

Mendocino Presbyterian Church

Our Vision Statement

We are God's Love by:

- Feeding those in need • Singing with the joyful
- Comforting the sick and the suffering
- Listening to those who want a voice • Walking in companionship with Jesus



**Sunday May 19, 2024
Christ's Church Begins - Today
The Day of Pentecost**

THE GATHERING

- PRELUDE *Come Down, O Perfect Love* Matthew Leach
- RINGING OF THE BELL
- WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder Robert Scott
- CENTERING PRAYER
- INTROIT *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* MPC Choir
dir. Elizabeth Vrenios
- * CALL TO WORSHIP Elder Sally Swan
Worship is a way for us to show our love to God. It's a way for us to thank our Creator for all of the blessings we are given. We worship because we want to glorify God and show how much we care about what our Redeemer and Savior has done in our lives. We worship because it is a way of saying, "I love you." We worship because it is a way of saying, "Thank You."
- *OPENING HYMN FOR THE CALLING 329 *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us* Jack Leung
- CALL TO CONFESSION Elder Robert Scott
- *PRAYER OF CONFESSION Elder Robert Scott
God of the Universe and Creator of all that has ever been, is now, and shall ever be, we admit to You that we fail to be honest about our lives and in the politics of life. Lord, sometimes we are deceitful; other times, we judge ourselves harshly, and feel unworthy of Your call on our lives. Please touch us with Your Grace and dispel our fear, that we may arise with renewed spirits to serve You, our true and only Sovereign. Amen.
- * DECLARATION OF GOD'S LOVE Elder Robert Scott
- *CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 734 *Gloria Patri* (Glory Be to the Father)

*Please stand if you are able.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostles' Creed

Elder Robert Scott

"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator and Master of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord and Savior, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried;

He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.

From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen."

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

...and also with you.

GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Robert Scott

*HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION 325 *Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Genesis 1:2

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form, and void; and the darkness was on the face of the deep. And the

SPIRIT OF GOD was hovering over the face of the waters.

as read by Deacon Kersti Stoen, in Swedish

1 Samuel 10:6-7

⁶Then the **SPIRIT OF THE LORD** will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man.

⁷And let it be, when these signs come to you, that you do as the occasion demands; for GOD is with you.

as read by Elder Elizabeth Vrenios, in French

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Joel 2: 28-29 (son of Samuel)

"And afterward, I will pour out ***MY SPIRIT*** on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. ²⁹ Even on My servants, both men and women, I will pour out ***MY SPIRIT*** in those days."

as read by Elder Morgan Daniel, in Spanish

ANTHEM

Give Me The Love BUTLER

MPC Choir
dir. Elizabeth Vrenios

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READINGS:

John 14:15 The Promise of the Holy Spirit

"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father and He will give you another Advocate to help you and be with you forever - the ***SPIRIT OF TRUTH***. The World cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him, nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you."

"But the Advocate, the ***HOLY SPIRIT***, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

as read by Deacon Petra Schulte in German

Book of Acts 2:1- 4 The Day of Pentecost

"When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the ***HOLY SPIRIT*** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."

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Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. This is what was spoken by the prophet Joel.

as read by Elder Robert Scott in Border Scots

SERMON

***“So What Does Pentecost Mean to Us Today,
21 Centuries Later? It Means a Whole Lot!
Sharing the Gospel is Now Up to Me and to You”***

Elder Robert Scott

OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering
Offering & Dedication of Gifts
Offertory
Receiving of the Offering
Doxology

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Elder Wendell Rickon

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THE SENDING

*HYMN FOR THE CHARGE 329 *Come O Spirit Dwell Among Us*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Elder Robert Scott

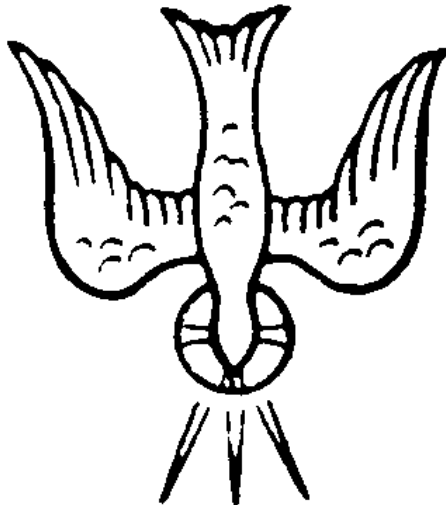
BLESSING

Amen

MPC Choir

POSTLUDE

Jack Leung



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**LOOKING INTO THE LECTIONARY – An excerpt from:
*The Presbytery Outlook: Pentecost Sunday — May 19, 2024***

Teri McDowell Ott considers Acts 2 in light of the Tower of Babel.
Perhaps the gift of Pentecost is the cure for a lonely world, she writes.

Acts 2:1-21

“Power-hungry people seeking to make a name for themselves, building a tower to heaven, acting as if they are God. Chaos. Confusion. Division. This Sunday’s lectionary calendar doesn’t include the tower of Babel in Genesis 11:1-11. But considering today’s divisions and disagreements, violent power grabs, the willful siloing behind lack of understanding or desire to understand, the borders and barbed wire, I think Babel should be juxtaposed with Acts 2:1-21 this Sunday. We are a scattered and increasingly disconnected people. We are living in a state of confusion and chaos.”

“...The Pentecost story in Acts is often called the Tower of Babel story reversed, bringing diverse people together. The Holy Spirit bestows the gift of understanding. The community of faith that we call the church is born. What a gift to celebrate! The miracle of Pentecost is the cure for the curse of Babel. Acts 2:1-21 is a beautiful reminder of God’s desire for us to be a people connected, to strengthen our sense of community, to understand and empathize with one another. My favorite part of the Pentecost narrative is how the people were given the ability to both speak and listen to those of different languages, cultures and customs. Conflict and disconnection often boil down to a lack of communication, or misunderstanding. Pentecost is the church’s annual reminder that the Holy Spirit not only calls us together but equips us to listen and learn from one another, to grow in understanding and empathy, to be God’s people and Christ’s church together.”

By: Teri McDowell Ott
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MPC “Wilderness Team of Ordinary Radicals” Wants to give a big thank you to the MPC Session & Congregation for supporting their mission service project to Ghost Ranch, New Mexico. The Wilderness team will be hosting a free pancake breakfast for the community at large on Sunday, May 26. Just as MPC gives their blessings to the wilderness youth team....the youth want to bless the community with a free Pancake Breakfast.




Rise and Shine,
It's Pancake Time!

Sunday, May 26
8am-11 am
44831 Main St.
Mendocino, CA

FREE
Pancake Breakfast

to support local students doing
Service Camp in New Mexico

Donations accepted

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