

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



PENTECOST

SUNDAY

MAY 24, 2026

MEDITATION

The Holy Spirit is a healing spirit. When the holy Spirit is present, anything is possible.
- Reinhard Bonnke

We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.
- Maya Angelou

Transformation in the world happens when people are healed and start investing in other people.
- Michael W. Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

PRELUDE

Instrumental

Katy Kristoffersen

CALL TO WORSHIP

ADAPTED FROM ROMANS 8:2-4

Tim Spangler

Leader: Hear this sisters and brothers in Christ: through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

People: For the law had no effect on freeing us from our flawed, human, self-driven ways. So God sent his Son in human flesh to overcome with love the things in us that bring us to death every time.

Leader: We can now celebrate that we are free to live God's Way in the world. We no longer have to be held captive in the human ways of self. We are set free to live in the transforming power of the Spirit.

People: Alleluia! We are free, indeed! Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

Tim Spangler

WELCOMING SONG*

Come Build a Church (Ken Medema)

Congregation

Hymn No. 543

Verses 1 and 3

*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by 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 men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit (*William Dawson*)

UCSJ Choir

Refrain

*Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.*

*Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,
Out of God’s mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
Till I asked my Lord if all was mine. **Refrain***

*Jordan River, chilly and cold,
It chills the body but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track.
It runs to heaven and then right back. **Refrain***

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

WHEN THE SPIRIT BLOWS IN

Pastor Melinda Veatch

RESPONSIVE SONG

Be Not Afraid (BOB DUFFORD)

Congregation

Hymn No. 430

All Verses

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

Thank you for your continued support of the church and our mission.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Tim Spangler and Pastor Melinda Veatch

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 sin, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CLOSING SONG*

Sweet, Sweet Spirit (Doris Akers)

Congregation

Hymn No. 134

Verse sung once
Then Refrain sung twice

CLOSING PRAYER

Tim Spangler

From "Prayers for Pentecost" by the Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

Living God, you sent the Holy Spirit to breathe life into your church. Let us no longer be captives to fear, but messengers of your saving love, so that all may be reconciled in you; through Jesus Christ, our peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Instrumental

Katy Kristoffersen

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor Melinda Veatch

OUR MISSION

- We are a loving and compassionate church family that *respects the dignity and integrity* of each individual.
- We find our joy and meaning through faith in God and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.
- We seek to promote Christian unity and to encourage understanding and cooperation with those from different traditions.
- We seek to foster deeper relationships with God and each other through worship, fellowship, growth and service.

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