

# *St. Paul's United Church*

Pentecost Sunday

10:30 a.m. June 4th, 2017

\* Please stand as you are able, sit as you prefer \*

**Gathering Music:** Fugue in C major Buxtehude

## **We Gather in Community**

### **Greeting**

**\*Introit:** Dance With the Spirit MV 156

**Dance with the Spirit early in the morning,  
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day,  
work and hope for a new life a-bornin',  
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

### **\*Call to Worship (Responsive):**

Listen, can you hear the wind?

**Come, Holy Spirit; come!**

Look, can you see the dancing flames?

**Come, Holy Spirit; come!**

Can you hear the message in a language you can understand?

**Come, Holy Spirit; come!**

Do you see the visions? Can you dream the dreams?

**Come, Holy Spirit; come!**

Come, let Pentecost become real in our lives this morning. Come and worship our God who sends the Spirit to touch us and transform us into Pentecost people.

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Prayer of Approach & Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** Come, O Holy Spirit MV 23

**Gift of Music:** The Time for Turning Vocal Collective

## **Time for the Young at Heart**

### **Prayer of Confession (Unison):**

**O God, giver of the Spirit, we sit surrounded by red and hear the amazing story of Pentecost this morning. But we've heard it so many times before. It is so familiar; we've ceased to be amazed and surprised or filled with excitement. Forgive us for our complacency. Blow us out of our complacency. Let the flames of passion dance in our lives. Inspire us with visions and dreams. Help us appreciate each gift you give us. Help us be truly Pentecost People. AMEN**

## **Assurance of God's Love**

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** A New Creed VU 918

**We Listen for the Voice of the Spirit**

**Scripture:** Acts 2:1-4 Greg Morton  
One: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:** Simple Praise Vocal Collective

**Scripture:** Corinthians 12:1-13 Pastor Sarah  
One: Herein is wisdom.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** We Are Not Alone Pastor Sarah

**Conference Report**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** Spirit of the Living God VU 376

### **We Respond to the Spirit**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory:** Homeward Bound Vocal Collective

**Dedication Verse:** Praise God VU 541

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow  
praise God all creatures high and low.  
Give thanks to God in love made known  
Creator, Word, and Spirit, One.**

**\*Dedication Prayer (Unison):**

Holy Spirit,

**Set your church on fire!**

May these offerings of our time, talent and treasure be the kindling for a raging fire.

**Bless these gifts and the givers that we may burn with Holy fire and light.**

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** Spirit God MV 150

**\*Blessing and Sending Forth (Responsive):**

Go forth now as Pentecost people, filled with the Spirit, dreaming dreams, and seeing visions of God's possibilities.

**We go forth, knowing we are beloved and blessed by a God who never leaves us alone.**

Go, to be surprised by the Spirit in all that you do and everywhere that you go.

**We go, claiming our identity as Pentecost people—people of wind and fire, dreams and visions, people filled with that most amazing and transforming Spirit. Amen.**

**\*Choral Closing:** Sent Forth VU 481

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.**

**The supper ended. Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.**

**The seed of His teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.**

**God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us**

**to work for God's kingdom and answer its call.**

**Ministry of Music:**

Fugue

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**We invite you to stay and enjoy the Ministry of Music**

*A donation has been made to the Operating Fund in loving memory of Robert Davis by Etta, Shaun, Lucie and Rafa (grand dog).*

**What is Pentecost?** For Christians, Pentecost is a holiday on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church." Thus, from an historical point of view, Pentecost is the day on which the church was started. This is also true from a spiritual perspective, since the Spirit brings the church into existence and enlivens it. Thus Pentecost is the church's birthday.

<b>Greeters:</b>	June 4	Jean Brown & Etta Davis
<b>Ushers:</b>	Left Side	Colleen Hanna & Roger Miller
	Middle	Isabel Green
	Right Side	Tammy Coughlan & Dean Jones
	Upstairs	Hope, Andrew, Graham & Laura Steeves
<b>Coffee:</b>	June 11	Picnic in the Park

All women from the church are invited to a Baby Shower for Pastor Sarah this afternoon, June 4th from 2 to 4 p.m. in Fraser Hall. Some suggestions are "Toys R Us" or "Room II Remember Kidz" gift cards.

**Used Books & Jigsaw Puzzle Sale:** TODAY in the Hall after the church service. Pick up your reading and puzzles for the summer. Put on by the St. Paul's Quilters.

**UCW Closing summer lunch** at the Ramada Inn on Monday, June 5th at 11:30 am. Let's car-pool! Telephone Donna Chauvin 458-5885 if you need to arrange a drive.

On June 8th we are hosting Woolastook Presbytery. Work and worship begins at 11 am, there is lunch for the presbyters at 12:30, and we join again for work at 1:30. Drop in and see your Presbytery at work!

**Worship in the Park and Fellowship BBQ.** 10:30 on Sunday June 11th we will be gathering at the gazebo at Wilmot Park as we mark the end of our Sunday School year. Following the worship there will be a bbq at the Stepping Stones centre. Bring a folding chair/blanket, a hat, some sunscreen and your voice as we sing praise to God in the midst of creation. In the event of rain, we will worship at the church with the BBQ following at the Stepping Stones Center

**Toronto Recital Preview-** Dr. Sharon Pond has been invited to perform at St. James Cathedral in Toronto on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. St. Paul's congregation is invited to hear a preview of her recital on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

Beginning at 10 am on Wednesday June 21st, we'd like to pray together. The ministry team invites you to join them for weekly Wednesday morning prayer. Come and pray for the church, for the community, for one another as we live and work together in faith.

June 21, 5-7p.m. Youth Group Supper and Planning. Contact Rev. Michelle for more information (458-1183 or michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com)

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017**  
**“MAKER FUN FACTORY**  
**CREATED BY GOD,**  
**BUILT FOR A PURPOSE”**

St. Paul's, Forest Hill and Wilmot United Churches will once again be joining together for our VBS program.

**When:** August 21-25 from 9:00 – 11:30

**Where:** Wilmot United Church

**Ages:** Age 4 and up

We will discover a world where curious children and youth become hands-on inventors and discover they're lovingly created by God. Great music, great stories, great crafts – great fun! We will use our hearts, minds and imagination to participate in the creative life of God remembering that God is with us wherever we go....SO... Mark your calendars!

Wilmot will host The Four Men, a quartet including Brian McIntosh, a former minister at Wilmot United. They will present a concert of songs of Love, Hope, and Inspiration on Tuesday, June 6, 7:30 at Wilmot United. Tickets are \$20.00 for Adults and \$10.00 for youth and available from the Church Office (458-1066), Westminster Books, and at the door. A reception will be held following the performance. Proceeds for the concert will go to the United Church Mission and Service Fund and to Famine Relief.