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**May 19, 2024
Pentecost Sunday**



PRELUDE**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS****Pastor Brian Stein-Webber****GATHERING Spirit of the Living God**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
 Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
 (repeat two more times)**

P: The Holy Spirit is here, in our midst, right now!

C: The Holy Spirit is here, in our midst, right now, indeed!

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

COME AND GATHER

*Tree of Life liturgy
 Haugen/Briehl*

REFRAIN

**Come and gather beneath the tree of life.
 Come and gather beneath the tree of life.
 Root of wisdom, branch of peace, fruit of healing and release.
 Come and gather beneath the tree of life.**

[Verses to be sung by the cantor.]

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: The Holy Spirit is here!

C: The Holy Spirit is here indeed! Alleluia!

KYRIE

Tree of Life liturgy

[Verses to be sung by cantor.]

REFRAIN

**Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,
 Lord, have mercy, mercy on us all.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Let us pray together... **Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come,
 [the apostles] 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 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,
“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.”**

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,
 “Men 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:
 ‘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.
 And I will show portents in the heaven above
 and signs on the earth below,
 blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,
 before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b

How manifold are your works, O God!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.**

There go the ships to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are terrified;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;

and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of God endure forever;

O God, rejoice in all your works.

You look at the earth and it trembles;

you touch the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to God as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in God.

Bless God, O my soul. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;

and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit,

groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

For in hope we were saved.

Now hope that is seen is not hope.

For who hopes for what is seen?

But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness;

for we do not know how to pray as we ought,

but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit,

because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Tree of Life liturgy*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?
 For you have the words, you have the words, the words of eternal life.
 Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Gospel Lesson: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

[Jesus said:]

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father,
 the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father,
 that Spirit will testify on my behalf.

You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning,
 because I was with you.

But now I am going to the one who sent me;

yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’

But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

Nevertheless I tell you the truth:

it is to your advantage that I go away,

for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you;

but if I go, I will send the Advocate to you.

And when the Advocate comes,

that one will prove the world wrong

about sin and righteousness and judgment:

about sin, because they do not believe in me;

about righteousness, because I am going to the Father

and you will see me no longer;

about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

When the Spirit of truth comes, the Spirit will guide you into all the truth;

for the Spirit will not speak on their own,

but will speak whatever the Spirit hears,

and the Spirit will declare to you the things that are to come.

The Spirit will glorify me,

because the Spirit will take what is mine and declare it to you.

All that the Father has is mine.

For this reason I said that the Spirit will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

This is the gospel indeed.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON**Pastor Brian Stein-Webber**

SERMON HYMN

O Living Breath of God #407 (red hymnal, rear section)

O living Breath of God, wind at the beginning upon the waters;
O living Breath of God, bearing the creation to wondrous birth:

REFRAIN

Come now, and fill our spirits; pour out your gifts abundant.
O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit, breathe in us as we pray.

O living Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth among us;
O living Breath of God, who to the creation gives life anew:

REFRAIN

O living Breath of God, bearing us to life through baptismal waters;
O living Breath of God, sighing with creation for freedom's birth:

REFRAIN

APOSTLE'S CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

**He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come to judge the living and dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

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A brief silence.

We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated. For all who suffer in any way, especially,

Mike Lorenzo – at Marion Hospital for gall bladder surgery on Friday
 Valerie Donohoo – Neurology appointment at UCLA – possible Meniere’s Disease
 Gary Brochtrup – recovering from eye surgery for torn retina and heart ablation on Thursday
 Aparicio family – death of cousin Albert,
 Karin Wilcox, recovering from cancer and facing further treatments (Pastor Brian’s aunt)
 Tim Gough - Aaron Brochtrup's father-in-law, recovering from a head-on vehicle crash
 Don Baccus – Mass on lung (Janet Lorenzo’s brother-in-law)
 Gary Brochtrup – recovering from eye surgery for torn retina
 Sean Cannoles -- health issues (Nikki Rocha’s cousin)
 Charleigh- breast cancer (relative of Nikki Rocha)
 Eileen Bless- terminal cancer (Andy Jacoby’s aunt)
 Sally (in her 80’s)- recovering from broken hip and arm
 Danielle Shields – 43-year-old mom of 4 kids with breast cancer that has spread to her bones.
 Carolyn Wyatt – friend of Nancy Padilla Cancer, chemo/radiation for a year
 Kathie Sperow – dealing with a new condition
 Elaine Grawe – adjusting to living situation
 Becky Padilla – dealing with recurrence of cancer
 Christian, Heidi Carney’s son – for peace and comfort
 Barbara Stein, Tom Anello’s sister – dealing with resurfacing cancer
 Byron Nelson, friend of Jacoby's – dealing with cancer
 Mike Johnson – dealing with lymphatic cancer
 Chris Senter – frontotemporal lobe dementia, and starting a medication trial
 Heidi Carney – ongoing health issues
 Kate Anderson
 Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas – dealing with health issues
 James Hecker- for a permanent solution to his numerous health problems
 Iglesia San Juan Bautista, Pastor Esteban and Angie – support of their ministry
 An end to the war in Ukraine
 Peace and safety for the peoples of Israel and Palestine
 Victims of gun violence
 For Nick Mendoza, Andy Jacoby, Patti Harsch and Maggie Muff who celebrate their birthdays this week

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for readers and technology ministers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For others who have not made it on our prayer list. We lift them up, out loud or in the silence of our hearts who are also in need of our prayers,

[You may name names at this time.]

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We remember the faithful departed. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith. At the last day, breathe new life into our dry bones, that we might feast forever with all the saints in light. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
 Let us share that peace with one another.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.... **Risen One,**
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Tree of Life liturgy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it
 and gave it to his disciples saying,
 “Take and eat, this is my body given for you.
 Do this in remembrance of me.”

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it to his disciples, saying,
 “Drink this, all of you. It is the new covenant of my blood,
 shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this in remembrance of me.’

Let us pray the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us:

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
 Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD

Tree of Life liturgy

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
 grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

TAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION

[All who desire may come forward to take the body and blood of Christ. Gluten-free bread is available if you ask for it, and alcohol-free grape juice is in the center ring of the tray. During the distribution of Communion, you may also seek prayers of healing at the chair by the baptismal font.]

COMMUNION MUSIC**COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:

**Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.
AMEN.**

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

**Although I Speak #644
(red hymnal, rear section)**

**Although I speak with angel's tongue,
my faith, my knowledge all surpass,
but have no love, my gifts are vain
as clanging gong or blaring brass.**

**For love is patient, love is kind,
and never vain with boasting pride;
love bears all things, all things endures.
All things must end; love will abide.**

**For now we peer at darkened glass;
our visions end; our tongues all cease.
In part we know, in part now see:
then we will see love face to face.**

**The gifts are many, the Body one,
and into one are all baptized.
Beloved, share one heart, one mind,
one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Thank you to:

- **Andy Shen**, for accompanying worship.
- **Brenda Ouwerkerk**, for assisting in worship.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **Janet Lorenzo, David Ogren, Nikki Rocha** and others for streaming worship.
- **Nikki Rocha**, for teaching Sunday School today
- **Janet Lorenzo** for editing and assembling worship bulletins and the newsletter.
- **Nancy Padilla**, for setting up and welcoming.
- **Gary and Mark Orback**, for tending to our outside property.
- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo**, for tending to our inside property.
- **Ken Brocks, Dan Sperow, Andrew Jacoby, and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.
- **The Church Council**, for leading our congregation.
- **The Worship Planning Team**, for doing what their name says!
- To all who have changed the **decorations** for Pentecost!

Events this week:

- Next week we will start a **new liturgy**, based on contemporary and camp worship songs.
- **The discussion group on The Chosen** will be on hiatus until the next episodes are available online.
- **Coffee Club** will meet on Monday at Buttercup in Morro Bay at 9:00
- The **Confirmation Class** will meet on Monday, May 20th, starting at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. The topic will be Reformation history of the Christian church.
- The **Sermon Feedback and Feedforward** meeting will be on Zoom Tuesday, April May 21st at 10:00 am on Zoom.
- The **Los Osos Community Dinner** will be on Wednesday, May 22, at 4:00
- Pastor Brian's **study on the book *The Great Angel*** by Margaret Barker continue on Tuesday May 28th at 9:15 am on Zoom.
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**.
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