

KIRK IN THE HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
DAY OF PENTECOST
JUNE 8, 2025





A Note from Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

In the Torah, the collection of the Five Books of Moses, the first book is aptly named Genesis, from the Greek, for beginning. We are told that at the beginning of creation, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters. The Hebrew word used there, *ruach*, can mean breath, wind, or be related to spirit. In fact, we too derive one of our English words for breathing—respiration—from the Latin word for spirit. This “wind, breath, or spirit” of God is made manifest throughout the Older Testament--the Hebrew Scriptures—descending upon people of faith like prophets and judges—enlivening the Word of God, leveling social criticisms, calling all to repentance, and enabling faithful action.

There’s even a promise in the prophetic Book of Joel:

*Then afterward
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
Even on the male and female servants,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit. (2: 28-29)*

This is what some scholars call “the democratization of faith.” The Spirit of God would not just fall on a ruling class (kings) or an elite education class (priests), or just the wealthy and powerful families, but on all people, young and old, male and female, of all backgrounds. On Pentecost, the Early Church proclaimed that this had come to pass and was inclusive of all cultures—hence all the languages spoken. (Book of Acts 2:5-12) This was a prophetic promise fulfilled, just as Jesus had said: ...the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.” (Gospel of John 14: 26).

Pentecost is called the birthday celebration of the Church because it’s the day when the Good News of Jesus Christ became more than information and led to transformation of a motley crew of believers and followers, to the Body of Christ—apostles, evangelists, teachers, leaders--whom the Spirit would use to change the world. We are a part of a movement started and instituted by Christ over 2,000 years ago, but a part of the larger movement of God at the beginning of creation—the Spirit hovering over the waters, enabling life throughout. This movement has led to the first public hospitals and orphanages, the care of the needy and sick, global mechanisms and institutions for peace, and even animating the struggle for human rights and freedoms. This has been the wind of change.

So, what does a change of wind look like for the Church today, and Kirk in the Hills specifically? Or as you heard last week, what would the outpouring of the Holy Spirit look like today, for us at the Kirk, here and now? Prayerfully, let us invite this wind to disrupt all in us that is stale, obstinate, and dead, and let it revive, renew, restore, refresh, and reform us into the fullness of the people of God.

A Blessed Pentecost!

Senior Pastor | Head of Staff | Kirk in the Hills

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

PRELUDE

Komm, Heiliger Geist BWV 652

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

ACOLYTE CAPTAIN RECOGNITION AND DAVID F. LAU SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

* *Please rise in body or spirit at the ringing of the tower bell.*

* **INTROIT FOR PENTECOST**

Come, Holy Spirit

Marilyn Biery

*Veni Sancte Spiritus; Come, Holy Spirit;
Ven, Espiritu Santo; Láí ba, shéngling*

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Jasmine Smart

In the beginning, the Spirit from God blew over the face
of the waters,
And God called to Moses from a burning bush,
Jesus breathed peace on the disciples,
And the Spirit of God, like flames, rested on all who gathered
in the Upper Room.
So God's Spirit moves among us this day.

Let us worship God.

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 280**

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Jasmine Smart

Holy God,
Holy Breath, Wind, Flame, Spirit:
Set our hearts on fire.
Burn off all that is dry and lifeless, refine us like gold
and grow us anew.
Let your Spirit dance within our spirits,
uprooting us when we have been unmoved
and refreshing all that is stale in our lives.
Breathe on us your peace
that we will share that peace with all we meet.

* **KYRIE**

Kyrie eleison

Paul Hillebrand, Kevin Keil

Soloist; All

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Chris - te, e -

Soloist; All

le - i son. Ky - rie - e, e - le - i - son.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Jasmine Smart

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God's Spirit did not leave us after that first Pentecost. The Spirit is still with us, empowering us to know mercy and grace, forgiveness and service. In this Spirit, to the glory of God, and through Christ, we proclaim the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

Alleluia, amen!

* ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen.

WORD

WORD WITH CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (9:00 a.m. only)

Sarah Ford

Following the Word with the Children, children and youth ages 4 through grade 8 will be dismissed for Sunday School.

INVITATION HYMN

Come Together, Come and Hear! (see top of next page)

Rev. Jasmine Smart (text); Marilyn Biery



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 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Dios Santo

Chant/ arr. M. Biery

Dios Santo, por el poder de tu Espíritu, revélanos hoy tu voluntad a través de tu palabra leída y proclamada. (Holy God, by the power of your Spirit, reveal your will to us today through your word, read and proclaimed.) Help us to understand your creative, redemptive, and consoling work, and lead us into the world, filled with your Spirit, to proclaim, baptize, and teach en el nombre de Jesucristo nuestro Señor. Amén. (in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-12, 38-39 (NT, page 119)

Elder Bob Heuer, 9:00 a.m.

The Word of the Lord.

Elder Lynda Wilds, 11:00 a.m.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN ANTHEM

Radiant Light, Love Divine

Piae Cantiones, 1582

The Chancel Choir will sing the first three verses, then all are welcome to join in singing, following the women/men/all instructions as indicated.



All: 1. Ra - diant light, Love di - vine,
Women: 2. Friend to poor, now come in!
Men: 3. Ho - ly Guide, wis - est, best,
Women: 4. All new birth comes from you,
Men: 5. Heal our wounds, Gen - tle One,
All: 6. Thank - ful praise we will sing,



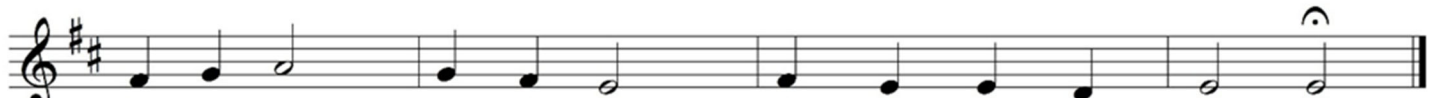
Gleam - ing ray, on us shine; Might - y wind, earth - ly sign
Heart's pure light, en - ter in! Soul's sweet guest, stay with - in!
And our most wel - come guest, Bring us joy, bring us rest,
All of life lives in you, Noth - ing thrives with - out you,
Mold our will, Car - ing One, Hearts ig - nite, Blaz - ing One,
Con - fi - dent that you bring Hope be - neath ten - der wing,



Of the Ho - ly Spir - it, Come down, Ho - ly Spir - it,
Great - est con - so - la - tion, Source of in - spi - ra - tion,
Come, O Light most bless - ed! Fill our hearts, most bless - ed!
Great - est con - so - la - tion, Source of all cre - a - tion!
Come down, Ho - ly Spir - it, Fill us, Ho - ly Spir - it.
Come now, Ho - ly Spir - it, En - ter, Gra - cious Spir - it!



All: Fire of love, love, love, Breath of life, life, life,



Fire of love, breath of life, Come down, Ho - ly Spir - it!

SERMON

A Rush of Wind

Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

* HYMN 285

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

BRIDEGROOM

(Please be seated after the hymn.)

THANKSGIVING

CALL TO OFFERING AND DEDICATION

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

Our giving is an offering to God. All offerings are part of our worship of God and are used to support the Kirk's ministry. Text "KITH" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

OFFERTORY

Come Down, O Love Divine

William H. Harris

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardour glowing; O Comforter draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight and clothe me round, the while my path illumining.

Let holy charity mine outward venture be, and lowliness become mine inner clothing: true lowliness of heart, which takes the humblest part, and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling. Amen.

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him* all creatures here below;
Praise him* above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

** or God*

PRAYER

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RECOGNITION

Sarah Ford, Rev. Dr. Edwin Estevez

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (and The Lord's Prayer at 11:00 a.m.)

Rev. Dr. Philip J. Reed

**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 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.**

SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 277 **Hail Thee, Festival Day!** SALVE FESTA DIES
(We will sing stanzas 1, 3, and 5, noting that today we sing the Pentecost text for stanza 1)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION *(seated)*

CHORAL RESPONSE **Peace of God Be With You** *Arabic greeting*
Assalaamu lakum. (Peace of God be with you.)

POSTLUDE **Gott, Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist BWV 667** *J. S. Bach*

INFORMATION ON TODAY'S SERVICES

About the Music: The Pentecost Introit was written in 2025 by Marilyn Biery for today's service. The choir recites a mantra on the Latin text *Veni, Sancte Spiritus*, while three soloists sing *Come, Holy Spirit* in English, Spanish and Chinese.

The Prayer for Illumination is a bilingual prayer taken from the *Book of Common Worship* published by the Presbyterian Church USA and set to a traditional Gregorian Chant (for the 12th Sunday in Ordinary time) by Marilyn Biery.

The PERSONENT HODIE tune, which is in our hymnal to a Christmas text, was originally published in the *Piae Cantiones*, a collection of medieval Latin songs, in 1582. It is believed to be of medieval origin, with a similar melody found in a German manuscript from 1360. Marilyn Biery asked Latin expert Maryann Corbett (St. Paul, MN) for a translation of the *Veni, Sancte Spiritus* text (*Come, Holy Spirit*), a 13th century Latin poem which is sung or recited on Pentecost Sunday in the Catholic liturgy; Marilyn worked from Maryann's translation to create a text to fit this tune.

Sir William Henry Harris (1883 – 1973) was an English organist, and composer whose works were written in the Anglican tradition. Between 1923 and 1953 Harris served as a professor of organ and harmony at the Royal College of Music. He was also president of the Royal College of Organists (1946–8), and director of musical studies at the Royal School of Church Music (1956–61).

The choral response is a traditional Arabic greeting with music written by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan in 2004. It can be found in our hymnal, #448.

Musicians: Trinity Green, Jamie Jurado and May Wang, soloists; Marilyn Biery, conductor; James Biery, organist.

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Meet Our Membership Coordinator! Stop by the Visitor's Table in the Narthex after service to say hello to our Membership Coordinator, Mercy Adams. If this is your first visit to the Kirk, Mercy would love to meet you and answer all your questions about being a member. If you're interested, she can sign you up for one of our upcoming New Member Classes.

Camera and Phone Usage Guidelines: Out of respect for your fellow worshipers and those leading worship, we kindly ask you to silence cellphones and other communication devices and to refrain from taking photos or video during worship. Recordings of past worship services and other sanctuary events are available at kirkinthehills.org/worship/past-messages.