



Celebrate The Class of 2022!
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Walk for Peace
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at Santa Rita Jail

June 5, 2022

Weekly Newsletter

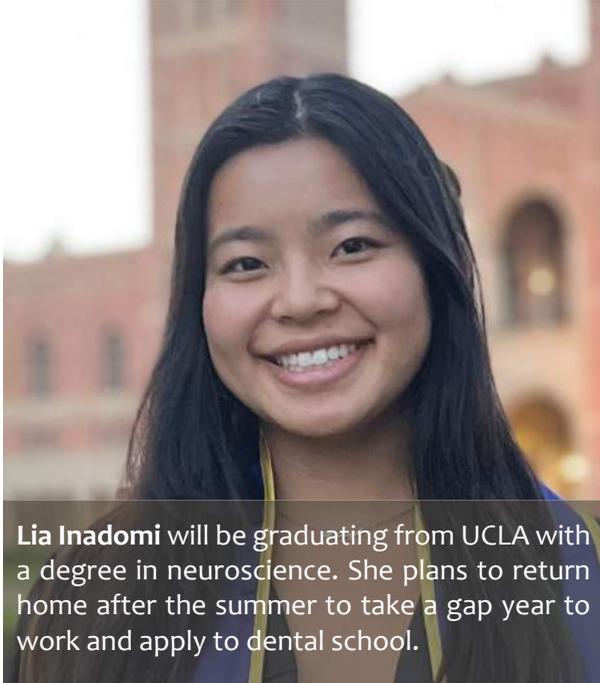
Temple Tidings

First Presbyterian Church of Oakland

M a k i n g G o d ' s W e l c o m e K n o w n

First Church Celebrates its Graduates

Join us in in lifting up the accomplishments of the class of 2022!



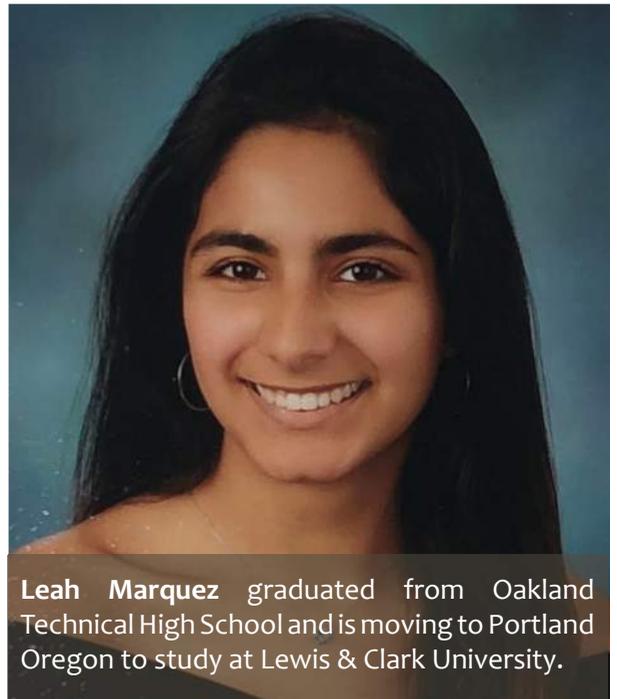
Lia Inadomi will be graduating from UCLA with a degree in neuroscience. She plans to return home after the summer to take a gap year to work and apply to dental school.



Alessandra Mohar graduated from the Oakland School for Arts and will begin her studies at Stanford University in the Fall, with the goal of a law degree.



Ainsley Gillikin graduated from Millenium High School. She is moving to Illinois to attend DePaul University in Chicago.



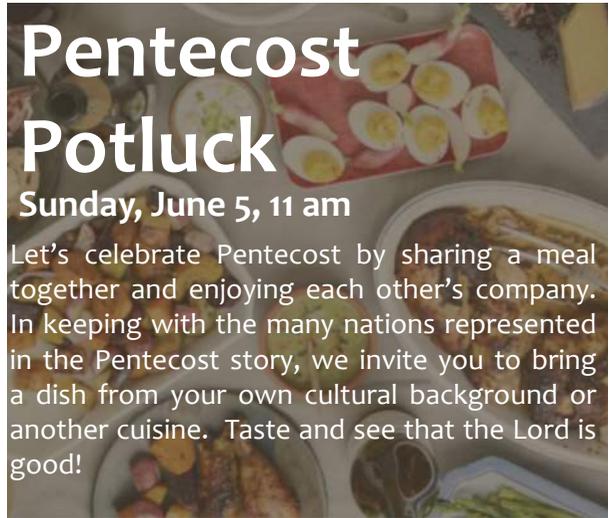
Leah Marquez graduated from Oakland Technical High School and is moving to Portland Oregon to study at Lewis & Clark University.



Monrovia Prinz promoted from Edna Brewer Middle School and will attend Skyline High School in the fall.



Myles Ogden promoted from Sequoia Elementary School and will attend Bret Harte Middle School in the fall.



Pentecost Potluck

Sunday, June 5, 11 am

Let's celebrate Pentecost by sharing a meal together and enjoying each other's company. In keeping with the many nations represented in the Pentecost story, we invite you to bring a dish from your own cultural background or another cuisine. Taste and see that the Lord is good!

“What is the Church For?”

Bible Study Resumes in July

A fundamental question, “what is the church for?” is a new topic for mid-week bible study, led by Pastor Matt. The summer bible study topic is intended to create new vision for what First Church can be by examining scripture's many accounts of Beloved Community. Mid-week bible study is a great way to get to know folks at First Church and exchange views on scripture, theology, and community. Contact Pastor Matt if you do not already receive the weekly email invitation to join on Zoom. **Wednesdays, 7pm, Zoom**

Prayer Circle Invites Connection

Every month the Prayer Circle meets, taking time to check in with one another by mutual invitation and then practicing the art of *lectio divina* (a monastic practice of listening to scripture with the eyes of the heart - how does this reading connect with where I find myself in life right now?). We also share prayers and close in prayer or with poetry. Formerly called “Women's Circle, The Prayer Circle is always open both to newcomers and one time visitors of any gender. Call Di Pagel at 925.324.5271 or email dianapagel@gmail.com for the Zoom link. **Our next gathering is Tuesday, May 31 at 7 pm.**



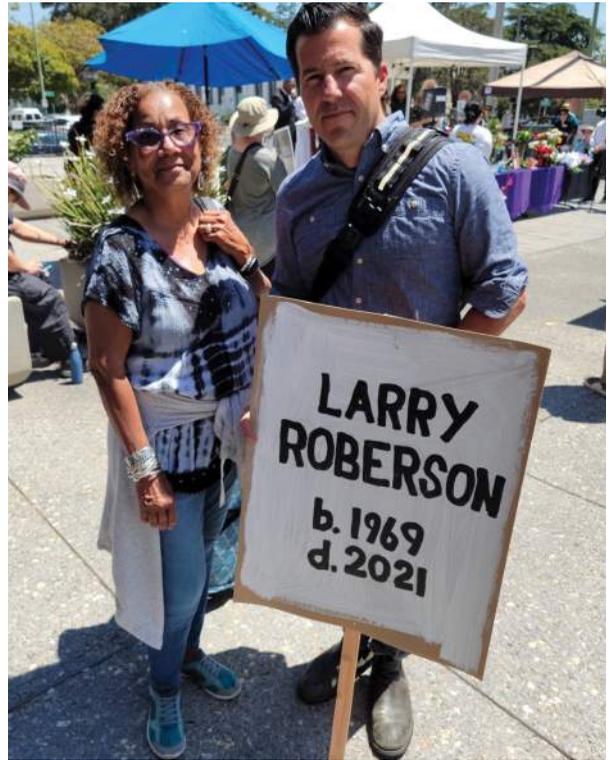
Ceasefire Night Walks for Peace

Friday, June 17, 6 pm - St. Columba Catholic Church

Let's continue to participate in the Community Ceasefire Night Walks sponsored by Faith In Action East Bay. Faith leaders, residents, schools, neighborhood organizations, social services, public agencies and law enforcement across the community are uniting to build a culture of peace and healing. We are walking our neighborhoods to carry this message: "We love you and we want you to be alive and free!"

Join others from various faith backgrounds who come together to support the community around us. Help us stop the killings so we can work together to create opportunities for a way out. Bring a friend! **Contact Suzie Inadomi or Pastor Matt for more information.**

First Church Joins Faith In Action Protest at Santa Rita Jail



A coalition of eight community organizations and clergy representing thousands of Alameda County residents joined in protest on Tuesday, May 24 at Santa Rita jail, calling attention to 58 deaths of inmates in custody at the facility since 2014. The protest memorialized the dead, and called on the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to take actions to prevent additional loss of life.

Faith in Action East Bay sponsors the Interfaith Coalition for Justice in our Jails, a multi-faith, multi-ethnic federation of congregations, schools and community organizations in the East Bay. Among the objectives of the group is reduction of the incarcerated population, especially those who are mentally ill or homeless. Pastor Matt attended the protest with Gay Plair Cobb.



Volunteers Needed for Sunday Food Ministry Effort

The Food Ministry is a vital ministry of First Church and is entirely supported by volunteer efforts. Each week, volunteers prepare 300 meals for the community. This effort has critical short term volunteer gaps to fill while leaders are recovering from illness and injury or preparing to move. Food Ministry leadership is requesting the kind assistance of new volunteers interested in a short-term assignment, Sundays in May, June and July.

What does this volunteer work look like? Sunday mornings before the worship service, 8 am – 10 am, volunteers are needed to make sandwiches and package them in to-go boxes with other sides. The menu will already have been planned and all provisions made – help is just needed with assembly. Typically 150 meals are prepared on Sunday morning.

New volunteers are also needed Sundays, after the worship service to either assist with distributing meals at the gate (about 50 meals are given away at the gate, the remainder are loaded into vehicles and driven to encampments) or with helping to prepare components of the Monday meal, which is typically more elaborate. Do you feel called to assist? Please contact Steve Cabrera, Dorothy Dugger, Louise Hill, Gay Cobb or Bryan Breitung, or just walk into the kitchen and introduce yourself.

Oh My Darling Clementine!



Clementine Celia Eloyse Ruff was born June 2 to Aaron Ruff and Sarah Postma. From Aaron: “Sarah is amazing, bringing us this 8 lb, 8 oz, 21” little love. Baby is healthy and hungry, and Sarah is ready for a nap. I humbly bow to the strength all mamas have making miracles come to life.”

Donations to Deacons Enable Congregational Care

by Judy Rowan, Moderator of Deacons

The Deacons are a group whose ministry is to care for people. At First Church, the deacons connect with members and frequent visitors monthly and on special occasions. We pray for people with special concerns and we visit people who are ill.

On the first Sunday of the month, a special offering is collected to provide for parishioners’ special needs. Those funds also support the Food Ministry and the Presbyterian Deacon Foundation. Please join the Deacons in supporting the special needs in the congregation by donating to the Deacons’ Fund on First Sundays.

PRIDE HISTORY

Drag Queens With Nothing To Lose Were The First To Fight Police Brutality

San Francisco's Compton's Cafeteria was an unofficial late night meeting place for transexual women and cross-dressers in the 1960's. Pushed to the margins of society for being "degenerate," they were rejected by family and unwelcome at institutions of learning or for employment. Many in the crowd at Compton's survived as sex workers. While at Compton's, they were frequently the target of police shake-downs; their earnings extorted by officers threatening arrest. It was common practice for police to sweep through businesses and public places where gay and transgendered people congregated, instilling fear of arrest or extortion.

Elders

Linda Carter, Dorothy Dugger, Henry Gardner, Suzie Inadomi, Elizabeth Cureton, Chris Weber, Alessandra Mohar

Session Officers

Rev. Matt Prinz, Moderator
Anne Margaret Manay, Clerk
Rose Mary Richmond, Treasurer

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During one such shake-down in August 1966, the cross-dressers resisted, sparking the "Compton's Cafeteria Riot," one of the first known acts of LGBTQ resistance in US history. The trans women and cross dressers were sheltered by nearby Glide Memorial Methodist Church, who joined in the months long protest of police brutality and mistreatment of LGBTQ people.

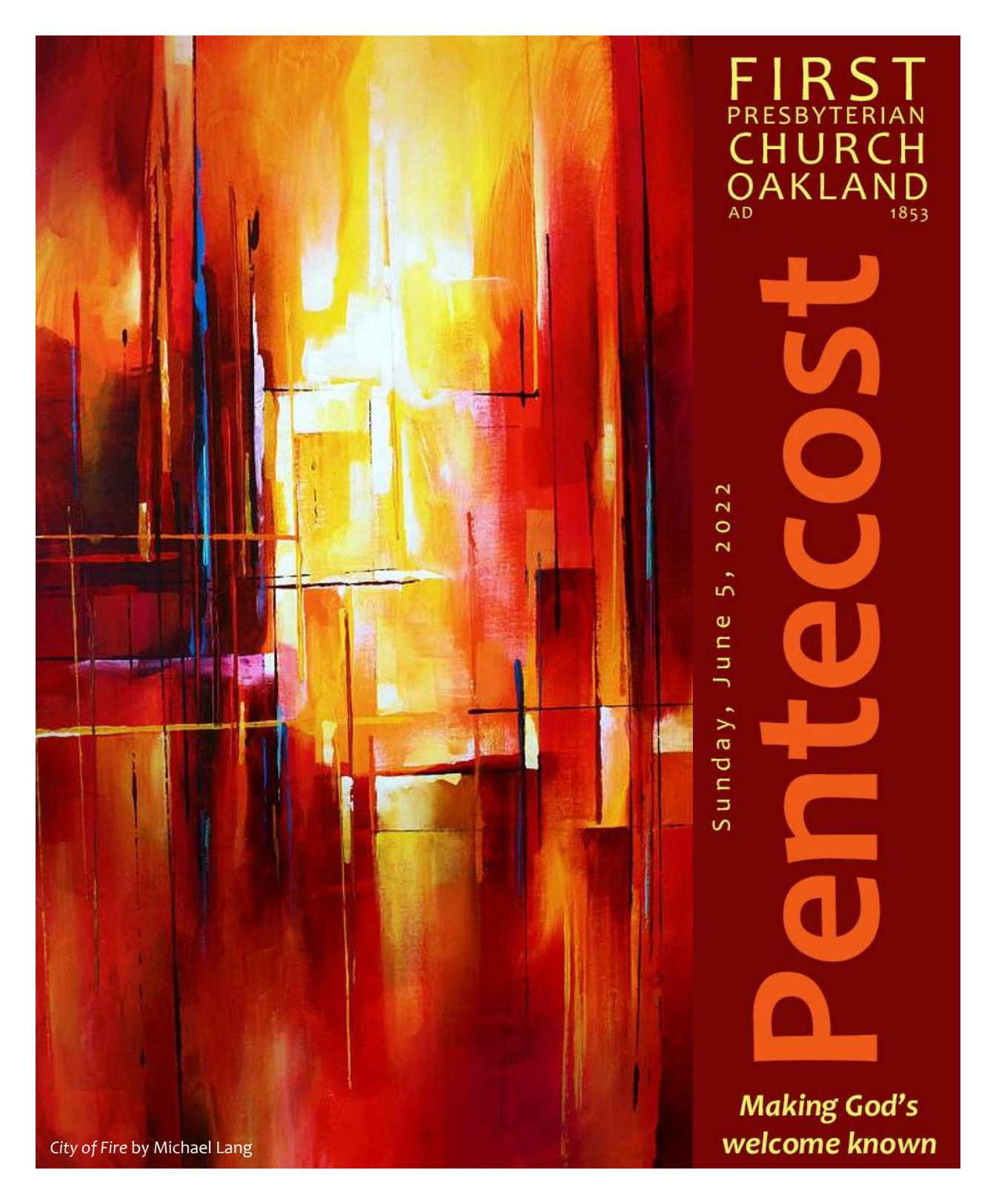
How far have we come in 56 years? June 19 at St. John's Presbyterian Church in San Francisco, the congregation will celebrate "Dolly Church," a service officiated in drag, benefiting the LGBT Asylum project, which helps foreign refugees of LGBT persecution.

Temple Tidings Contributors This Week

Writing by Chris Weber, Dorothy Dugger & Julia Marquez, Judy Rowan & Suzie Inadomi. Photos by Chris Weber, Suzie Inadomi. *Temple Tidings* is a weekly publication. All are welcome to contribute news, events and opinion.

First Church is proud to support its COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

- Afterglow Chorus
- Cantare Choirs
- College Awareness
- Community Women's Orchestra
- Faith in Action East Bay
- Food Not Bombs
- Habitat For Humanity, East Bay-Silicon Valley
- Oakland Civic Orchestra
- Oakland Early Head Start Preschool
- Oakland Gay Men's Chorus
- Oakland Kids First
- Piedmont East Bay Children's Choirs
- Quinteto Latino
- ReCares
- The Lucy Kinchen Chorale
- Vituity Care Foundation
- Western Service Workers Assoc.



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Sunday, June 5, 2022

Pentecost

*Making God's
welcome known*

City of Fire by Michael Lang

Welcome to this time of intergenerational praise and worship

- Visitors:
- Please fill out a **Prayer Card** if you would like prayer from our pastor and deacons.
 - Please also fill out a **Welcome Card** so we can become acquainted with you and remember your name and your visit with us. If you would like to be added to our email and mailing lists the welcome card will do that too (you can also sign up on the home page of our website - at the very bottom)
 - Need help hearing? Ushers can provide **hearing devices** to assist you.

- Visiting Parents:
- Ushers can guide you to the **nursery** for certified childcare for children age three years and younger.
 - You may also make use of the **Parent Corners** at the rear sanctuary entrance or up front by the font.
 - Children's **worship bags** are available in the narthex or from the ushers with worship play items.
 - On the first Sunday of the month we celebrate **Family Worship & Communion** and children remain in worship.
 - **Godly Play** is offered for children all other Sundays. Children are escorted to Classroom 2 during *Passing of the Peace* and can rejoin their families during Fellowship Time.

S E R V I N G i n W O R S H I P T O D A Y

Pastor: Rev. Matt Prinz (away)

Liturgists: Alessandra Mohar, Di Pagel

Testimony: Elizabeth Goodwin, Lorraine Provost, Rev. Joel Mackey

Guest Musician: Joe Warner

Song Leader: Anne Margaret Manay

Head Usher: Matthew Inadomi

Audio Setup: Diane Hill

Communion Setup: Diane Hill, Judy Rowan

Flowers: Chris Weber

Fellowship Time Refreshments: Everyone - Potluck!

O R D E R o f S E R V I C E

First Presbyterian Church of Oakland is a **More Light** faith family,
on a journey toward becoming the **Beloved Community**.

We welcome and affirm persons of every age,
national origin, racial and ethnic heritage, gender identity, sexual orientation,
socio-economic status, physical ability and spiritual leaning.

I N V I T A T I O N t o W O R S H I P

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Gathering Prayer

One: Holy Spirit of God, burn brightly in this place and in our lives this day and always.

All: Amen

Please stand as you are able

Gathering Songs

#287 : Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

**Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew,
It's your leading that we're needing, help us to follow you.
Come, Come, come Holy Spirit , come.
Come, come, come Holy Spirit come.**

**Guide our thinking, and our speaking done in your holy name.
Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame.
Come, come, come Holy Spirit, come.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit come.**

#452 : Open The Eyes Of My Heart

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you.
To see you high and lifted up, Shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love as we sing,
"Holy, holy, holy."
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.
(sing twice through)**

#582 : Glory To God Whose Goodness Shines On Me

**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
(sing twice through)**

CONFESSIO N o f S I N & A S S U R A N C E o f G R A C E

Confession

One: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there. If I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there, you will guide me. Your right hand will hold me fast. Search me, O God, and know my heart. Test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.

Silent Reflection

You are invited into a time of silent, personal prayer

One: In the name of the one who loves us unconditionally, we pray.

All: Amen

Please stand as you are able

Assurance of Pardon

Response

#659 : *Know that God is Good*

**Know that God is good. Know that God is good.
Know that God is good. God is good; God is good.
Mungu nimwema. Mungu nimwema.
Mungu nimwema, nimwema, nimwema.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace

Greet those around you with a sign of Christ's peace.

P R A Y E R S o f t h e P E O P L E

Sharing of joys and concerns

You may share requests for prayer with the congregation aloud, or fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering plate to privately share your prayer need with the pastor.

There are activities at the two tables at the back of the sanctuary and one at the front where prayers may be written down or pictures drawn; where a candle may be lit or salt added to water for prayers of lament.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

T H E W O R D

Scripture Lesson

Acts 2 : 1 - 21 (from The Message)

One: When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

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!” Their heads were spinning; they couldn’t make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: “What’s going on here?” Others joked, “They’re drunk on cheap wine.”

That’s when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: “Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren’t drunk as some of you suspect. They haven’t had time to get drunk—it’s only nine o’clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

“In the Last Days,” God says, “I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people: Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters; Your young men will see visions, your old men dream dreams. When the time comes, I’ll pour out my Spirit on those who serve me, men and women both, and they’ll prophesy. I’ll set wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below, Blood and fire and billowing smoke, the sun turning black and the moon blood-red. Before the Day of the Lord arrives, the Day tremendous and marvelous; And whoever calls out for help to me, God, will be saved.”

One: For the Word in scripture, the Word made flesh, and the Word in our hearts

All: Thanks be to God

Community Testimony

Elizabeth Goodwin

Response

#282 : *Breathe On Me Breath Of God*

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew

That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Community Testimony

Lorraine Provost

Response

Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure

Until my will is one with thine, to do and to endure.

Community Testimony

Rev. Joel Mackey

Response

**Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me, glows with thy fire divine.**

RESPONSE to the WORD

Sermon Continued

You are invited to reflect on the shared testimonies and your own personal experience of the Holy Spirit at work in your life. There are activities at three tables with directions there to help guide this time.

Musical Offering

Wade In The Water

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise

Words of Institution

Communion Music

#507 : Come ToThe Table of Grace

Sharing the Holy Meal & Offering

Please come forward as the ushers allow. Communion is alcohol and gluten free.

Donations, Welcome Cards & Prayer Cards can be placed in the offering plate.

You may also make a donation by using this QR code on your smart phone:

Note: donations made online are subject to a 4% service charge, paid by us.



Prayer of Dedication

SENDING OUT to be THE CHURCH

Please stand as you are able

Sending Song

#539 : We Will Go Out With Joy

One: We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.

We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.

Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Now anyone who's born of the Spirit; sing a new song of joy.

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Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.

We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.

Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia

Invitation to Community Life

Benediction

Postlude

March from Pomp & Circumstance
by Edward Elgar