

St. Paul's United Church
10:30 a.m. May 15th, 2016

Pentecost - Template

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

Prelude

We Gather in Community

***Greeting**

Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive):

Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with the fire of joy and confidence!

For God has done wondrous things for us.

Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!

Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.

Help us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen.

***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.***

Prayer of Approach

Lord's Prayer

Time for the Young at Heart: *Sung Communion (see insert)*

***Story Time Hymn:** *Come O Spirit* VU 198

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Holy Spirit, we're not sure we're ready for your awesome power to blow through our lives; we're grown comfortable with our familiar habits and routines; we're afraid to give up our waking slumber and face the truth that we do not truly live. When we cling to 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 audacity to ride the winds of change. AMEN

Words of Assurance

We Listen for the Voice of the Spirit

***Sung Prayer for Grace: (Tune VU #437)**

We come to you with hearts that are open,

To you, and to each other here.

We seek, dear Lord, your grace upon us,

That we may love you and know you are near.

Gospel Lesson: *John 14:8-17, (25-27)*

One: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise be to you, O Christ

Anthem

Second Lesson: *Acts 2:1-21*

One: Herein is Wisdom

All: Thanks be to God

Message

Affirmation of Our Faith

***Hymn:** *My Soul Cries Out* MV 120

We Respond to the Spirit

Invitation to Offering

Offering

***Dedication Verse:** *Grant Us, God, The Grace* VU 540

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,

with a spirit large and free

That ourselves and all our living,

we may offer faithfully.

***Dedication of the Offering**

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

Prayers of the People

***Hymn:** *O A Song Must Rise* *MV 142*

***Blessing and Sending Forth**

God, who made this amazing universe is creating you anew every day.

Jesus Christ, the resurrected One, offers us peace that never dies.

The Holy Spirit is setting your hearts on fire—right here, right now.

We go in peace, transformed people, ready to change the world.

***Choral Closing:** *Spirit of Life* *VU 381*

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.