

**St. Paul's United Church**  
May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Pentecost  
\* = please stand as you are able

**Prelude:**

**Welcoming the Light**

**\*Greeting**

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all,  
*and also with you.*

**Introit**                    “Dance with the Spirit” (X2)                    MV 156  
*Dance with the Spirit early in the morning,  
Sing 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.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship (Responsive)**

Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!

*Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action.*

Come, Holy Spirit. Energize our lives to work for God.

*Let your wind of hope swirl around us, lifting and moving us  
from complacency.*

Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your blessing on us.

*Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God’s presence  
and love in everything we say and do.*

**Promise Made:**        John 15:26-27, 16:4-15

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn Requests**

“Tell Me The Stories Of Jesus”                    VU 357

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”                    VU 670

“Old Rugged Cross”                    (see insert)

“Will Your Anchor Hold”                    VU 675

**Prayer of Reconciliation (Unison)**

*Holy Spirit, we’re not sure we’re ready for your awesome power to  
blow through our lives; we’ve grown comfortable with our familiar  
habits and our routines; we’re afraid to give up our waking slumber  
and face the truth that we do not truly live. When we cling to our  
ways and the safety of familiar paths. Wake us up. Shake us up.  
Heat us up, and breathe your life into us. Walk with us, O God, and  
give us the courage to follow the way that is lit by the fire of your  
Spirit. On this Day of Pentecost, we pray for the courage to ride the  
winds of change. AMEN*

**Assurance of God’s Love**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

VU 959

**Reflection & Prayer**

**Hymn**

“Take, O take me as I am” (X2)

MV 85

*Take, O take me as I am.*

*Summon out what I shall be*

*Set your seal upon my heart and live in me*

**Eternal Wisdom:**        Psalm 104 (Refrain 1, Part 2)

VU 826-7

**Reflection & Prayer**

**\*Hymn Requests**

“Worship the Lord”                    VU 401

“Come Let Us Sing”                    VU 574

“Like A Healing Stream”                    MV 144

“In The Bulb, There Is A Flower”                    VU 703

**Offertory**

**\*Dedication Verse**

VU 549

*For all your goodness God, we give you thanks,*

*Thanks for the food we eat and for the friends we meet,*

*And each new day we greet, we give you thanks.*

**\*Dedication Prayer (Unison)**

*Pentecost God, take our hearts and set them on fire. Take our lives  
and transform them. Take our church and resurrect it with your life-  
giving Spirit. Take our gifts and use them for the fulfillment of your  
vision of peace and unity. AMEN*

## **Anthem**

**Promise Fulfilled:** Acts 2:1-21

Natalie Bowley

### **Reflection & Prayer**

#### **\*Hymn Requests**

“Because He Lives”	(see insert)
“I The Lord Of Sea And Sky”	VU 509
“Breathe On Me Breath of God”	VU 382
“Draw The Circle Wide”	MV 145

## **Prayers of the People**

### **\*Commissioning (*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.*

### **\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Closing** “Take up this song” VU 213

*Take up this song of love, and go into the world.*

*Take up this song of love in every moment.*

*In every moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives,*

*Lay them down in love, lay them down, and take up this song.*

## **Postlude**