



*Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People*

**Wind's swift burst,  
fire flames lapping heat  
lifted us from dejection.  
Powerful spirit penetration  
brought resurrection, renewal.  
God's breath poured, filled,  
gifting second life  
from our birthing cries.  
Hope-crazed, we spoke  
to street strangers  
clacking sounds from other lands,  
meeting stares and glares  
from doubters of our celebration.  
Together in place as one  
transformed body of believers.  
Had we not gathered there,  
we would grow old  
without our dreams,  
be young with no grand visions,  
living as before –  
captives of dread and fear  
each one  
alone...**

*Pentecost by Iane Perdue*

May 15, 2016 | Worship 10 am | Pentecost

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*First time here? We are happy to have you visit with us today and hope that your worship experience is blessed. Please pick up a free visitor bag in the narthex. All are invited for coffee and fellowship in Bowen Hall after the service. **Children with you?** Activity materials for young worshipers are in the entry way. Child care (2-3yrs) and Sunday School are provided during the service. Infants with a parent may enjoy our quiet room while listening to the service. **Assistance needed?** The ushers have large print bulletins and hearing devices for you.*

## **CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

*\*One asterisk signifies the congregation stands if able.  
Throughout the service the bold type is spoken by the congregation*

**PRELUDE**                      *Prelude (from Chorale in E)*                      *by Cesar Frank*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(Please sign the red friendship pad and pass it along for the whole pew to sign.)*

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**                      *Vacation Church School*                      *Diane Osten*

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS**

**THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES**

**INTROIT:** *played by Bellissimo*                      *“Joyful, Joyful”*                      *arr. William E. Moats*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(responsively)*

It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid.

**We too have come together, and we are a fearful people. We are afraid of the changes in our world.**

Then Jesus came and stood among them. “Peace be with you”, As the Father sent me, so I send you.” Then he breathed on them and said—“Receive the Holy Spirit.”

**In the Spirit, let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN #408** *“There’s a Sweet Sweet Spirit in This Place” by Doris Askers, 1962*

**\*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER** *(unison)*

**Triune God, you spoke the world into being. Pour out your Spirit to the ends of the earth, to heal our divisions by your word of love and righteousness.**

**Forgive us Lord for working for our own self-comfort and security rather than**

**risking our lives for your mission. For the Spirit we are given is not a spirit of fear, but a Spirit of love and power and a sound mind. Pour out your Spirit upon the whole creation. Come in rushing wind and flashing fire to turn the sin and sorrow within us into faith, power, and delight. Combine our diverse gifts with a singular passion to continue Christ's mission in this world. Amen.**

*\*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (unison)*

**God continues to renew us and restore us. God's love through Jesus Christ has forgiven all our sins. Alleluia! Amen.**

*\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE*

*#581*

*Gloria Patri*

*CALL FOR OFFERING*

*OFFERTORY*

*"Plaint"*

*by Charles Hutchins*

*\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)*

*HYMN #462 verse 1*

*SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2: 1-18 (A dramatic choral reading of scripture)*

**READER ONE:** 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.

**READER TWO:** Now there were devout Jews  
from every nation 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,

**READER THREE:** "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it  
that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"

(Voices overlapping)

**ONE:** Parthians, Medes, Elamites,

**TWO:** and residents of Mesopotamia,

**THREE:** Judea and Cappadocia,

**ONE:** Pontus and Asia,

**TWO:** Phrygia and Pamphylia,

**THREE:** Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene,

**ONE:** visitors from Rome,

**TWO:** both Jews and proselytes,

**THREE:** Cretans and Arabs—

**ALL: in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”**

**ONE:** All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

**ALL: “What does this mean?”**

**TWO:** But others sneered and said,

**THREE:** “They are filled with new wine.”

**ONE:** But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

**TWO:** People of Judea 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:

**THREE:** In the last days it will be, God declares, that

**ALL: I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,**

**ONE:** and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

**TWO:** and your young shall see visions,

**THREE:** and your old shall dream dreams.

**ONE:** Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

**ALL: in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy!**

*ANTHEM*                      *“Rushin’ in Like a Mighty Wind!”*                      *arr. Keith Christopher*

*SERMON:*                      *“Holy Fire Birthday Party!”*                      *Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway*

*\*HYMN # 286*                      *“Breathe on me, Breath of God”*                      *by Robert Jackson, 1888*

*PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (responsively)*

Ever living and ever loving God,

We praise you for your loving presence with us.

**Come, Holy Spirit,**

take and transform our societies—  
that broken people find healing;  
that lonely people find love;  
that bitter people find peace;  
that fearful people find hope.

**Come, Holy Spirit,**

take our world's leaders and governments and bring renewal—  
that communication can be open and compassionate,  
that relationships between hostile people and hostile nations will evaporate;  
that a hunger for justice addresses the hunger for food felt by so many.

**Come, Holy Spirit,**

fill your church—  
that our lives will make a real difference to people in the world.

**Come, Holy Spirit,**

fill our lives with your presence—  
so that more and more every day,  
all that we do and say and hope  
will be an act of worship to you and an expression of love to others.

**Come, O Spirit of God**

And make within us your dwelling place and home.  
May our darkness be dispelled by your light,  
And our troubles calmed by your peace;  
May all evils be redeemed by your love,  
All pain transformed through our loving, suffering Christ,  
who taught us to pray saying: **(The Lord's Prayer)**

\*HYMN #291                      “*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*”                      by James K. Manley, 1976

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                                      “*Voluntary VII*”                                      by Richard Peek

*(Reference for Prayer of the People: Baptist Union of Great Britain website. <http://www.baptist.org.uk/>)*

**Did you know?** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* by James K. Manley, 1976

As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.



# PRAYER REQUESTS

*Please include in your prayers*

***Those mourning the loss of a friend or family member***

- ❖ Please pray for the family of Don Utley, who passed away on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Mary Olson, who passed away April 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
*Her memorial will be Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.*
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Carole Somer, who passed away March 28<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of David Browne, who passed away February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Rosella Cooper, who passed away recently.
- ❖ Please pray for the family of Melissa Jones, who passed away recently.

## ***Please pray for those facing health issues***

John Baker	Krissy Healy	Albert Reil
Judy Bello	Jim Mason	Alan Reil
Dan Boland	Karla Moberly	Pamela Sage
Carol Campbell	Sam Imbimbo	Barbara Saunders
Jim Chestnut	MaryAnn Iodence	Vera Patten
Gwen Christiansen	Ron Kram	Ed and Fay St. John
Jackie Del Carlo	Marie Patchin	Ines Teague
Wendy Galde		

## ***Those serving in our military***

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, US Navy Jason Imbimbo, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Alaska and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center.

*Liturgists: Brian Smith*



***Flowers are given to the glory of God in gratitude for my family and my church family for their love & caring! Margie Donaldson***

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **SUNDAYS**

**MUSIC MEMORY WORKSHOP 9:00 am** *Learn Ukulele in Sunday School Rm.*

**FREE COMMUNITY CONCERTS: TODAY - Santa Rosa Children's Chorus at 2 PM and next Sunday, New Horizons Swing Band on MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> at 2 pm.**

**WINDJAMMERS: MAY 15<sup>th</sup>** *Meet at Round Table Pizza in MV after church then go back for the SR Children's concert! All are welcome! Call Hal or Pat Sneath.*

**SPRING FLING! Sat. May 21<sup>st</sup>** *This is the last week to bring a gift basket or sign up to help with set-up (Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm) or clean-up! Tickets available online, after church and at the office. Thank you!*

**VOYAGERS: May 22<sup>nd</sup> 12:30 pm** *Round Table Pizza at 12:30 pm before the New Horizons Swing Band concert at the church.*

## **MONDAYS**

**STRONGER SENIORS EXERCISE 10 am** *in the Rose Rm. Your body will thank you!*

## **TUESDAYS**

**PW WOMEN 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays:** *Bible Study 10:30 am, Potluck Luncheon 12:15 pm*  
**Moving Day for the LIVING ROOM** – with Cheryl Parkinson Executive Dir. of LR

## **THURSDAYS**

**BELLS PRACTICE 6 pm** *and* **CHOIR PRACTICE 7:30 pm** *Welcome!*

**BOOK CLUB 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. at 3:30 pm** – May 19<sup>th</sup> *"State of Wonder" by Ann Patchett*

**FAVORITE FILM SERIES 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 2 pm** – May 26<sup>th</sup> *"Brooklyn", 2016*

## **FRIDAYS**

**NOON HOUR OF PRAYER & Encouragement:** *Meditative music & readings.*

*May 21 12 pm — 3 pm*

**\$15**

# Spring Fling!

⇒ **FOOD & FUN!**

⇒ **FASHION SHOW by CHICOS**

⇒ **Rosebud Preschool ART**

⇒ **WINE TASTING**

⇒ **BEER TASTING**

⇒ **SILENT AUCTION**

⇒ **SCULPTURE EXHIBIT & SALE**