

St. Paul's United Church

May 31st, 2020 Pentecost Sunday

Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.

Mission Statement: To glorify God through Worship, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and serving others in Christ's name.

He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Mark 1:7-8

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude

Greeting (Responsive):

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Land Acknowledgement

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit: Worship the Lord VU401 (vs 1)

**R: Worship the Lord (worship the Lord)
worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
raising our hands (raising our hands)
in devotion to God who is one!**

**Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing,
and with our lips our togetherness voicing,
giving ourselves to a life of creativeness,
worship and work must be one!**

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive):

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place."

This Pentecost, our hearts are together, even though we are apart.

"Suddenly, a sound like a gale-force wind thrilled the whole house where they were sitting"

This Pentecost, may God's Spirit fill our homes and meet us where we are.

"Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks,"

This Pentecost, we proclaim that God's hope, peace, joy

and love are more contagious than any virus ever could be!

"and they started speaking as the Spirit enabled them."

with one heart and voice this Pentecost, let us worship God!

based on Acts 2:1-4 (The Message) CTW written by Rev. Penny Nelson

Hymn: Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among us VU198

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us,
come with pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision,
help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation,
Jesus Christ, the cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission
that God's love shall be made known.**

**We would raise our hallelujahs
for the grace of yesteryears;
for tomorrow's unknown pathway,
hear, O God, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey
you have led us all the way,
still in presence move before us,
fire by night and cloud by day.**

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us,
give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you,
glorify your holy name.
God, all holy, Son and Spirit,
three in one: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas
now and through eternity.**

Prayer of the Day

Illumination Verse: Spirit, Open My Heart MV79 (vs 2)

**R: Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.**

**Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory.R**

Today's Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: O A Song Must Rise MV142

**Refrain; Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.
Oh a song must rise once again.
Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,**

**Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.
From the mountains to the valleys,
from the desert to the sea,
a song must rise once again.
From the voices of our leaders,
the voice of you and me,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. R**

**From poverty and riches,
from the voice of young and old,
a song must rise once again.
From the free and the imprisoned,
the timid and the bold,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. R**

**From every house of worship,
in every faith and tongue,
a song must rise once again.
From the villages and cities
a new song must be sung,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend. R**

Moment for Community

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Dedication Verse: For the Gift of Creation VU538

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

God of action and animation, your constant flow of blessings has gifted us in so many ways. By the grace poured over us, we are moved to move with you, offering ourselves, our time, our talents and our treasure so that your life continues to be lived out through ours. Take these gifts, our contribution and commitment to be part of your body alive in the world today. May our offerings be used to spread your good news. Let us be instruments of your ongoing blessing, this we pray in Christ's name. Amen

Prayers of the People & Lord's prayer

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn: Spirit God, Be our Breath MV150

**Spirit God: be our breath, be our song,
Blow through us, Bringing strength to move on.
Our world seems inward, defensive, withdrawn...
Sprit God, be our song.**

**Patient God: soothe our pride, calm our fear.
Comfort us. When we know you are near
We grow more certain, our vision is clear.
Patient God, calm our fear.**

**Loving God: be our voice, be our prayer.
Reaching out, joining hands as we share,
We seek your guidance through friendship and care.
Loving God, be our prayer.**

**Spirit God: be our breath, be our song,
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.
Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the new dawn...
Spirit God, be our song.**

Commissioning (Responsive):

The Holy Spirit came that first Pentecost as a strong wind.

That wind continues to blow pushing us to action for our Lord.

The Holy Spirit gifts us for service.

As this service of worship ends, we return to the world to be the body of Christ serving the world in love and hope.

So go, separate yet joined together as the living church by the life of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Benediction

Choral Closing: God of the Bible

MV28 (vs5)

Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly one to the other.
till our world changes, facing the Cross.

R: Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

GOD is Good,
all the time.

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As of June 1st Reverend Michelle will be on vacation as her and Mike make last minute preparations for their new baby. May 31st this Sunday will be her last Sunday prior to her maternity leave. Let's all keep Reverend Michelle in our thoughts and prayers!

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