



Pentecost by Edgard de Guzman

**June 8, 2025
10:00 AM
2700 L Street
Sacramento, CA 95816**

PIONEER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Pentecost Sunday

Welcome! We're very glad you've come to this service today and we pray our experience of worship here will renew and inspire you. If you are not familiar with our practices of worship, the following information may be helpful to you:

1. *We are an Open and Affirming congregation. We welcome into full membership, leadership, and participation in our church all persons and their families, of every race, language, age, gender, gender identification and expression, sexual orientation, physical and mental ability, economic status, and personal opinion.*
2. *A cross "+" before a heading denotes standing if you are able:*
3. ***Bold** print indicates that the congregation reads or sings aloud, in unison;*
4. *An (*) indicates the selected hymn is a favorite hymn of the congregation.*
5. *All Bible readings are read from the New Living Translation (NLT) unless otherwise indicated.*
6. *Please silence your cell phone ringers;*
7. *If you have a prayer concern, you may fill out the prayer request form located in the back pews and the ushers will collect them later in the service.*
8. *If you are a guest with us, we invite you to fill out the Connection Card located with your Welcome Packet and place it in the offering plate in lieu of an offering. We have a special gift for you.*
9. *You are invited to join us for an informal time of coffee, food, and fellowship during our Fellowship Hour after the service.*
10. *We have a Pioneer Guest wifi signal throughout the church. Our wifi password is **welcome2700**. One way to promote our church is to let your friends on your social media know you're in church right now.*

If you have any questions about life in the Pioneer Church or have needs of a personal nature, please speak to the pastor. We are happy to do what we can to help.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**"No matter who you are or where you are in life's journey,
you are welcome here!"**

Prelude

Come Holy Spirit, Lord and God Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

The Light of Christ Enters

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Call

You Are Welcome Here

Gerard DeMan

♩ = 100

G D G A D G/D D G A
 You are wel-come here, no mat-ter who you are,

G A D G D C G A
 no mat-ter where you are, on life's jour - ney... You are

D G/D D G A G A
 wel-come here, no mat-ter who you are, come and

D G D G/D A D
 join with us, we're u - ni-ted in the church of Christ.

Welcoming One Another *(said in unison)*

Psalm 118:24

Let us begin our worship service today by saying aloud our Opening Scripture:

“This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

+ The Passing of the Peace

+ Call to Worship *(read responsively)*

Inspired by Acts 2:1 & Psalm 104

One: The grace of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

We join for worship online and onsite, in real time and sometimes days later, and yet,

The Holy One sends forth the Spirit.

Who unites us, connects us, and forms us as a community.

We were created in spirit and in truth, wonderfully and fearfully, in the image of Holy Love.

God renews the face of the earth and the cosmos, this faith community and the church.

May the glory of God the Fire endure forever!

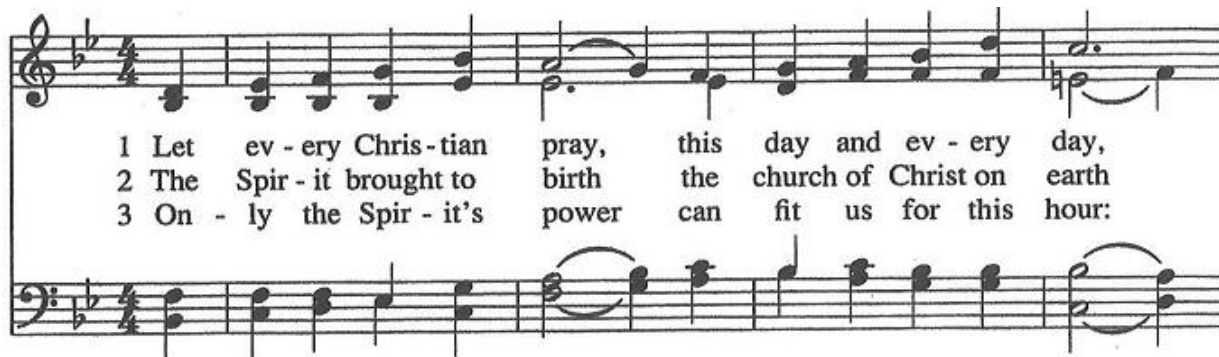
Bless the Holy One, oh my soul. Praise God!

(+) denotes standing, if you are able.

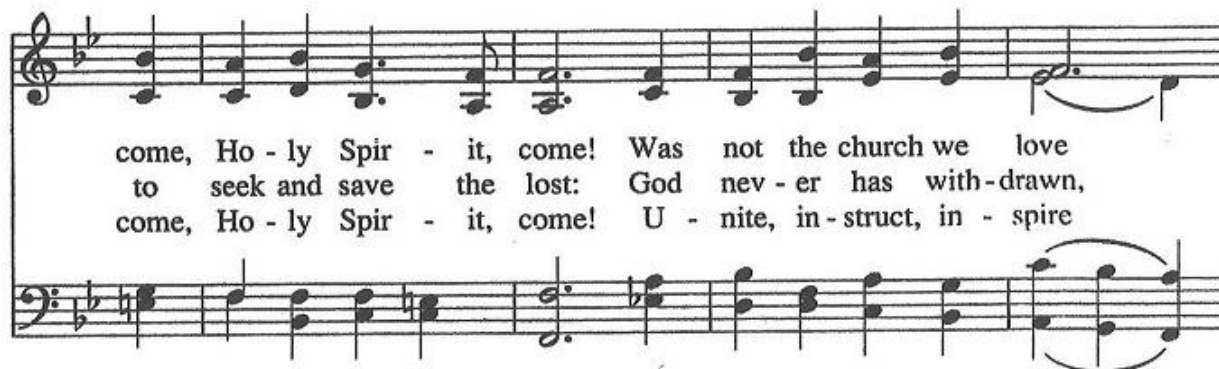
+ Opening Hymn

Let Every Christian Pray

LAUDES DOMINI



1 Let ev - ery Chris - tian pray, this day and ev - ery day,
 2 The Spir - it brought to birth the church of Christ on earth
 3 On - ly the Spir - it's power can fit us for this hour:



come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! Was not the church we love
 to seek and save the lost: God nev - er has with - drawn,
 come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! U - nite, in - struct, in - spire



com - mis - sioned from a - bove? Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!
 since that tre - men - dous dawn, the gifts of Pen - te - cost.
 and fill us with your fire: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!

+ Opening Prayer (Pastor Led)

Spirit of Unity, you knit us together with all of our connections and distinctions. You make us one and yet unique. We gather to hear your voice and to attune ourselves to the language of the other, to celebrate the diversity of your creation and to immerse ourselves in compassionate care, to give you glory and to recognize the gift of community. May our hearts be opened and our lips declare your praise. Inhabit our worship with your abiding presence and inflame us with your love. God be with us. Amen.

Introit

A Mighty Wind

arranged by Simon Andrews

Introduction to the Scripture Lesson

The promised Holy Spirit is given out to all believers in Jesus. As a result, they, and subsequently us, were filled with joy and power from God.

Scripture Lesson

Acts 2:1-4, 17-21

Introduction to the Scripture Lesson

Our lesson tells how God disrupted humanity's unified attempt to build the Tower of Babel by confusing their language and scattering them across the earth.

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 11:1-9

At one time all the people of the world spoke the same language and used the same words.²As the people migrated to the east, they found a plain in the land of Babylonia and settled there.³They began saying to each other, "Let's make bricks and harden them with fire." (In this region bricks were used instead of stone, and tar was used for mortar.)

⁴ Then they said, “Come, let’s build a great city for ourselves with a tower that reaches into the sky. This will make us famous and keep us from being scattered all over the world.”⁵ But the Lord came down to look at the city and the tower the people were building. ⁶ “Look!” he said. “The people are united, and they all speak the same language. After this, nothing they set out to do will be impossible for them! ⁷ Come, let’s go down and confuse the people with different languages. Then they won’t be able to understand each other.”⁸ In that way, the Lord scattered them all over the world, and they stopped building the city. ⁹ That is why the city was called Babel, because that is where the Lord confused the people with different languages. In this way he scattered them all over the world.

This is the Word of the Lord. Let us respond by singing together our Scripture refrain.

Scripture Refrain *Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet* (sung twice)

Unison Eb Bb7 Eb Ab Bb7 Eb Ab Eb

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

Sermon: "The Power of Our Words"

Hymn*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

BRIDEGROOM

You may remain seated while singing this hymn. Also, the Ushers will collect your prayer cards to be prayed for during the Prayers of the People.



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch-es of the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease-less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
 Vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
 prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might:
 midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 peace be - yond com - pare:

Pastoral Prayer**Prayers of the People**

The Lord's Prayer (*said in unison;" sins;" or any version you choose to say*)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Response (sung four times)

A Repeating Alleluia

Calvin Hampton

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -

Invitation to Generosity

The Spirit of God has been poured out on us. For the gifts of God, we give thanks. For the grace of God, we extend our trust. For the love of God, we bring forth the gifts we have to give. May our offerings of time, talent, and treasure ignite and unite this community for the hope of the world around us, near and far. The Ushers will now come forward to receive your pledges and offerings. We invite you to give in person, on our website, or mail in your offering today. Thank you.

Offertory Anthem

God's Gonna Set This World on Fire

arr. Moses Hogan

+ The Doxology (*sung in unison*)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

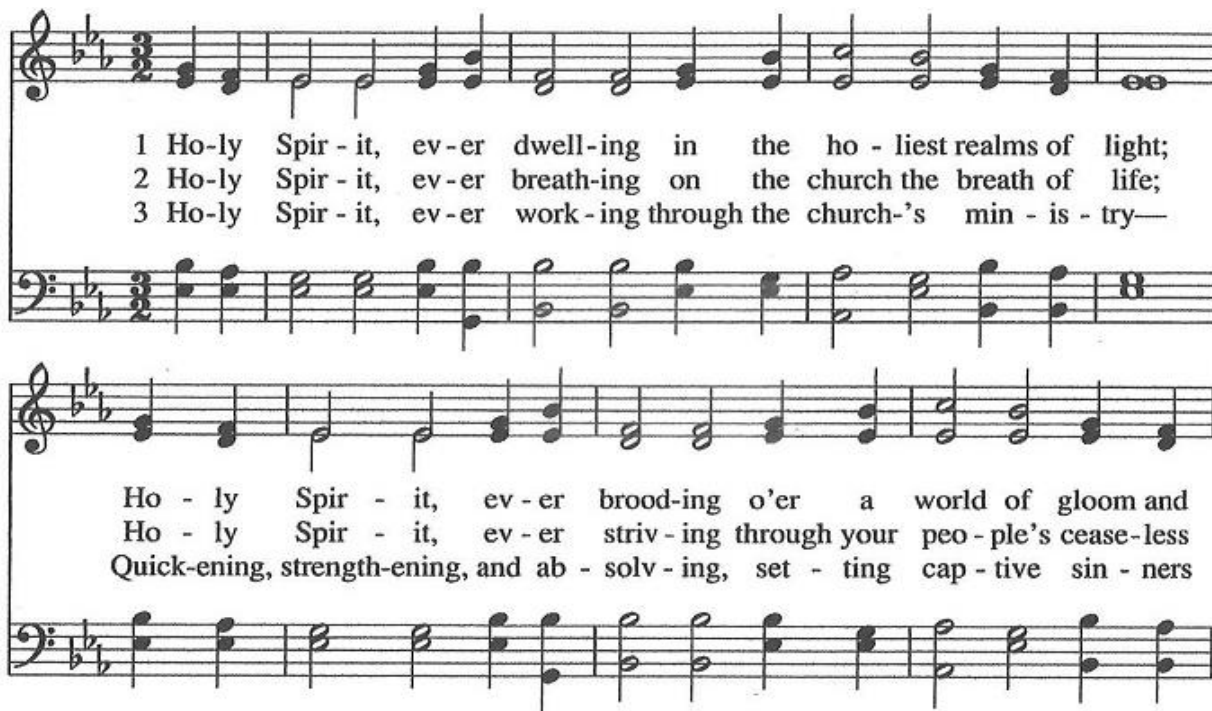
Prayer of Dedication *(said in unison)*

Spirit of the Living God, receive our gifts as tangible expressions of our belonging to your church and our commitment to the ministry begun in Christ and continued through this faith community. Magnify them in miraculous ways, and make our generosity a demonstration of the love you have given us and we return to the world you love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

+ Closing Hymn

*Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling**

NETTLETON



1 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing in the ho - liest realms of light;
 2 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er breath - ing on the church the breath of life;
 3 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing through the church-'s min - is - try—

Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing o'er a world of gloom and
 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through your peo - ple's cease - less
 Quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners



blight; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er rais - ing earth-bound souls to glo - ry
 strife; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er form - ing in the church the mind of
 free; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er bind - ing age to age and soul to



high; Liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it; you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
 Christ: In our wor - ship we will praise you for your fruit and gifts un - priced.
 soul, In com - mu - ni - ty un - end - ing you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

+ Commissioning Song (*sung in unison*)

SERVANT SONG

(*Please face one another as you sing.*)



We are pil - grims on a jour - ney. We are trav - 'lers on the road

5 We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load

+ Benediction

Go, united as living testimonies of the Source of all love, the Embodiment of divine power, and the Spirit of truth and wisdom.

Go, in the assurance that the same flame that ignited the early disciples burns alive in the church today.

Go, with glad hearts and courage, as the Advocate guides and with the peace Christ provides. Go in peace. Amen.

Postlude*Come Holy Spirit, Lord and God*

Andreas Armsdorf

“Our worship has ended; our service continues.”



Volunteers for today are: Reader: Scott Minor **Usher:** Andy Balog **Acolyte:** Garylee Stephenson **Audio Visual Tech:** William Ruygt **Tellers:** TBA **Fellowship:** TBA **Flowers:** TBA

Volunteers for next Sunday June 15th are: Reader: LaToya Holmes-Green **Usher:** Mary K. Rose **Acolyte:** Garylee Stephenson **Audio Visual Tech:** Scott Minor **Tellers:** Mary K. Rose & John Busschaert **Fellowship:** TBA **Flowers:** TBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Breakfast

Please join us for the last Women's Breakfast of the season on Saturday, June 14th, at 9:00 a.m. at Aviator's Restaurant at Sacramento Executive Airport, 6151 Freeport Blvd. We'll be pausing the breakfasts for the summer and will resume the Saturday after Labor Day. I will be sending an email to those whose contact information I have. Please RSVP by Wednesday, June 11th, before noon; I will call in the reservation that afternoon.

If you're interested in joining us and haven't given me your contact information, please see me after church. Thanks! **Sue Bryant-Still**

Get Your Pride Kit: \$8

Gay Pride in Sacramento will be June 14-15, 2025. The Pride Parade begins at 12:00 Noon and booths will be open on the Capitol Mall Saturday and Sunday of that weekend. Our church shares an information table with the First United Methodist Church, which allows us to share the expenses of renting the table.

This year, we are selling Pride Kits that will help us pay for the table we share with the First United Methodist Church. The kits are \$8 and includes a miniature pride flag, stickers, and other pride items to include a lei, wristband, and bandana in a colorful bag. Please consider purchasing a kit for yourself or a friend. Kits will be available on Sunday and throughout the week in the church office. Thanks!

Signup Sheets

Have you been interested in volunteering at the church? One way to do that is to volunteer to be a Sunday reader, an usher, a teller, or to bring treats and food for Fellowship Hour. You are invited to see where you'd like to help out and sign up. Look for the signup sheets in Fellowship Hall on Sundays after church. Your help and contribution makes Pioneer shine.

The Good Place



BIBLE STUDY

Join us as we watch an episode from the hit Netflix series, *The Good Place*, Season 2, and then have a Bible study led by our pastor in the Pastor's office. Learn about the Bible and our faith journeys in a judgment-free zone.



WEDNESDAYS | 6:30 PM

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Sunday June 8 th	Morning Service	10:00am
Wednesday June 11 th	Bible Study	6:30pm
Saturday June 14 th -15 th	Gay Pride in Sacramento	
Sunday June 15 th	Morning Service	10:00am

What's Happening this Week

- + The newest addition of *The Weekly eNewsletter*, will be available online or at the Information Table on Thursday 12th 2025.
- + Sunday Worship at 10:00 AM.

****Any changes/updates to future events please make notation on this Bulletin and place it in Kelton's box in the main office.*

Many other activities take place in the building regularly.

Please check the calendar in the church office regarding space and time availability before scheduling any event.



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For an appointment outside of these hours please call the church office at 916-443-3727.

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