



ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 31, 2020

Pentecost

**We are a church where Jesus the healer meets Jesus the revolutionary,
and where together, we grow a just and peaceful world.**

Gathering Music

Betsy Stelzer, Accompanist

Welcome

Rev. Kelly Wadsworth

Christ is Risen.

Christ is Risen, indeed.

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Joe Mitter

Opening Songs

Holy, Holy, Holy (Santo, Santo, Santo)

Hymn #793

There's A Spirit In The Air

Hymn #294

Led by Betsy Stelzer

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Liturgist

When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were thunderstruck. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?"

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites;

Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia,

Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,

Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene;

Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes;

Even Cretans and Arabs!

"They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"

Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?"

Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."

That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk—it's only nine o'clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

“In the Last Days,” God says, “I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people:
Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters;
Your young men will see visions, your old men dream dreams.
When the time comes, I’ll pour out my Spirit
On those who serve me, men and women both, and they’ll prophesy.
I’ll set wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below,
Blood and fire and billowing smoke, the sun turning black and the moon blood-red,
Before the Day of the Lord arrives, the Day tremendous and marvelous;
And whoever calls out for help to me, God, will be saved.”

Sermon Rev. Kelly Wadsworth

Prayers of the People

Offering Testimony Stewardship Team

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Offering Prayer

Offering Music *I’m Beginning To See The Light*
by Duke Ellington, Don George, Johnny Hodges and Harry James
Grand Music Corp, 1944

Closing Prayer/Announcements

Closing Song

Benediction

Hospitality Hour