



May 28, 2023 – Livestream  
Pentecost Sunday

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunil Kotian

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

*Alleluia*

W.A. Mozart  
North's Winds, John Hague, director

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God declares, "I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

**People: Then, everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

**People: like a fierce wind to demolish all barriers between us.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

**People: like a flame to kindle the fire of your love in us.**

\*OPENING HYMN #539

*O Spirit of the Living God*

***O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,***

***descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine.***

***Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;***

***till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.***

***Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free***

***from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.***

***Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal,***

***to preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.***

***Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear,***

***the language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear;***

***till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one,***

***and earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.***

***So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save;***

***so shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave;***

***and earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole;***

***till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!***

BAPTISMAL COVENANT II

Hymnal pg. 39

Alika Naomi Nyaveh Lengar, Imani Grace Lengar and Jonathan Malik Kobe Lengar III  
Children of Sarah and Jonathan Lengar

#2249

*God Claims You*

refrain (2x)

***Blessed children, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.***

Commendation and Welcome

#2249

*God Claims You*

refrain

***Blessed children, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.***

OPENING PRAYER

**God of everlasting love, send your Spirit  
to all who long for you,  
to break down the barriers of fear  
and to build up a people of peace,  
for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Hymn to the Holy Spirit*

C. Courtney

Thou, O Christ, who came to kindle, now ignite us with Thy fire;  
while the earth resists Thy burning, with Thy passion us inspire.  
Overcome our sinful calmness, make us know our share of blame.  
Baptize with Thy fiery Spirit, crown our lives with tongues of flame!

Thou who in Thy holy purpose wills that we should truly live.  
Grant us grace to be Thy servants, our tranquility forgive.  
Teach us courage as we struggle in all liberating strife.  
Shame the smallness of our vision by Thine own abundant life.

Thou who does a sword deliver rather than a placid peace.  
By Thy sharpened word disturb us, from complacency, release!  
Save us from our satisfaction when we personally are free  
Yet are undisturbed in spirit by our neighbor's misery! Amen!

\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Veni, Sanctus Spiritus*

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,  
send the heavenly  
radiance of your light.

**People: Come, Parent of the poor,  
come, Giver of gifts,  
come, Light of the heart.**

Leader: Greatest comforter,  
sweet guest of the soul,  
sweet refresher:  
in labor, rest,  
in heat, relief,  
in tears, refuge.

**People: O most blessed light,  
fill the inmost heart  
of your faithful.**

Leader: Without your Spirit,

there is nothing in us,  
nothing that is harmless.

**People: Cleanse what is unclean,  
water what is dry,  
heal what is wounded,  
bend what is rigid,  
warm what is cold,  
correct what goes astray.**

Leader: Give to your faithful,  
those who trust in you,  
the sevenfold gifts.

**People: Grant the reward of virtue,  
grant the deliverance of salvation,  
grant eternal joy. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brandon Wallace

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

<sup>3b</sup> No one can say Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. <sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

<sup>7</sup> A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. <sup>8</sup> To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. <sup>9</sup> The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. <sup>10</sup> The Spirit gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. The Spirit gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. <sup>11</sup> It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. God alone decides which gift each person should have.

<sup>12</sup> The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PRAYER #2123

*Loving Spirit*

v.1-3, 5

***Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be—  
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.***

***Like a mother you enfold me, hold my life within your own,  
feed me with your very body, form me of your flesh and bone.***

***Like a father you protect me, teach me the discerning eye,  
hoist me up upon your shoulder, let me see the world from high.***

***Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be—  
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Amy Sell

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE #143

*On Eagle's Wings*

***And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Brandon Wallace

OFFERTORY

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

arr. D. Boone  
North's Winds, John Hague, director

\*DOXOLOGY #94

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

\*GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-23

<sup>19</sup> That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. <sup>20</sup> As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! <sup>21</sup> Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Holy Locksmith*

Darren Cushman Wood

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #2117

*Spirit of God*

***Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin,  
blow as you always do; create us anew.  
Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing,  
held in your hands, borne on your wings.***

**Refrain: Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!**

***Spirit of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and love,  
healing upon your wings for all living things.  
For when we live your peace, captives will find release,  
held in your hands, borne on your wings. [Refrain]***

***Spirit of God, bright Hands, even in far off lands  
you hold all the human race in one warm embrace.  
No matter where we go, you hold us together so,  
held in your hands, borne on your wings. [Refrain]***

***Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in your holy name,  
the power to heal, to share your love everywhere.  
We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at all,  
held in your hands, borne on your wings. [Refrain]***

***Spirit of God in all, we gladly hear your call,  
the life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings.  
Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes,  
held in your hands, borne on your wings. [Refrain]***

\*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire*

arr. P. L. Wright

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God by James and Heidi Horton.*

### This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*  
Sunil Kotian, *Pastor of Mission & Outreach*  
Amy Sell, *Minister of Discipleship & Formation*  
Brandon Wallace, *Minister of Youth & Young Adults*  
John Hague, James Horton, and Allen McCormack, *Audio Visual*  
Mark Gilgallon, *Music Director*  
Heather Hinton, *Organist*

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### Upcoming Events

King's Island Youth Trip, Tuesday, June 6  
Indy Pride Parade and Festival, Saturday, June 10  
North Declaration Reflections, Sundays, June 4-June 25, noon  
Youth Mission Trip to Gulf Coast (Hurricane Relief), June 17-23

