

Irvine United Congregational Church

An Open & Affirming, Just Peace, Global Mission, Creation Justice
Congregation of the United Church of Christ

May 22, 2022 • 9:30 & 11 AM

Pentecost

Prelude *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* Yuyoung Jeon
by Fred Bock

Gathering Song *As We Gather* by Coomes & Fay

As we gather may your Spirit work within us
As we gather may we glorify your name
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship
We'll be blessed because we came
(Repeat)

Welcome Rev. Dr. Sarah Halverson-Cano

Introit *Family of Light* Chancel Choir
by Tina English

Call to Worship Thom Shuman

One: Come, Holy Spirit,
with your language of wonder:

Many: so we may mingle our words together
to scatter the gospel of grace to all around us.

One: Come, Holy Spirit,
with the music of your heart:

Many: so we may sing songs filled with memories,
and listen to the new carols sung by children.

One: Come, Holy Spirit, to rattle the windows of our souls:

Many: to burst through the closed doors of our hearts,
and dance with us in the fire of renewal.

One: Come, Holy Spirit,

Many: to ignite us for justice,

All: that we might burn a legacy that cannot be squelched.

Come, Holy Spirit Come!

Hymn *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* (NCH # 286)
by James K. Manley

Chorus:

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling & free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

Verses:

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 you from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”

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 by their idols & lies,
Then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

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.

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

A Fresh Word

Anthem

Like a Mighty Stream
by Moses Hogan & John Jacobson

Chancel Choir

Prayers of the Church

Rev. Joe Dressler

Concluding with the Lord's Prayer...

Our Creator (Father, Mother, or other name as you are comfortable), which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory

Olivia Sirchio

Offertory Music

Prayer of Dedication

Song

The Fire of Commitment
by Mary Katherine Morn

Dr. Chris Peterson

From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits Into faith set free from fear.
When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free,
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty.
When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice,
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice
When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

Scripture

Acts 2:1 - 18

Olivia Sirchio

“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.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to

