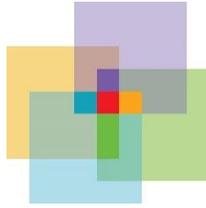


# Pentecost Sunday Worship Experience May 31, 2020

First Presbyterian of San Rafael



*Painting by Shari Byrnes, member of FPCSR*

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## Opening Reading

Holy Spirit, the life that gives life:  
You are the cause of all movement.  
You are the breath of all creatures.  
You are the salve that purifies our souls.  
You are the ointment that heals our wounds.  
You are the fire that warms our hearts.  
You are the light that guides our feet. Let all the world praise you.  
- Hildegard of Bingen 11<sup>th</sup> century mystic

## Opening Song *A Jubilant Song* by Pote sung by FPCSR Chancel Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVellqw06TI>

## Poem *Open Wide the Door* by Phil Porter read by Martha Wall

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-IDQFDggPUI>

## Chant *Veni Sancte Spiritus (Come Holy Spirit)* Taize

<https://youtu.be/-LWe1lkKOKI>

## Scripture Reading Joel 2:27-28 Martha Wall Acts 2:1-11, 42-43 Cynthia Cochran-Carney (English) David Morales (Spanish)

Click here for link to scripture readings

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=On2K8jaJOIA>

## Sermon **Pentecost: The Rushing Wind of the Spirit and Catching our Breath**

Rev. Cynthia Cochran-Carney

Link for for video of sermon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4zirJnwTzw>

Link for video on Vimeo (same video on other platform)

<https://vimeo.com/424318723>

Link for PDF text

[Click here for PDF of sermon](#) (safe link)

## Special Music *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* arr. William Dawson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y0ddV0wWKJI&t=0h20s>

**Prayer** *A Morning Prayer* (May 30, 2020) (excerpts) by Thom Shuman

how shall we pray this morning?

we might be anchored to our chairs,  
watching the news however we get it,  
and we are filled with outrage as well as despair,  
with a sense that everything is becoming  
even more uncertain, more out of control than before.  
more deaths by Covid as well as by violence,  
more anger voiced in the streets  
as well as in the halls of leadership.  
so we pray you be with us,  
Spirit of those who cry out and those who listen,  
as we wait, as we wonder, as we watch  
for evidence that justice can be as close  
as the next breath if we only dare breathe it.

how shall we pray this morning?

Come, God in Community, Holy in One, come:  
as we wait, as we wonder, as we watch, come  
with the evidence that grace has not disappeared  
but is crouched outside our door, just waiting  
for us to welcome it into our lives.  
as we wait, as we wonder, as we watch, come  
with that justice that is not just a theological idea,  
a prayer, a quote from a long-ago speech,  
but the lives we live for all people, for each person.  
as we wait, as we wonder, as we watch, come  
with that love that values each person  
as your beloved child –  
as loving, as leery, as hopeful, as hurtful,  
as judgmental, as forgiving, as each one of us,  
so we can discover our oneness, not our disunity,  
and together work towards your dreams  
of justice, of grace, of love, of hope for all. Amen.

**Postlude – Closing Music** played by Alan Choy (6-4-17 in sanctuary of FPCSR)

Click here for link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YDigcBuIWxY>

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## Pentecost Sunday

**Zoom today.** As we join together at 11:00 am today on Zoom, you are invited to **wear something red, orange or yellow or wave a piece of fabric or other item of those colors** in celebration of being the church where the winds of the Spirit blow.

**An invitation** - You are invited to send in something that reflects a movement of the Spirit in your life over these last 2 months – a photo that reflects a recent movement of the Spirit in your life, a favorite poem, or a photo of a piece of art you made of any medium. Send them to our pastor Cynthia. ([ccochedran-carney@fpcsr.org](mailto:ccochedran-carney@fpcsr.org)) She will collect them and have a team put them together for a slide show or collage for next Sunday, June 7. Send them to her by Wednesday, June 4.



### **SPECIAL ONLINE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT OFFICERS**

**11:00 am Today (Sunday) on Zoom**

The slate of nominees presented by the Nominating Committee is:

**Deacon:**

Class of 2021: Laurel Stevenson

Class of 2023: Shari Byrnes, Marcia DeZwarte, Carolyn Eitel, Dinah McClure

**Session:** (Ruling Elders)

Class of 2023: Erin Berta, David Morales, Ginny Schultz

**Nominating Committee:**

At large members of the 2020-21 nominating committee:

Dori Crawford, Sharon DeMills-Wood, Binny Fischer, Jim Redpath

**Corporate officers** are specified by the By-laws: president (moderator of deacons) Barbara Royall, treasurer (chair of finance committee) Lynn MacDermott, secretary (clerk of session) Michael Stone

As always, additional nominees from the “floor” are permitted, if the person nominated has agreed in advance.

**Zoom Log in**

Click on link <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/738258079>

Password for the FPCSR Zoom room. **996359**

Meeting ID: 738 258 079

Call in number 1-669-900-9128



## Updates from Our Pastor

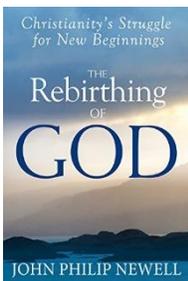
Friends,

**The Re-Opening Task Force** has been meeting and discerning next steps for our congregation in terms of opening the church building in coordination with county. I will send an email/letter with an update on Monday, June 1 about these details.

**A joy** – Nicole Cuzzi, our Senior Communications Designer, gave birth to a healthy baby girl Isla Jade Cuzzi on Friday 5/29. Thanks be to God for this precious new life. Nicole is taking maternity leave for three weeks. We celebrate with Nicole and her husband Joel as they welcome Isla into their family.

**Welcome Our New Staff Member Nakia Bibbs** – It is a joy to announce that we have hired a new Office Assistant. Nakia moved to Novato a year ago from Virginia to be closer to family. She brings enthusiasm, a gracious welcoming spirit and excellent office skills to our church. She has been working in the office on Wednesdays and also from home. When offices can officially open, she will be working Monday – Thursday and eventually on Sundays. Her email is [nbibbs@fpcsr.org](mailto:nbibbs@fpcsr.org).

Grace and peace,  
Cynthia



## Book Study and Wednesday Book Reflections on Zoom **Launching A New Adventure – Rebirthing the Church**

***The Rebirthing of God: Christianity's Struggle for New Beginnings***  
By John Phillip Newell

**Zoom Weekly Discussion – Wednesdays, 12:00 – 1:00 pm Pacific Time**

**Wednesday, June 3**

Reconnecting with the Earth

Introduction pages xiv - xvii and Chapter 1 pages 1- 8

Zoom Log In – same as above

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## One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression

Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. Learn more about the ways this offering helps people in the US and around the world. Click here for video <https://vimeo.com/320337801>

You may send a check to the church with note "OGHS"

Click here to give online. <https://www.fpcsr.org/giving>

Then click on green "Give Online" button.

Choose – Other. Type in an amount and write in the note OGHS.

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### Zoom Info

#### Zoom Sundays

Today 11:00 am – 11:45

+ Congregational meeting

+ Share responses to the sermon and service based on your personal experiences.

Click on link <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/738258079>

Password for the FPCSR Zoom room. **996359**

Meeting ID: 738 258 079

Call in number 1-669-900-9128

#### Wednesday Book Study Zoom Gatherings 12:00 noon

For the next few months, Wednesday Reflections will shift and be focused on the book study. Come join us! Same log in as above

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### Stewardship of Giving

Our church continues to be a community of faith that provides spiritual inspiration, online worship, loving support to people while we shelter in place, and help for the most vulnerable in our community. We continue to pay all of our staff and maintain the building. Your financial support is needed and appreciated.

1) Send a check to the church

First Presbyterian Church, 1510 5th Ave, San Rafael, CA 94901

2) Set up automatic payments through your bank

3) Give on line through our secure link - <https://www.fpcsr.org/giving>



New banner on display inviting the community to online services  
Beautiful geraniums in bloom at rear entrance to the church (Sandra Fisk, photo)