*Leader: In the rustling of leaves and
in the beauty of autumn,*

People: We remember them.

Leader: In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

People: We remember them.

Leader: When we are weary and in need of strength,

People: We remember them.

Leader: When we are lost and sick at heart,

People: We remember them.

Leader: When we have decisions that are difficult to make;

People: We remember them.

Leader: When we have joy we crave to share;

People: We remember them.

Leader: When we have achievements that are based on theirs;

People: We remember them.

*Leader: For as long as we live, they too will live,
for they are now a part of us,*

People: As we remember them.

We reiterate here that our armed forces strive first for peace.

*The records that follow are collated from multiple sources and attempt to show the number of dead and missing who served among all US armed forces in historic conflicts, actions, and wars. They may not reflect all the losses that occur during or in the aftermath of war. We recognize that in many such events, the numbers shown do not include all deaths: noncombatants and civilians, people who fought on opposing sides, including Native Americans, or those who served and later died due to causes such as mental health, suicide, injuries, or long-term illnesses from exposure to dangerous elements. For a moment, before we proceed with the recognition of US casualties directly attributed to war and armed conflict, among those who served officially in our armed services, we acknowledge the loss of all people who died during times of war. Some were warriors and soldiers, others were civilians. Let us remember. Remembering, seek peace and justice. **This is the prayer we hold for all people: peace.***

- American Revolutionary War: 1775–83 — 50,000
- Northwest Indian War: 1785–96 — 1,881
- Quasi-War: 1798–1800 — 556
- First Barbary War: 1801–05 — 138
- Other actions against pirates: 1800–1900 — 294
- Chesapeake–Leopard Affair: 1807 — 21
- War of 1812: 1812–1815 — 20,000
- Nuka Hiva Campaign: 1813–14 — 16
- Creek War: 1813–1814 — 575
- Second Barbary War: 1815 — 148
- First Seminole War: 1817–1818 — 83
- First Sumatran Expedition: 1832 — 13
- Black Hawk War: 1832 — 390
- Second Seminole War: 1835–42 — 1,535
- Mexican–American War: 1846–48 — 17,435
- Cayuse War: 1847–56 — 115
- Rogue River Wars: 1851–56 — 489
- Yakima War: 1855–56 — 126
- Third Seminole War: 1855–58 — 53
- Second Opium War: 1856–60 — 51

- Coeur d'Alene War: 1858 — 96
- Nez Perce War: 1877 — 291
- Bannock War: 1878 — 34
- Ute War: 1879 — 67
- Sheepeater Indian War: 1879 — 11
- Samoan crisis: 1887–89 — 62
- Ghost Dance War: 1890–91 — 99
- Sugar Point Pillager Band of Chippewa: 1898 — 23
- Spanish–American War: 1898 — 4,068
- Philippine–American War: 1898–1913 — 7,126
- Civil War: 1861–65 — 1,031,881 (*Union*) & 483,026 (*Confederate*)
- Dakota War of 1862 (Little Crow's War): 1862 — 263
- Shimonoseki Straits: 1863 — 10
- Snake Indian War: 1864–68 — 158
- Indian Wars: 1865–98 — 1,944
- Red Cloud's War: 1866–68 — 226
- Korea (Shinmiyangyo): 1871 — 12
- Modoc War: 1872–73 — 144
- Great Sioux War: 1875–77 — 525
- Boxer Rebellion: 1900–01 — 335
- Santo Domingo Affair: 1904 — 2
- United States occupation of Nicaragua: 1910, 1912–25, 1927–33 — 449
- Mexican Revolution: 1914–19 — 500
- Occupation of Haiti: 1915–34 — 184
- World War I: 1917–18 — 320,518
- North Russia Campaign: 1918–20 — 424
- American Expeditionary Force to Siberia: 1918–20 — 380
- China: 1918, 1921, 1926–27, 1930, 1937 — 83
- World War II: 1941–45 — 1,076,245 (*casualties*) & 30,314 (*missing*)
- Greek Civil War: 1944–49 — 6
- Chinese Civil War: 1945–50 — 215
- Berlin Blockade: 1948–49 — 31

- Korean War: 1950–53 — 128,650 (*casualties*) & 4,759 (*missing*)
- U.S.S.R. Cold War: 1947–91 — 44
- China Cold War: 1950–72 — 16
- Vietnam War: 1955–1975 — 211,454 (*casualties*) & 1,603 (*missing*)
- Lebanon crisis: 1958 — 7
- Bay of Pigs Invasion: 1961 — 4
- Cuban Missile Crisis: 1962 — 20
- Dominican Republic: 1965–66 — 330
- USS Liberty incident: 1967 — 205
- Iran: 1980 — 12
- El Salvador Civil War: 1980–92 — 72
- Beirut deployment: 1982–84 — 435
- Persian Gulf escorts: 1987–88 — 100
- Invasion of Grenada: 1983 — 138
- 1986 Bombing of Libya: 1986 — 2
- Invasion of Panama: 1989 — 364
- Gulf War: 1990–91 — 1,143
- Operation Provide Comfort 1991–96 — 23
- Somalia: 1992–93 — 196
- Haiti: 1994–95 — 7
- Colombia: 1994–present — 8
- Bosnia-Herzegovina: 1995–2004 — 12
- Kosovo War: 1998–99 — 18
- War in Afghanistan: 2001–21 — 22,266
- Intervention in Yemen: 2002–present — *not published*
- Iraq War: 2003–11 — 36,710
- Intervention in Northwest Pakistan: 2004–18 — *not published*
- Intervention in Somali Civil War: 2007–Present — *not published*
- Operation Ocean Shield: 2009–16 — *not published*
- Intervention in Libya: 2011 — *not published*
- Operation Observant Compass: 2011–17 — *not published*
- Operation Inherent Resolve (Intervention in Iraq and Syria): 2014–Present — 157
- American intervention in Libya: 2015–19 — *not published*
- Raid on Yemen: 2017 — 4

— MOMENT of GRATITUDE —

PRAYER *followed by Distribution of Flowers* by Austin Fleming

In the quiet sanctuaries of our own hearts, let each of us name and call on the One whose power over us is great and gentle, firm and forgiving, holy and healing. You who created us, who sustain us, who call us to live in peace, hear our prayer this day. Hear our prayer for all who have died, whose hearts and hopes are known to you alone. Hear our prayer for those who put the welfare of others ahead of their own; give us hearts as generous as theirs. Hear our prayer for those who gave their lives in the service of others, and accept the gift of their sacrifice. Help us to shape and make a world where we will lay down the arms of war and turn our swords into ploughshares for a harvest of justice and peace. Comfort those who grieve the loss of their loved ones and let your healing be the hope in our hearts. Hear our prayer this day and in your mercy, answer us in the name of all that is holy. The peace of God be with you. *Amen.*

— MOMENT of SILENCE —

*SONG #537 *God of the Ages* Sharon Novak

ST FRANCIS' PRAYER (*unison*)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

RECEIVING BLESSINGS *Adapted from Rev. Kathy Jo Blaske*

One: God, by your Holy Spirit, You equip us to make known your grace and goodness. Freed from haste which compromises safety and quality, freed from needless hesitance which delays desired progress,

People: Holy Spirit, direct the tempos of our life.

One: Freed for exercising self-discipline toward the best we can be and do, freed for rejoicing in the accomplishments of others,

People: Holy Spirit, inspire our efforts and guide our aims.

One: Freed for honoring faithful standards of ethics and excellence, freed for creative pursuits which minister to ever-present needs,

People: Holy Spirit, grant us wisdom.

One: Freed for careful research which grounds medical and scientific advances and also brings cosmological and environmental understanding, freed for measured diplomacy which seeks enduring commitments to peaceful resolution of conflict.

People: Holy Spirit, grant us patience.

One: Freed for sharing our faith with friend, foe, and stranger, freed for bridging generations and centuries with enduring love,

People: Holy Spirit, grant us courage.

One: Freed for recognizing and valuing people as your children, not merely for what they produce and the services they provide; freed for contributing ourselves and our resources,

People: Holy Spirit, bind us together as your family.

One: Freed for exemplifying the enduring worth of faithful convictions without apology, freed for celebrating the resurrection and reign of Jesus Christ,

People: Holy Spirit, free us, and stay with us. Instill in us Christ's peace, which passes understanding; and God's love, which knows no end. Amen.