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# THE GOOD NEWS

To know Christ better and to make Him better known

## SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD, FALL FRESH ON ME

By the Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson



Hymn 115 of Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS) is a one verse hymn in which these words are repeated three times. The only other words to the hymn are: *Melt*

*me, mold me, fill me, use me.* We are entering the season of the church year that I like to refer to as 'Spirit time.' We begin the month of June with the feast of Pentecost and we remember how the promise Jesus made to his disciples comes to fruition and the Holy Spirit comes to dwell not only among but within them. This Spirit gives the disciples the power to preach and perform acts that they thought impossible for them and only within the realm of the power and authority of one Jesus of Nazareth. But this is actually what Jesus told them would be the case: *Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.* (Jn. 20:22-23) He'd prepared them for this moment and time in which they were to pick up his mantle and

journey forward in the transformation of the world.

Pentecost is also known as birthday of the Church. This is when the Good News of Salvation through Jesus started being preached and shared in earnest by the followers of The Way. This is when the disciples began fulfilling the great commission to preach to all nations and making new disciples. Even more importantly, this is when they stopped fearing. This is when the call of Jesus to not fear and not be afraid finally hits home. This is when they no longer care about what will be said about or what would be done to them. Their faith is now firmly grounded.

It has been quite a long time since that first Pentecost in Jerusalem and the Church has continued to thrive, prosper and grow because of the fearlessness of the disciples in each generation who, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, have shared their life testimonies so that others may come to believe in

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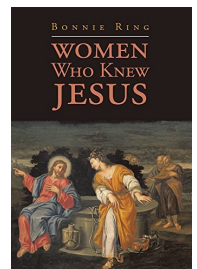
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### WOMEN WHO WONDER

Women who Wonder will meet Tuesday, June 13. Join us for a time of meditation on scripture followed by lively conversation. It's never too late to learn and reflect on the women who knew Jesus! Dinner in the Chapter Room at 6:00 p.m. offers the opportunity to get to know each other better. We will be finished by 8:00. If you have questions, email [annehj@aol.com](mailto:annehj@aol.com).



## 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

### PANTRY OF HOPE

#### Item of the month

Please continue to support the work of our pantry by contributing items to its inventory.

#### June

Bottles of juice

#### July

Bottles of juice

#### August

Bottles of juice

Bring your donations to church and place them in the offering basket in the narthex.

Thanks!







## TRIP TO GRACE CATHEDRAL (ECOJUSTICE WEEKEND)



## 2016 OFFICERS OF THE VESTRY

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio  
Wilson – *Rector*  
Alice Brilmayer  
*Senior Warden*  
William (Bill) Davis  
*Junior Warden*  
James Kadleck  
*Clerk*  
Thomas (Tom) McGarrell  
*Treasurer*

## VESTRY BY CLASS

**Class of 2017**  
William (Bill) Davis  
James Kadleck  
Yuri Sikkema

**Class of 2018**  
Alice Brilmayer  
George Strait  
Saundra Anderson

**Class of 2019**  
Mel Behrendt  
Pamela Kruse-Buckingham  
Irene Plunkett

## DEANERY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES 2015

**Delegates**  
Scott Buckingham  
Paula Hawthorn  
Sheila Sims

**Alternates**  
Izabella (Bella) Sempari  
Pam Buckingham

## MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

### SPECIAL MUSIC IN JUNE

**Sunday, June 4**

**The Day of Pentecost--Whitsunday**

**10:00 a.m., Choral Eucharist**

Service, Darke in D; Byrd, *Spiritus Domini*; Saunders, *Allelelujah, Amen*; Stravinsky, *The dove descending*; Hogan, *Every time I feel the spirit*.

Christopher Kula, Music Director and Organist; Paco, Bell Choir Director.

**4:00 p.m., Evensong**

Chapel College Ensemble of Men & Boys, Christopher Kula, Director.

Evensong is a short Anglican service combining the end-of-day monastic offices of Vespers and Compline. Since the latter part of the 16th century, England's greatest composers have contributed to the rich musical tradition of this uplifting and beautiful liturgy.

**Sunday, June 11**

**Trinity Sunday**

**10:00 am, Choral Eucharist**

Christopher Kula, Music Director  
Philip Saunders, soloist

Ich wandte mich, *Brahms*; Der du bist drei in Einigkeit, *Alberti*; Litanies, *Alain*.

**4pm, Concert**

East Meets West and Other Musical Marriages. Magen Soloman, Artistic Director.

Wherever cultures meet, musical styles mingle, join, and evolve. Travel with us through Asia and the Middle East, through South and North America, and explore our planet's rich and varied choral cultures. Magen Solomon explains: "In this program of 'mixed marriages' we hear Eastern musical

styles, tone production, and harmonies meet those of the West; and witness unusual juxtapositions, like an American folksong as Renaissance polyphony, a Finnish setting of Spanish surrealist poetry. And the marriage of vocal melodies and harmonies with the rhythm of diverse percussion instruments. A whirlwind trip of musical styles, sounds and colors!"

Celebrated percussionist Peter Maund joins the choir for this unusual exploration. Described by the Glasgow Herald as "the most considerate and imaginative of percussionists," Maund will enrich the journey with hand drums such as doumbek, tambourine (riqq), frame drums, djembe, and other instruments, in realizations and improvisations of North African and Middle Eastern music, traditional European practices from Ireland, Turkey, and Bavaria, and folk traditions from Central African, South American, and South Asian cultures.

The Choral Artists, a cappella and together with Maund, will bring to audiences choral music in eight languages, drawing from the traditions of China, the Philippines, Korea, Japan, Finland, Eastern Europe, Africa, South America, and the Middle East. The music spans multiple centuries, and includes stunning works by Robin Estrada, Einojuhani Rautavaara, and Peter Schickele, and the premiere of new pieces by Jean Ahn, Elinor Armer, and Paul Chihara.

Tickets at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2708651>

### Newsletter contributors sought

*We are interested in hearing from writers and photographers; please email us if you would like to donate your talents.*

*The deadline for each edition is the 15th of the month previous to publication.*

*Please send your submissions of no more than 500 words to: [halice@pacbell.net](mailto:halice@pacbell.net).*



**Sunday, June 18****The Second Sunday after Pentecost****10:00 am, Choral Eucharist**

Christopher Kula, Music Director

Sarah Rose Cohen, soloist

God is my Shepherd, *Dvořák*; Prelude and Fugue in C (WTC Book I), *Bach*; Prelude and Fugue in E Minor (BWV 533), *Bach*.

**Sunday, June 25****The Third Sunday after Pentecost****10:00 am, Choral Eucharist**

Christopher Kula, Music Director

Mackenzie Covington, Soloist

I know that my Redeemer liveth, *Handel*; Prelude and Fugue in C Minor (WTC Book I), *Bach*; Hyfrydol, *Vaughan Williams*.

**8 p.m., Compline**

Gregorian chant, polyphony, and candlelight, in the church. Music of Byrd, Tallis, Victoria. Compline, a service of psalms and prayers, has been sung 'at the close of day' in monasteries, convents and churches for many centuries, and is one of the best-loved services of the Church. It has been re-instituted in response to the renewed interest in plainsong (Gregorian Chant) and contemplative prayer. There is no sermon. With St. Paul's Choir. Christopher Kula, Music Director.

**SUMMER CHOIR**

Have you ever thought about singing in the choir? During the summer months, St. Paul's vocal choir is on break and we will feature an all volunteer choir during the summer months of June, July and August beginning June 11 and ending on September 3. The choir will be singing hymns and the service music. Rehearsals will be at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning. If you are interested, don't be shy, contact St. Paul's music director Christopher Kula at [musicdirector@stpaulsoakland.org](mailto:musicdirector@stpaulsoakland.org).

**MEN WHO WANDER**

Men who Wander will gather on Tuesday, June 13. Come join other testosterone bearing parishioners for fellowship and the exploration of our city's pubs and microbreweries. This month we will be meeting at Drake's Dealership located at 2325 Broadway Ave, Oakland, CA 94612.

**SAVE Stands-Ins  
against gun  
violence**

SAVE (Soldiers Against Violence Everywhere) Oakland is taking a non-violent stand against the rampant murders in our community by having "Stand-Ins" from 11 a.m. – noon near where a person was recently killed. Please contact Paula Hawthorn, 510-601-8388, if you would like to participate. Upcoming dates and locations are:

- 6/9/17  
MacArthur & 73rd
- 7/8/17  
Foothill & 14th

Contact [Save@Truevine-Ministries.com](mailto:Save@Truevine-Ministries.com) to be put on the email list for future Stand-Ins.

## LIVING WITH PRIDE

By the Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson

### WORSHIP ROTA ONLINE

The current rota for the Sunday worship services is posted on the St. Paul's Web site at :  
<http://www.stpaulsoakland.org/RotaSchedule>

The rota includes the names of readers, sub-deacons, intercessors, and lay Eucharistic ministers.

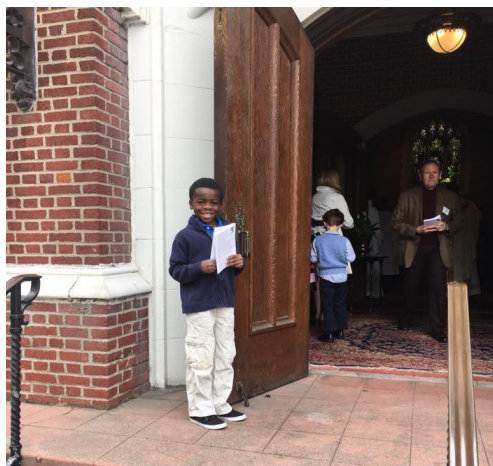
New volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Fr. Mauricio or the Ven. Carolyn Bolton to volunteer or if you have any questions.

If you have been to Sunday worship with any regularity over the last year, you may have heard me say a few times that we must strive to live into the full potential of who God created us to be and we work hard to make sure that others are able to do the same. As we all know June is Pride Month and great emphasis is placed on justice and equality for members of our communities who are L.G.B.T.I.Q.Q. it has occurred to me that these two things are one and the same. As Christians in the Episcopal tradition, we promise that we will strive for and respect the dignity and freedom of every human being. No one can achieve their full potential if they are marginalized, oppressed or devalued. And though martyrs hold a place of deep value and respect in Christian circles, making martyrs is not something we seek to achieve. Many of L.G.B.T.I.Q.Q. persons have been willing to lay down their lives rather than hide, run or be someone other than who there are, but this should never happen at the hands of the Church or any who call themselves followers of The Way. Nonetheless, it does happen and that is one of the reasons why St. Paul's Oakland has chosen to be a community of faithful people who send a clear message and welcome and love to all. I pray that each and every one of you will live in the pride of who God has made you to be and that you celebrate with others as they do the same.



Happy Pride!

## YOUTH SUNDAY







**JANUARY 2018**

Date of Departure: 01/08/2018

Date of Return: 01/17/2018

*\$2,150 Double occupancy:*

*includes all costs once you arrive at SJO airport in Costa Rica on 01/08 until you are dropped off at the same on 01/17.*

There is a 20 person limit.

## ECO PILGRIMAGE TO COSTA RICA

Located close to the midway point of the American continents Costa Rica enjoys one of the greatest eco diversities in the world. It is also deeply rooted in the Christian faith brought by the Spanish conquistadores.

Each day will begin with time of personal and group reflection.



Places visited will include:

- Puerto Viejo
- Tortuguero National Park
- Arenal Volcano
- The National Theater
- The Catholic Metropolitan Cathedral

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## Services

### SUNDAYS

8 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*  
10 a.m. *Choral Eucharist*

4 p.m. *Evensong*  
(First Sundays, Oct.-June)

8 p.m. *Compline*  
(4th Sundays only)

### WEDNESDAYS

12:10 p.m. *Holy Eucharist*  
(with Healing prayer on  
the 1st Wednesday of the  
month)

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God the Creator all things, seen and unseen, and that Jesus is the Eternal Word of God made human.

It is now our turn. We are the generation of today. When it comes to being prophets of the Most High there are no age consideration, only the conviction that the Spirit of God's lives in us to bring hope and life to God's creation. This is Spirit time, not of a spirit that lays dormant and far away. This is the Holy Spirit that gives

life to all and helps open our hearts and minds to see and live God's way. That same Spirit will lead us into fearlessness so that we too can be bearers of Good News. We must be the Mary, Elizabeth, Mary Magdalene, Peter, Paul, John, etc., of our own time, to the glory of God.