

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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POETRY AS PRAYER, PRAISE, AND PRESENCE **Pentecost 1 (June 05 - July 10)**

WHO WE ARE

We are a community grounded in the life and teachings of Jesus.

- We embrace an open approach to every spiritual journey.
- We ask questions together and value every voice.
- We strive for justice through service to the world.

We seek to be transformed by the path we walk together.

WE ARE A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION

We are a community embraced by the mystery of God's love for all creation.

We look for the Christ shining in every race, every child and family shape, every sexual orientation and gender identity, every physical and mental ability, every economic status, and every faith perspective. Within this dynamic community, we foster meaningful connections and experiences as we live into faith and face the issues of our time.

Together, we strive to live with loving hearts, open minds, and hands extended to all.

"... for all of you are one in Christ." – Gal. 3:2



We begin the service with two invocations. The definition of invocation is "the summoning of a deity or the supernatural." The Christian definition continues, "Typically, it invites and welcomes God's presence at an event or ceremony."

Some invocations are musical; we are using the sound of bells, a historic means of calling people to worship. Some invocations are spoken, as our first poem of the day by the twelfth-century mystic, Hildegard of Bingen. Her prayer-poem invokes the presence of the Holy Spirit, a representation of God that we celebrate during the season of Pentecost.

MUSICAL INVOCATION

WELCOME

Martin Morley, Director of Worship and Music

Please rise as you are able

POETIC INVOCATION

congregational parts in bold

Hildegard of Bingen

Holy Spirit, Comforting fire, Life of all creation,
**Anointing the sick, cleansing body and soul,
Fill this body!**

Holy Spirit, Sacred breath, Fire of love,
**Sweetest taste, Beautiful aroma,
Fill this heart!**

Holy Spirit, Filling the world, from the heights to the deep,
**Raining from clouds, filling rivers and sea,
Fill this mind!**

Holy Spirit, Forgiving and giving, uniting strangers, reconciling enemies,
**Seeking the lost, and enfolding us together,
Fill those gathered here!**

Holy Spirit, Bringing light into dark places, igniting praise,
Greatest gift, our Hope and Encourager,
Holy Spirit of Christ, I praise you! Amen.

Please be seated

L POETRY FROM A HYMN

congregational parts in bold

Shirley Erena Murray

The Spirit calls us, one and all
To share the gifts of life and light,
To know God's grace within this place,
To hear the Gospel's words aright:
**Gather to pray, to listen well,
Gather to give all we can give,
Gather to learn and to discern
The secrets of God's way to live!**

The Spirit sings, the Spirit brings
New zest, new vision, new design
For worlds at peace, for webs of care,
For work and worship to combine:
**Gather to pray, to listen well,
Gather to give all we can give,
Gather to learn and to discern
The secrets of God's way to live!**

The Spirit calls to us who fall
On stony tracks, on paths of pain,
Will hold us strong when life goes wrong,
Will set us free from sorrow's chain:

**Gather to pray, to listen well,
Gather to give all we can give,
Gather to learn and to discern
The secrets of God's way to live!**

The Spirit blazes through the waste
Of war and want, of tears and grief,
Inspires and fires us not to fail
In new commitment, new belief:

**Gather to pray, to listen well,
Gather to give all we can give,
Gather to learn and to discern
The secrets of God's way to live!**

POEM OF THE DAY

see bulletin insert

Pastor Dan Senter

TIME FOR REFLECTION

L SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY

see bulletin insert

POETRY FROM A HYMN

see bulletin insert

PRAYERS

PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC

COMMUNION/LABYRINTH WALK

L POETRY ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

Shirley Erena Murray

In the singing, in the silence,
In the hands expectant, open,
In the blessing, in the breaking,
In the Presence at this table –

Jesus Christ,
**Jesus Christ,
Be the wine of grace;**
Jesus Christ,
**Jesus Christ,
Be the bread of peace.**

In the question, in the answer,
In the moment of acceptance,
In the heart's cry, in the healing,
In the circle of your people –

Jesus Christ,
Jesus Christ,
Be the wine of grace;
Jesus Christ,
Jesus Christ,
Be the bread of peace.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

As part of our congregation's welcome to all, our communion elements are gluten-free and alcohol-free.

GATHERING IN COURTYARD/ANNOUNCEMENTS



Notes on writers of the poems printed in this bulletin:

Hildegard of Bingen [1098-1179] was a German Benedictine abbess who wrote music, poetry, and hymns long before such activities were considered appropriate for women. A mystic visionary, she wrote groundbreaking works on historical and medical topics, as well. Lutherans commemorate her on September 17.

Shirley Erena Murray [1931-2020] was a New Zealand poet who channeled her talent into writing lyrics for hymns. Her work was praised for its inclusive language and "the directness with which they (lyrics) confront contemporary issues." Martin Morley served with Shirley on the faculty of the Music and Worship Weeks in Montreat, North Carolina, in summer 1996, as clinicians for handbells and hymn writing. Shirley may or may not have learned anything about handbells, but Martin learned a LOT about hymn writing!

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FEEL FREE TO TAKE HOME YOUR WORSHIP INSERT**

Worship Insert

Our current Covid-19 guidelines make masking optional, but still highly recommended. Please distance your seating 6-10 feet from other individuals/family pods.

Leading Worship Today

Pastor: Dan Senter

Dir. of Worship & Music: Martin Morley

Liturgist: Ellen Peterson

Scripture: Galatians 5:1, 13-24

Choral Anthem

“All Things Work Together For Good”

by John Carter

(Second) Poetry from a Hymn (bulletin p. 3)

Celebrate the Good Creation

by Jann Aldredge-Clanton

Celebrate the good creation, all through the world,
Everyone in every nation, all through the world.

**Celebrate the Spirit flowing in each person ever-growing
Sacred image each is showing, all through the world.**

Celebrate all forms and races, all through the world.

Varied families, varied faces, all through the world.

Different forms of love are freeing all creation's ways of being,

Giving us new ways of seeing, all through the world.

Sisters, brothers, join in caring, all through the world,

Works of peace and justice daring, all through the world.

**Everywhere, exclusion healing, Sister-Brother Spirit feeling,
Open pathways now revealing, all through the world.**

“I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel To Be Free” -- Nina Simone

I wish I knew how
It would feel to be free
I wish I could break
All the chains holding me
I wish I could say
All the things that I should say
Say ‘em loud say ‘em clear
For the whole round world to hear

I wish I could share
All the love that’s in my heart
Remove all the bars
That keep us apart
I wish you could know
What it means to be me
Then you’d see and agree
That every man should be free

I wish I could give
All I’m longin’ to give
I wish I could live
Like I’m longin’ to live
I wish I could do
All the things that I can do
Though I’m way overdue
I’d be starting anew.

Well I wish I could be like a bird in the sky
How sweet it would be
If I found I could fly
I’d soar to the sun
And look down at the sea
And I sing ‘cause I know
How it feels to be free

Announcements

Prayer Requests

Prayers of comfort for the Anderson / Barnes family as they mourn the loss of Dick Anderson who died in his sleep from a cardiac arrest at home on Monday, May 30, 2022. We will all miss him dearly.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are in honor and memory of Dick and Nancy Anderson who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary a year ago on June 24th and are now together again. Their family is exploring how best to honor their legacy at Our Savior's with a dedication / celebration of life to be announced later in the year.

Food Bank Drive at OSLC

What is better than a barrel of monkeys? A barrel of food, for the Food Bank! There is still room to add those most needed items to our barrel, located in the hallway outside Oakview 2. (former library) Most needed items include: Peanut butter, Whole Grain Cereals, Hearty Soups, dried or canned Beans, canned Fruit in juice, and canned Poultry, Meat & Tuna. Let's focus on nourishing our neighbors today, and advocate for a hunger-free tomorrow.

2022 SF Pride Parade – Today!

Theme: Love Will Keep Us Together!

Come walk with us and join the ReconcilingWorks contingent group #129!

Option 1: Meet up with OSLC group on Lafayette BART platform at front car position for 11:28 am train to San Francisco.

Option 2: Meet at noon at our Parade assembly place on Main Street between Mission & Howard. The Parade ends at Market & 8th Street in downtown San Francisco. View the full flyer by following the link in the This Week newsletter.

Celebrate and support LGBTQ+ Pride. Review how to participate at <https://youtu.be/hYND8pkzXsw>.

Questions? Email coordinator Julie V: rwprideparade@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Concert for Kids

Tuesday, July 12 | 3-4:30pm

Invite your neighbors and friends to this live outdoor performance by Bay Area musician Andy Z and the Andyland Trio. Kids' activities include face painting, balloon twisting, a kindness rock activity, a game area, snacks and drinks. While the event is free, donations are encouraged in advance or at the door. 10% of all donations go to support Soul Shoppe in their mission to help school communities cultivate a culture of compassion, connection and curiosity. Visit the events page at CreeksideCommons.org.

75th Anniversary Planning Team

On Sunday, September 11, we will be celebrating OSLC's 75th anniversary! We are putting together a team to plan that worship service and other special events. Would you be interested in volunteering for this team? We'll start by brainstorming ideas -- no idea too outrageous - and then narrow things down as we shape a plan for that day/weekend. If you'd like to be in on the planning, contact Martin Morley, martin@oslc.net, or Julie Veenstra, juliemveenstra@gmail.com.

SoulForum Podcast:

SoulBody Intro - Part 1

Orienting more fully to body invites each of us to feel the soul's journey in our flesh and bones, and maybe even to find some deeper connection to the earth / cosmic body of which we are a part. In this Episode, Dan lays the groundwork for the way ahead. Bring your body along for the ride.

Listen on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, or wherever you get your podcast episodes.

A Million Lives Memorial

Continuing through the end of June, you are invited to pause and reflect on the overwhelming number of lives lost to this pandemic and/or to honor someone you may have lost over the past years. Following our "live" event, a self-guided experience is now available through June 30th. Bring a phone and ear buds / headphones, access the 10 minute guided meditation and handout using the QR codes on the Labyrinth sign and take your own reflective walk through the labyrinth.

In case you missed it, please check out the [Million Lives Memorial reflection](#) (see the link in the This Week newsletter) held in the labyrinth on May 26.