

## We Gather in Community

**Welcoming Music** Joe Lawrence

**Welcome** Rev. Ashley

**Ringing of the Bell** Young Person

**Call to Worship** Acts 2: 1-4a Susan Requa

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

**All: 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.**

One: Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

**All: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit...**

↑**Gathering Hymn** #73 Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

**Gathering Prayer** *enfleshed, adapted* Susan Requa

Notice your breath. If it feels comfortable to do so, draw attention to your inhale and exhale for a moment. What is the Holy Spirit, the Breath of Life, inviting you towards? What is your body longing for—rest, play, ease? Is it possible to make a little bit of space for what nourishment your body and being longs for today?

Inhale of Wisdom— Accompany us. (*pause*)

Exhale of Compassion—guide us towards liberation. (*pause*) Amen.

↑**Passing the Peace** Susan Requa

The Spirit is in our midst – in you and in me. Recognizing this divine, transforming power in each of us, let us greet each other with a sign of peace.

## We Share the Word

**Time with our Young People and Young at Heart** Rev. Ashley

*All are invited to come forward and sit in the front if they feel led. Children K-5 will then depart for Godly Play next door.*

**Choral Anthem** “Every Time I Feel The Spirit” arr. Wm. Henry Smith  
Mount Hollywood Choir

**Communal Reading:** Acts 2: 4-17 Susan Requa

One: 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,

**All: "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"**

One: 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—

**All: in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."**

One: All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

**All: "What does this mean?"**

One: But others sneered and said,

**All: "They are filled with new wine."**

One: But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "(People) of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

**All: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.'**

**Reflection** Rev. Ashley

**Song of Response** x2 Spirit of the Living God  
Spirit of the Living God, Rise anew in us. Spirit of the living God, Rise anew in us.  
Melt us, Mold us, Fill us, Use us. Spirit of the Living God Rise anew in us.

## We Pray

### **Sharing Our Joys, Concerns and Discoveries**

Rev. Ashley

*It is our practice to share our Gratitude and Joy, Concerns and Discoveries*

### **Our Common Prayer** *(unison, please use the words that are most meaningful for you)*

Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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.

## We Give

### **Words that Inspire us to Give**

Susan Requa

### **Offertory Duet**

“Shine On Us”

Michael & Deborah Smith

Rada Jovicic and Susan Requa, soloists

### **Song of Dedication (Unison, the tune of the Doxology)**

*Praise God the Spirit come this day, In wind and fire, a grand array.*

*We sing our hopes like saints above. Inspire our gifts, increase our love. Amen.*

## We Are Sent

### **Announcements**

Susan Requa

### ↑**Sending Hymn**

#524

*This Little Light of Mine*

### ↑**Closing Blessing**

Maren Tarabassi

Rev. Ashley

May your tongue tingle with good news. May your heart open to all the people of the street. And, when you are bent over by sorrow, may you find the Spirit's feather on the ground waiting there to give you hope. Amen

### **Postlude**

Joe Lawrence

↑Please stand in mind, body, or spirit



# MOUNT HOLLYWOOD

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**The Celebration of Pentecost**  
**May 19, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.**

*The tribes of Wrestles with Creator (Israel) celebrated another great feast called the Festival of Weeks or Pentecost, meaning "fifty," because it was celebrated seven weeks after the Passover festival, on the fiftieth day. This was a harvest festival when the people would bring the firstfruits of the harvest to Creator's lodge in the Sacred Village of Peace (Jerusalem) and give thanks for his provision. Creator was about to send the Holy Spirit, promised by Creator Sets Free (Jesus), to begin the time of the great harvest and gather people from all nations who would represent the Great Spirit. The followers of Creator Sets Free, numbering about one hundred and twenty, were waiting and praying in the upstairs room where they were lodging. It had now been fifty days since the Passover festival.*

*-Acts 2 Introduction, First Nations Translation*

