



**Stone Church of Willow Glen -  
Presbyterian Church (USA)  
San José, California**

**May 28, 2023 - 9:30 a.m.  
Pentecost Sunday**

**The Preparation for the Word**

**Prelude**

*“O Spirit of Life”*

*David Cherwien (b. 1957)  
Barbara Vella, Organist*

**Welcome**

*The Rev. Irene Pak Lee, Associate Pastor*

**Choral Introit**

*“Spirit Come Down” (intro)*

*Mark Hayes (b. 1953)  
Stone Church Chancel Choir; Nancy Kromm, Director*

**Call to Worship**

*Steven Graham, Liturgist*

*On this day, may Grace’s breath shatter the shutters of our hearts.*

**On this day, may we step out of our fears to welcome the new life gifted to us.**

*Here, in the midst of our siblings of every age and place, may our souls be enflamed by justice’s Spirit.*

**As we catch a glimpse of the dreams of those around us, as we listen to the voices of the oppressed in every language.**

*In the days to come, may we speak of God’s love and the Spirit’s peace for all.*

**So that people will find a community awaiting them, even for those rejected by everyone else.**

*Let us worship God!*

**\*Opening Hymn #129**

*“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”*

1

*Come, O Spirit, dwell among us,  
Come with Pentecostal power;  
Give the church a stronger vision,  
Help us face each crucial hour.  
Built upon a firm foundation,  
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,  
Still the church is called to mission  
That God's love shall be made known.*

2

*We would raise our alleluias  
For the grace of yester-years;  
For tomorrow's unknown pathway,  
Hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.  
In the church's pilgrim journey  
You have led us all the way,  
Still in presence move before us,  
Fire by night and cloud by day.*

3

*Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;  
Give us words of fire and flame.  
Help our feeble lips to praise You,  
Glorify Your holy name.  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Three in one: what mystery!  
We would sing our loud hosannas  
Now and through eternity.*

**Call to Confession**

*On the day of the first Pentecost, the messengers of God were miraculously able to speak in different languages. The profound nature of this miracle is found not in their ability to speak in different languages, but in the gift to those gathered, that they were able to hear the message in their very own tongue. They were made one reconciled people, unified, but not uniform. They were diverse in country of origin, culture, and language, and they were one. Let us then, a diverse people, come together in confession. Let us confess the ways in which we forget and/or work against God's design for the unified, but never uniform, body of Christ. Let us pray...*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not always make space for your diverse peoples or diverse ideas. We do not always proclaim your good news for the poor and oppressed. We do not always live as people made one in Christ.**

**Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our limited lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, committed to doing your will. We pray this in the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

*Siblings 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, and through Christ, we proclaim the Good News:*

**We are forgiven Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*Gloria**            *“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” (582 GTG)*  
**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**  
**World without end, without end. Amen.**  
**World without end, without end. Amen.**  
**World without end, without end. Amen.**  
**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**\*The Passing of the Peace**  
*The Peace of Christ be with you.*  
**And also with you.**

### **Graduate Recognition Class of 2023**

*Ainsley Bateman, Alex Coleman, Riley Gustafson, Abbey Hughes,  
Julia Kiplinger, Kelsey Lax, Logan Lord, Morgan Lord, Jordan Ryan*

### **We Listen To God’s Word**

#### **The First Lesson**                            *Micah 6:1-3, 8 (O.T., p. 866)*

*Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.*

*‘O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?’*

**Anthem**    *“Spirit Come Down”*    *Mark Hayes (b. 1953)*

#### **Confirmation & the Sacrament of Baptism**

*Neil Coleman, Emiko Easton, Isaac Miller, Ella Priedium*

#### **Presentation of Confirmands**

*Nina Mundi, Ruling Elder  
Neil Coleman, Emiko Easton, Isaac Miller, and Ella Priedium*

#### **Questions to the Confirmands**

*Rev. Irene Pak Lee*

*Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?*

*Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word, and showing his love?*

*And now, having publicly professed your faith, will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Will you?*

#### **Question to Confirmation Mentors**

*Rosaleen Zisch*

*Malia Clark, Jeremy Easton, Chris Nilson, Kathleen Oliver*

*Friends, you have committed to walk with these young people in their Confirmation journey and beyond. You’ve gotten to know them and develop relationships with them. Do you promise, through prayer and example, to continue to support and encourage **Neil, Emi, Isaac, and Ella** on their journey of faith?*

#### **Question for the Congregation**

*Nina Mundi*

*Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these young people, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church? **We do.***

**Prayer & Welcome**

**The Second Lesson**

*Acts 2:1-21 (N.T., p. 119)*

*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 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, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 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—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’*

*But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men 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: “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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”*

**Sermon**

*“Bold, Banned, and Beautiful”*

*The Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow*

**We Respond to the Good News**

**Call for the Offering**

**Offertory**

*“Down Ampney”*

*Richard Popplewell (1935-2016)  
Judy West, liturgical dancer*

**\*Dedication of the People and Their Gifts Hymn #592**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost.***

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## We Go Out in God's Name

### \*Closing Hymn #132

*"Come, Great God of All the Ages"*

1 Come, great God of all the ages,  
Make Your earthly mission known;  
Speak through every deed and person,  
Let Your way and will be shown.  
Guide the church to true commitment,  
Give direction now, we ask;  
Fit us for the work of building,  
Dedicate us to the task.

3 Come, great Spirit, in and with us,  
Tune our ears to hear Your call;  
Through the moving of Your presence.  
Let redeeming love recall  
Ministry in dedication,  
Love embodied in our deeds;  
Challenge us to do Your bidding,  
See Your purpose, fill all needs.

2  
Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit,  
Sure foundation, cornerstone,  
Help us form the church eternal,  
May Your vision be our own.  
Send a message to each follower,  
Lead all people to Your way;  
Urge us to strong faith and action  
As we build the church today.

4  
Come, O come, in celebration,  
Household of the one true God.  
In commitment and rejoicing  
Let us go where Christ has trod;  
As we act in faith and reverence.  
Let us, Lord, the future see;  
Place us in the church triumphant,  
Now and for eternity.

### \*Charge and Benediction

#### Choral Postlude

*"In That Great Gettin' Up Morning"*

*Jester Hairston (1901-2000)  
Derk Johnson, soloist*

### \*Those who are able may stand.

Original bulletin art created by Willow Glen Artist **Lynden Keith Johnson**.

**Artist Note:** Looking through our present to the future.

### Thank You...

**ASL** ~ Amberle Walsh

**Sound** ~ Marion Lee

**Deacon Greeter** ~ Kathleen Oliver

**Zoom** ~ Andrew Clark

**Ushers** ~ Sheri Cunningham & Karen Wessels

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*The Stone Church of Willow Glen acknowledges that the land on which we worship  
this morning is the unceded land of the Muwekma Ohlone people.*

During May, the **Personnel & Administration Committee** and **Stephen Ministers**  
are serving coffee & refreshments after worship. All are invited!

**Our next Membership Inquiry Luncheon will be in November;  
if you're interested, please contact [irene\\_pak@stonechurch.org](mailto:irene_pak@stonechurch.org)**

**Welcome Guests and Visitors!** We hope you already feel at home among us here at Stone Church. Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in the Social Hall and on the patio after worship. We welcome the sound of any little ones during worship, but if your baby (age 0-3) gets too wiggly for you; you may take them to the Nursery, located in the hallway between the Sanctuary & the Social Hall. It's open each Sunday for children ages 0-3 during worship, and ages 0-up during Adult Ed classes (11-Noon).

**Children’s Sunday School** – Children attend worship with their families, and then leave for classes after the children’s sermon. Please pick up preschool children from Room A at 10:50. All other children are released at that time as well.

**Our Guest Preacher** today is The Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow, a native to Northern California, who has served 5 churches in the Bay Area. In 2008, he was elected as the Moderator for the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly held here in San Jose. Bruce is an active speaker and writer on topics of faith, culture, race, parenting, and technology. He has an active online presence; and can be found on most social networks: <https://linktr.ee/breyeschow>

**The Flowers on the Retable** are in loving memory of Ida & Bruce Raby’s son, David Alan, and in honor of Pentecost.

**Narthex Flowers** – Hazel James loved roses and these flowers in the Narthex are to honor her memory.

**Graduate Recognition Today!** – We will recognize our 2023 High School graduates. See the insert for more information on these bright students and their plans, as well as our college graduates.

**Pentecost Offering Collected Today** - This is one of the 4 PCUSA nation-wide special offerings, which helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people. Forty percent of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. An envelope for today’s collection is provided in the bulletin.

**Adult Ed Today** – (11 am Sanctuary/Zoom) Please join us to experience how PACT—People Acting in Community Together ([www.pactsj.org](http://www.pactsj.org))—develops leaders to solve some of our community’s most pressing problems. This PACT Action titled “Housing Is Sacred” is a gathering where community leaders describe the personal impact of the housing crisis and work, with City Councilmember Peter Ortiz, toward solutions that benefit us all. Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow opens this multi-faith, multicultural gathering with a Faith Reflection that names why we are called to this work.

**Congregational Meeting Next Week** – Following worship **next week (6/4)**, stay to nominate and elect Elders and Deacons (class of 2026) to serve as officers of the church for the next 3 years; as well as members of the Nominating Committee (class of 2025). Committee annual reports will be available as well.

**An Invitation to All Women of Stone Church** - Presbyterian Women (PW) will hold its Annual Picnic/Salad Luncheon on **Sat, June 10<sup>th</sup>** (12 noon - 2 p.m.) in Maureen Searing’s backyard (1460 Dry Creek Road). Please bring a salad to share. Drinks and dessert will be provided. RSVP to Maureen (408-264-3505, [mosearing@gmail.com](mailto:mosearing@gmail.com)). Representatives of the Santa Clara County Public Health Nurses will join and give an update on their work since we saw them last June. Target of \$25 will be collected for the nurses to use with their clients. The PW *Birthday Offering* will be received as well. Please join us for lunch and conversation.

**Salads of Summer** – Help us celebrate the beginning of summer with our annual Salads of Summer potluck after worship on **Sun, June 11<sup>th</sup>** (sponsored by M&C). Fresh summer produce is perfect in tasty salads, and you can’t beat summertime favorites like potato and macaroni salad. Sign up today and next week after worship and bring your favorite salad to share on June 11. As always, because we are committed to being a green church, please bring your own plates and cutlery.

**Vacation Church School – Invite your Friends! Mon Jun 19<sup>th</sup> through Fri Jun 23<sup>rd</sup>** (8:45am-12pm). Your children will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they “get on a roll with God” at our Food Truck themed Vacation Church School week. They will become Chefs and discover how we can turn to God in prayer every day to meet our needs and how we can join God in providing for the needs of others. Children 5 years - 5<sup>th</sup> grade can participate in VCS week. Contact

Mary Jo Blazek for information ([maryjo\\_blazek@stonechurch.org](mailto:maryjo_blazek@stonechurch.org)). VCS is open to your children's friends too, let them know there is still time to enroll.

**Mary Jo's Retirement Party** will be on Fri, June 16<sup>th</sup> (6:30–8pm). Celebrate Mary Jo's upcoming retirement and her 15 years of working at Stone Church. We'll enjoy an ice cream sundae bar, as well as a program focusing on our beloved Church School Administrator. You can RSVP/Sign-up after worship today or email the office with the number of people attending. ([office\\_manager@stonechurch.org](mailto:office_manager@stonechurch.org)). If you would like to help with the event, please let Irene know ([Irene\\_pak@stonechurch.org](mailto:Irene_pak@stonechurch.org)).

**PW's Hudspeth's Trust** is again offering scholarships for college bound students. Applications are available in the office (PW mailbox), or for a digital copy, contact the office ([office\\_manager@stonechurch.org](mailto:office_manager@stonechurch.org)). Please contact Nanci Eksterowicz ([nancigrace@comcast.net](mailto:nancigrace@comcast.net), 408-887-2965) if you have questions. **The application deadline is July 15<sup>th</sup>**. US mail applications to PW of Stone Church, 1937 Lincoln Ave, SJ 95125 or email [nancigrace@comcast.net](mailto:nancigrace@comcast.net).

**Meals for the Easton Family** – The Deacon's need more meal volunteers for the Easton family. Stephanie is battling stage-3 colon cancer and will finish chemo mid-June (yay!!). Many folks have brought food since January, but many spots are open through June. Along with their friends, we're trying to provide meals 3 times a week; if you don't cook, think about ordering from Door Dash and having it delivered! To sign up, click the link below or copy it to your browser. The Easton's are **extremely grateful** for all the support they are receiving from our church.  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Ay2WSeQK1GyX1\\_idULG0FzeSaC0038\\_QyAkwsKnv1ow/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Ay2WSeQK1GyX1_idULG0FzeSaC0038_QyAkwsKnv1ow/edit?usp=sharing)

**May 28 – June 4, 2023**

**Sunday (5/28)**      **Happy Birthday, Rev. Irene**  
 8:30 - 9am      Choir Practice - SA  
 9:30 - 10:30am      Worship - SA & Zoom  
 10:30 - 11am      Coffee Fellowship - Patio  
 10:45 - 11:45am      PNC - Room 5  
 11am - 12pm      Adult Ed - SA & Zoom

**Monday (5/29)**      **Memorial Day – Office Closed**

**Tuesday (5/30)**

**Wednesday (5/31)**  
 4:15 - 6:45pm      Vivace - SH  
 7:30 - 9pm      Choir Rehearsal - SH

**Thursday (6/1)**  
 10 - 11am      Emerald Circle - Zoom  
 6 - 8pm      Vivace (SATB) - SA  
 6 - 7:30pm      Vivace (SATB) - SH

**Friday (6/2)**

**Saturday (6/3)**  
 9:30am – 11:30am      Choir Rehearsal - SH/SA

**Next Sunday (6/4)**  
 8:30 - 9am      Choir Practice - SA  
 9:30 - 10:30am      Worship & Communion - SA  
 10:30 - 11am      Coffee Fellowship - Patio  
 10:30 - 11am      Congregational Meeting - SA  
 10:45 - 11:45am      PNC - Room 5  
 11am - 12pm      Adult Ed - SA & Zoom

<b>The Elders of the Session</b>		
Clerk of Session ~ Deborah Crim		
Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Bob Cole	Fran Basso	Jeremy Easton
Derk Johnson	Carter Edwards	Donna Erickson
Emily Meacham	Gary Fritz	Carrie Giorgianni
Nina Mundi	Meredith Hurley	Mel Goertz
Fred Oliver	Barbara Krause	Chris Lee
Kathy Stark	Brad Tips	Jeff Mattan
<b>The Board of Deacons</b>		
Moderator ~ Angie Davidson		
Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Tim Collins	Michele Edwards	Nancy Bell
Angie Davidson	Morgan Lord	Gail Chaid
Nanci Eksterowicz	Wendy Lord	Sheri Cunningham
Sue Evans	Kathleen Oliver	Janice Goertz
Julia Kiplinger	Nancy Paul	Chris Nilson
	Jenny Pichon	Laraine Pitcher
	Maureen Searing	

**Late MAY Birthdays** – (28<sup>th</sup>) Irene Pak Lee; (30<sup>th</sup>) Catherine Othick.

**Late MAY Anniversaries** - Deborah Crim & Walter Hudson (5/28/1972); Rhonda & Bill Lakatos (5/29/1971).

**Eatly JUNE Birthdays** - (2<sup>nd</sup>) Isabel Jaffer; (3<sup>rd</sup>) Glenn Van Den Bosch; (4<sup>th</sup>) Barbara Arata.

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