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Worship Bulletin for May 24, 2026 Pentecost Sunday

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (*responsive*) by Beth Merrill Neel 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'

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

And the voice of God spoke from a burning bush,

Jesus breathed peace on the disciples,

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

So God's Spirit moves among us this day.

Let us worship God.

***Hymn**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

GtG # 291

(Refrain)

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;

then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;

And over the eons you called to each thing,

"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." **(Refrain)**

You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand;

and you goaded your people with a law and a land.

When they were confounded with idols and lies,

then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. **(Refrain)**

You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;

then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.

And down in the city, you called once again

when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. **(Refrain)**

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. **(Refrain)**

Responsive Prayer of Confession *by Beth Merrill Neel 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'*

Sometimes we are like those disciples so long ago:

**Huddled in fear of what others will think,
Of what others will do,
Of what God will do.**

Sometimes we are like passive bystanders:

**Making fun of what we do not understand,
Tearing down what is sacred to another
Waiting until we are sure it's okay.**

Always God is with us:

**Nudging us like a gentle breeze,
Stirring us with flames of hope
Speaking to us with words engraved in our hearts.**

In silent prayer, let us offer God our confession and our hope. (*silence*)

Assurance of Grace (*responsive*) *by Beth Merrill Neel 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'*

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God's Spirit did not leave us after that first Pentecost. The Spirit is still with us, empowering us to know mercy and grace, forgiveness and service. In this Spirit, and through Christ, we proclaim the Good News:

We are forgiven Alleluia! Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Anthem

Stand Up and Bless the Lord by Stan Pethel

St. Andrew Choir

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(Those with prayer requests worshipping online, please text Anne the day before so your request can be lifted-831-345-6324)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

(*pew song sheet*)

Prayers lifted to God and The 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 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.

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.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

God of All Power,

Open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts with a spirit of wisdom and revelation.

Help us to hear your voice, to see your ways, and to receive with joy your truth.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

First Lesson:

John 7:37-39

NT page #100

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Second Lesson:

Acts 2:1-4, 14-21

NT page #119

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. 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. 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.'

Sermon

Pour Out My Spirit

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

***Affirmation of Faith** *by Nathan Nettleton*

We believe in the Holy Spirit God's ceaseless and mysterious Go-between, who kindles the fires of passion and integrity. Elusive and uncontrollable, comforting and disturbing, she purges our delusions with fire and whispers grace with a lover's breath, empowering us to refuse what is evil, and be taken up with praise. Though sometimes fearful, in God we trust. We lay ourselves open to the Spirit's touch that we might be the body of Christ, offering our life for the life of the world, and being drawn into the mysterious dance of the Trinity, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory and praise forever. AMEN.

Offering

Doxology

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

Offering Prayer

Holy Spirit, breathe into us and fill us with your peace. Let your presence be known in every life touched by this church's ministries. Receive these offerings as the outpouring of grateful hearts and use them to fan the flame of your love throughout the world. In the name of the Giver of the Spirit, we pray. Amen.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*Hymn

We Will Go Out with Joy

GtG # 539

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.

(Refrain)

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

Now anyone who's born of the Spirit, sing a new song of joy.
Now anyone who's born of the Spirit, sing a new song of joy. **(Refrain)**
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. **(Refrain)**

Benediction

The service of worship ends, the service of neighbor and world begins

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: David Allshouse

GREETER: Janet Maack

COFFEE HOST: Gwen Yeo

ACCOMPANIST: Eileen Mihm

OFFERING COUNTERS: Pam Arnsberger and Shari Gallegos

Unity Candle: This week we pray for San Martin Presbyterian Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, May 24th:

Lunch Cluster 1 meets at Sevy's Bar and Kitchen Restaurant
after worship at 7500 Old Dominion Ct., Aptos

Monday:

- **Office Closed: Memorial Day**
- **Bell Choir at 2:15PM**

Tuesday:

- **Bible Study, Following Jesus by Henri Nouwen at 1PM, Zoom, Please read CH. 4**

Thursday: **Choir at 2PM**

Upcoming Event

- **May 31st:** Fifth Sunday Lunch in Hubler
- **June 2nd:** Red Cross Blood Drive, Hubler Hall.
Starts at 8:30AM by appointment only using the Red Cross app.
- **June 7th:** Open Mic benefit for Veterans from 1-3PM in the courtyard and Hubler.
To participate, please call 408-357-0640
- **June 13th:** Men's Breakfast at 9AM. Please let David or Jan know if you can attend.