

Sunday, May 23, 2021
Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Be the wind and fire that transform our lives.

People: Breathe upon us as we study your word of life.

Leader: Kindle faith from our believing doubt.

People: Cleanse us from our waywardness.

Leader: Deepen our passion for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

People: Give us voice to proclaim your mighty works in every tongue.

All: Fill your church with power. Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Hymn #282 -

Come Down, O Love Divine

Confession

**On this Pentecost Sunday, we confess to You, O Lord –
our division, for we are not gathered together as Your people in one place;
our fear of the rush of your Spirit in our lives and what it might call us to do
or to be;**

**our desire for a monolingual society,
even when you allowed the early church to transcend all language,
not favoring one over another;**

**our actions that can be like the crowds that taunt and torment,
mocking those who are filled with your Spirit that burns like fire and rushes
like wind.**

**On this Pentecost Sunday, O Lord –
help us to let down our barriers to your Spirit;
guide us to live with joy, abandon, and faithfulness;
and create in us new hearts to be new people who worship only You. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Minute for Mission

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

John 14:25-27

Song

Holy Spirit

Second Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

Sermon:

One Man's Pentecost

Affirmation of Faith

**We sing of God the Spirit,
who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation,
animating all energy and matter
and moving in the human heart.**

**We sing of God the Spirit,
faithful and untameable,
who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.**

**The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy
not only in what is familiar,
but also in that which seems foreign.**

**We sing of the Spirit,
who speaks our prayers of deepest longing
and enfolds our concerns and confessions,
transforming us and the world.**

**We offer worship
as an outpouring of gratitude and awe
and a practice of opening ourselves
to God's still, small voice of comfort,
to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.
Through word, music, art, and sacrament,
in community and in solitude,
God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world.**

Prayer of Dedication

Offering

Fresh Wind

Doxology[CS1]

(Old 100th)

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.

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Hymn # 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Benediction

Postlude -

Announcements

Greeters

Remember the 'Before' times, when we had a couple of Greeters in the Narthex each Sunday? Well, as we reopen in-person worship, we would like to rebuild a team of Greeters, even though that will look different than before. You don't have to be a Deacon, or even an OPC member. It is easy and you only have to come a few minutes early. Call Hedy Martin if you are interested, at 602-789-9624.

Liturgist

If you would like to help out in our services, there is a need for a liturgist each week. This is a very important part of our service that is easy to do. We send you the liturgy ahead of time so that you can read through it. If this is something you think you could do, call Chuck Sedgwick, at 602-541-4079.

Pentecost Offering

This week we will collect the Pentecost offering. This money is used to help our youth, especially youth at risk, in practical and spiritual ways. It supports faith development through congregational initiatives, the adult volunteer program, youth Triennium and others. Our local church keeps 40%. The mission committee has chosen to support Frontera de Cristo, a Presbyterian Border Ministry located in the sister cities of Agua Prieta, Sonora, and Douglas, AZ. Their ministries include a community center that provides educational, cultural, and developmental activities for the community, plus a family ministry to the unchurched including a weekly Bible school for children. There is also a program for youth designed to keep them from becoming involved in the cartels. We hope you will generously support this vital border ministry. Gifts may be received during our offering on Sunday, dropped off at the church office, or made online through the Give button on our website, orangewood.church.