

Lake Merritt United Methodist Church

An Inclusive Christian Community of Oakland



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Sustaining a vibrant and growing congregation through Christian spiritual transformation, making our work and the church relevant and visible.

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Pentecost

Oh How the Holy Spirit Still Moves

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PENTECOST
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

Rev. Sunae Cho, *Pastor*

INTROIT

Prelude in C

J.S. Bach

OPENING PRAYER (*RESPONSIVE*)

Rose Lynn and Nora Abesamis-Bell

Leader: In those days, says the Lord -

**People: In those days after Jesus rose from the dead,
in those days when no one really knew
what was going on or what was going to happen -**

Leader: In those days God exhaled the Holy Spirit.

**People: And when the disciples pushed out their fear
and as dancing flames heralded the arrival of something new
and as the birth cry was the cries of many languages, all understood -**

Leader: In those days, the church was born, out of fear and fire,

People: with joy and awe.

Leader: The church was born.

People: Our church.

Leader: God's church.

People: Let us worship God. Amen.

Beth Merrill Neel

OPENING SONG

(Please stand if able)

Come, O Holy Spirit, Come (Wa Wa Wa Emimimo) TFWS 2124

People: Come, O Holy Spirit, come.

Response: Holy Spirit, come.

People: Come, Almighty Spirit, come.

Response: Almighty Spirit, come.

People: Come, come, come.

Response: O Spirit, come.

People: Wa wa wa Emimimo.

Response: Emiolye.

People: Wa wa wa Alagbara.

Response: Alagbarameta.

People: Wao wao wao.

Response: Emimimo.

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Response: Almighty Spirit, come.

People: Come, come, come.

Response: O Spirit, come.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

P-E-N-T-E-C-O-S-T!

Margaret LeWright

Natalie Sleeth

LMUMC Children

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21 CEB

Rose Lynn and Nora Abesamis-Bell

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. They were surprised and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!" They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, "What does this mean?" Others jeered at them, saying, "They're full of new wine!"

Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, "Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! These people aren't drunk, as you suspect; after all, it's only nine o'clock in the morning! Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.
Your young will see visions.
Your elders will dream dreams.
Even upon my servants, men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.
I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.
The sun will be changed into darkness,
and the moon will be changed into blood,
before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes.
And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

MESSAGE: OH HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT STILL MOVES
Breathe on Me, Breath of God UMH 420 (ORGAN)

1. 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.

[Holy Spirit Message - Pastor Sunae]

2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

[Holy Spirit Message - Satu Sheriff]

3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine,
Till all this earthly part of me
Glows with thy fire divine.

[Holy Spirit Message - Stanley Huston]

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity.

RESPONSE

Many Gifts, One Spirit

Allen Pote

LMUMC Choir

PRAYERS & GRATITUDES

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ecumenical Version (UMH 894)

*Please feel free to use the name of your choice for God that speaks to your soul.

*Our *Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

LIVING AS THE CHURCH

OFFERING & THANKSGIVING SONG

Surely the Presence of the Lord UMH 328, 2x (ORGAN)

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

CLOSING SONG *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (Please stand if able)

UMH 384, verses 1, 2, 4 (ORGAN)

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
4. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

CLOSING PRAYER (RESPONSIVE)

Rose Lynn and Nora Abesamis-Bell

Leader: Some births begin with a sharp pain.

People: This one began with a relentless, dull fear.

Leader: Some births begin with the breaking of water;

People: This one began with the dancing of flame.

Leader: Some births are met with tears and joy;

People: This one was met with wonder and a command:

Leader: Go out. Be My people. Live the Good News.

All: Share. Pray. Help. Sing. Dance.

Be born anew. Amen.

Beth Merrill Neel (adapt)

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C

J.S. Bach

