



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH OF ANAHEIM**

Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

May 28, 2023 @ 10:30 am

**PRELUDE**     *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*     Frederick Atkinson, arr. Norman Clayton

**CHORAL INTROIT**                     *If Ye Love Me . . . send the Comforter*                     Thomas Tallis

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit.

**Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers, come, Holy Spirit.**

Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame, come, Holy Spirit.

**With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues, come, Holy Spirit.**

With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation, come, Holy Spirit.

**With power from above to make our weakness strong, come, Holy Spirit.**

**\*HYMN NO 129**                     *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*                     Ebenezer

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us, come with Pentecostal power;

Give the church a stronger vision, help us face each crucial hour.

Built upon a firm foundation Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,

Still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known.

We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yesteryears;

For tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.

In the church's pilgrim journey You have led us all the way.

Still in presence move before us, Fire by night and cloud by day.

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us, give us words of fire and flame.

Help our feeble lips to praise You, glorify Your holy name.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in one: what mystery!

We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Generous God, you send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid.**

**You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions.**

**You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts.**

**Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again: shake our hearts, set our souls on fire with your love: send us out into the world rejoicing in your power.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ANTHEM**                                     *My Lord Good Lord*                                     Judy Rose

**SCRIPTURE**                                     Acts 2:1-21                                     Reader's Theater

Chris Coleman, Josh Evans, Tracy Ramont, Sam Miller, Norma Leichtweis, Sophia Khurana

## SERMON

*"Where's the Power?"*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR PENTECOST

*from A Brief Confession of Faith*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

## OFFERING MOMENT

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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.**

### \*HYMN 130

*Let Every Christian Pray*

Let every Christian pray, this day and every day, Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Was not the church we love commissioned from above? Come, Holy Spirit, come!

The Spirit brought to birth the church of Christ on earth to seek and save the lost:  
God never has withdrawn, since that tremendous dawn, the gifts at Pentecost.

Only the Spirit's power can fit us for this hour: Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Instruct, inspire, unite, and help us see Your light: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

## BENEDICTION

## CHORAL RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

*Festal Postlude*

Charles Gounod

### Today's Worship Leaders:

Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music, Carol Hughes, Accompanist

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound

Chris Coleman, Reader's Theater Director



Announcements