



First Congregational Church of Reno

God is
Still
Speaking



First Congregational Church of Reno
An Open and Affirming Congregation of the
United Church of Christ

Pentecost Sunday
May 28, 2023 – 10:00 AM

- ❖ *Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available. Connect with an Usher if needed.*
- ❖ *Please note that this service is taped and will be broadcast on our website, Facebook, and YouTube.*
- ❖ *References to God in traditional prayers, readings, and hymns in our worship may sometimes be gender specific. As we pray and sing together, you are invited to substitute terms that reflect your understanding of the full inclusiveness of the spirit of God.*

Asterisk () indicates when those who are able are invited to stand.*

Gathering in God's Presence

PRELUDE AND TIME OF CENTERING *We use this time to make the transition between 'getting here' and 'being here.' Take these few minutes during the prelude to silently get in touch with the calm, still, deep places in you. Center and be aware of being at peace and being loved in this community.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE (Please greet those nearest you)

***GATHERING MUSIC**

"Let Your Spirit Come"

SING! 17

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Nathan DeArman

One: In a world dry and thirsty Living Water flows;

Many: In a world fainting and breathless Divine Wind blows;

One: In a world cold and dark, Spirit's Flame glows; Spirit has always been here, and we open our awareness to perceive her and receive her.

Many: Spirit is here! We give thanks and celebrate!

***HYMN**

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

NCH 267

***PRAYER of INVOCATION (Unison)**

Divine Mystery, your breath fills the universe and makes it alive. We praise you, Divine Life, for the gift of Spirit. Your love blows through all creation and makes it one. We praise you, Divine Lover, for the gift of Spirit. Your presence fills every corner, your voice fills every silence, and your heartbeat lives within every living thing; We praise you, Divine Presence, for the gift of Spirit. Amen!

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** **"Glory to the Creator"** **NCH 759**

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING **Acts 2:1-21** **NT 102-103**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM **"Steal Away"** **Chancel Choir Men**

SERMON **"Inside or Outside?"** **Rev. Dr. Kate Lambertson**

Responding as God's People

CALL TO PRAYER **"Spirit of the Living God"** **NCH 283**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

RESPONSE TO PRAYER **"Spirit of the Living God"** **NCH 283**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

GATHERING OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

***PRESENTATION** **Doxology** **NCH 785**

*We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

O God, on this day of Pentecost we celebrate your Spirit so freely given and so powerfully active within the church. As that Spirit moves in our midst, may she inspire us towards generosity and fire us with an energy to serve others. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

NCH 286

***BENEDICTION**

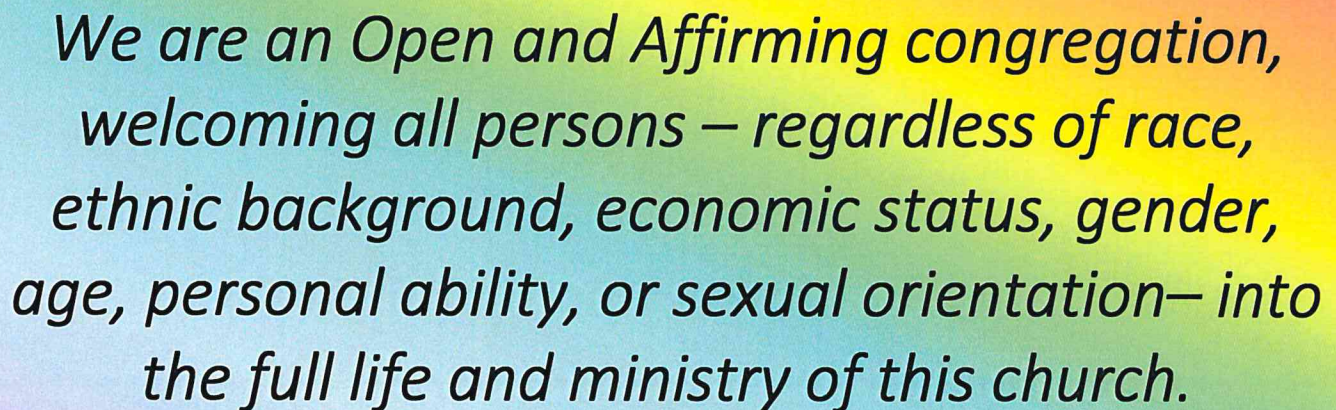
GOING FORTH

"Go Out Now in Peace"

SING! 212

POSTLUDE

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*We are an Open and Affirming congregation,
welcoming all persons – regardless of race,
ethnic background, economic status, gender,
age, personal ability, or sexual orientation– into
the full life and ministry of this church.*

Acts 2:1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.² 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.³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?”⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ 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.¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘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.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s
great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
shall be saved.’



THE LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY, May 28	Sunday Worship Service	10:00 am
MONDAY, May 29	MEMORIAL DAY – Church Office Closed	
WEDNESDAY, May 31	Adult Christian Education, Annex	10:00 am
THURSDAY, June 1	End-of-Season Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary	7:00 pm
FRIDAY, June 2	Men's Prayer Group (weekly, Chism Chapel)	6:30 am

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SUNDAY, June 4	New Member Orientation Session, Manley Room	2:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, June 7	Jr. and Sr. Youth Groups – Year-end Gathering	6:30 pm
SUNDAY, June 11	Church Worship & Picnic, Rancho San Rafael Park	10:00 am
SUNDAY, June 18	Reception of new members, Sanctuary	During Worship

Leaders Among Us

<i>Thank You!</i>	Today (5/28)	Next Sunday (6/4)
Greeters	Christine DeArman Jim Smith	Jochen Ditterich Paul Schellhardt
Head Usher	Paul Schellhardt	Christine DeArman
Liturgist	Nathan DeArman	Katherine McCall
Counters	Carolyn Collins John Collins	Katherine McCall June Thomas
Refreshments		Deacons

Deacons of the Month: Lynn Arnone, Jim Christie (May); Rene Biondo, Merrill Becht (June)

Sound Technicians: Don Busick, Harold Lambertson, Jimmy Kirkpatrick, Alex Kiser; Church Photographer: Meredyth Busick

Our Staff

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What's Up? May 28, 2023

Coming Up!

☞ Sunday, June 4th – next Sunday, at 2:00 pm, First Congregational Church will offer a new member orientation session in the Manley Room. If you wish to make your commitment more formal or if you just desire more information about this church, we invite you to attend this session. Please feel free to call or email Pastor Kate if you have any questions.



☞ Sunday, June 11th – We are excited and looking forward to our worship service and picnic coming up. This will take place at the Chinese Pagoda Pavilion at Rancho San Rafael Park. There is an information board and a sign-up sheet in the narthex where you can let us know if you will be attending and also what side dish you will be bringing.



☞ Sunday, July 16th – 2:00 to 4:00 pm, our church will be presenting a variety show (part of Artown). As there is room for more artists, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. And, if you have any questions, contact Jim Smith at 775-247-2032 or bfluep@spectrum.net.



Something New in the Pew!

In our pews, behind the Prayer Cards, we have placed Offering Envelopes if you prefer to use an envelope to enclose your offering gifts.



Are You Interested?

There are a couple of raised bed gardens available (east of the CE Building) if anyone is interested. Please let Rick Odynski know if you would like to test out your green thumb in one of them.