

**Community Congregational Church of Chula Vista
United Church of Christ
Worship for June 5, 2022
Pentecost Sunday**

Prelude **Lionel Jasmin and Chaz Keith**

Welcome and Announcements **Rev. Liz Aguilar**

Liturgist **Laurie Orange**

Call to Worship

One: Divine Teacher, on this Pentecost, whirl around us with your wisdom,

Many: Divine Comforter, encircle us with the peace that comes only from you.

One: As the Holy Winds fill our lives with dreams, empower us to live God's hope in this world.

Many: As the Holy Fire fills our hearts with visions, empower us to create a world of justice and peace.

One: May the Divine gales of this day move us to know the love of God. Amen

Prayer of Invocation: (In Unison)

**Move among us, Spirit,
and gather us together with you.**

Take our many selves

**– our lives, our loves, our ideas,
our questions, our speech, our silence –
and unite us as your people.**

**Give us the gifts of perception and understanding, so that even as we
dream your dreams and see your visions,
we may be able to witness to your presence in our common life. In Jesus'
name we pray. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness, (NCH/Black) 286; verses 1,2, & 4

Children's Story **Pastor Liz**

Choir Anthem: "Think of Me" by Robert W. Thygerson

Scripture Reading: Acts 2: 1-21; Romans 8:14-17 (NRSV)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about

God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘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.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Communion Meditation

Pastor Liz

Communion Hymn: Spirit of the Living God, (Red) 155 (Sung twice)

Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: Come to this table
Where bread and cup are transformed by the Spirit of God
Into a meal of love and grace
A supper of visions and dreams
A table where all souls are welcome.

Communion Prayer (In Unison)

Loving God we ask that you bless these elements we are about to share and partake. Fill us with your Holy Spirit as we participate in this sacred moment. Bless us so that we may never tire of doing your good work with integrity and with love for your world. May we remain in communion with you and with your Church. Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer (debts)

Sharing of Communion Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (In Unison)

Spirit of God, who fed the multitudes, provided the manna in the wilderness, and blessed the elements, we give great thanks for the meal eaten and the company surrounding us. Inspire us as we move forward this day and encourage us to transform our dreams into reality. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Call to Offering

Laurie Orange

Special Music

Echo Stafford

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication: (In Unison) Thank you God for giving us the opportunity to partner with you through our gifts of tithes, offerings and gifts. May they be used to help further your kingdom. Through Jesus name we pray, Amen.

**Closing Hymn: “In Christ There is No East or West” (NCH/Black) 395;
verses 1,2, & 4**

Benediction

Rev. Liz Aguilar

Postlude

Lionel Jasmin and Chaz Keith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you to worship! Please make sure to introduce yourself to one of our Pastors or ushers if you are new to us, this morning. Also, please fill out a welcome card found in the pew in front of you. Everyone is invited to stay for fellowship in Bradley Hall after worship.

The Church Council is meeting today, after worship in the church lounge.

THIS WEEK:

Monday- Counters meet at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday- Quilters meet at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday- Women's Fellowship at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Seth Clark will be the guest speaker. He will be discussing his new book The Border Church. Please let Sylvia Campbell know if you are coming so that you can reserve your lunch.

Also, on Wednesday- Bible Study with Rev. Dr. Jamall Calloway on zoom at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday- Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

Friday- Bible Study with Rev. Victoria at 10 a.m.

Service notes- all liturgy was written by Rev. Aguilar except for the Call to Worship and the Prayer of Thanksgiving which comes from UCC Worship Ways and is used with permission.