

DOWNTOWN UNITED CHURCH
(St Paul's & Wilmot)
Rev Ellen Beairsto (Wilmot)
Dr. Sharon Pond (St. Paul's - organist)
July 11, 2021
Seventh Sunday after PENTECOST

Prelude:

Welcome

Welcome the Light:

Reading from Isaiah 9 :2 (The Message)
*The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.
For those who lived in a land of deep shadows—
light! sunbursts of light!*

**On this Seventh Sunday of Pentecost
let us welcome the light among us.**

Call to Worship

It is good to be together this day
whether in this sacred space
or in homes or cottages listening from afar.

**We gather together as a summer community
of faith.**

Rising from our daily chores or summer relaxation to
joyful singing.

**We gather in the light of long summer days
and in the light of God's Holy presence.**

Opening Prayer

Hymn: VU 232 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You (v.
1,2,3)

**Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.**

**All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
sound their praise eternally.**

Storytime for the Young and the Young at Heart

Prayer:

In Song: VU #378 Spirit of God, Descend upon
My Heart (vs 1, 2)

**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.**

**I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no opening skies,
but take the dimness of my soul away.**

In Words...

In Song:

VU #378 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (vs 4)

Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame,
the baptism of the heaven-descended dove,
my heart an altar and your love the flame.

Scripture Reading:

2 Samuel 6:1–5, 17–19

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Grant

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Reflection

Hymn MV 150 *Spirit God, Be Our Breath* (v 1,3,4)

**Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.
Our world seems inward, defensive, with-drawn.
Spirit God, be our song.**

**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.**

Presentation of Our Offering

Prayers of the People

Hymn VU # 424 *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.**

**May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

**Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

**May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.**

**May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed.**

**Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call**

Commissioning and Benediction

Organ Postlude:

ST. PAUL'S UNITED (458-1183)

Rev. Michelle Armstrong

Dr. Sharon Pond (Organist)

WILMOT UNITED (458-1066)

Rev. Ellen Beairsto

Margaret MacDonald (Organist)

Steven Peacock (Music Director)