

June 5, 2022  
Pentecost Sunday

**We Gather In God's Presence**

**Prelude:** "Like the Murmur of a Dove's Song." Bridegroom, Peter Cutts  
Setting by John Carter

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Moment of Silent Reflection**

**Birthdays, Celebrations, and Life and Work of the Congregation – see last page ...**

**Call to Worship**

We have come to celebrate the birthday of the church.

**We have come to celebrate Pentecost  
and to open ourselves to God's Spirit that it might fill us.**

O God, help us to direct our thoughts to you,  
that your power might fill this church and our lives,  
as it filled your people throughout the ages.

**Teach us to be your church and your people. Amen.**

**Hymn VU 380** "She Comes Sailing on the Wind"

She comes sailing on the wind,  
her wings flashing in the sun;  
on a journey just begun, she flies on.  
And in the passage of her flight,  
her song rings out through the night,  
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,  
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.  
And from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon the earth,  
like a mother breathing life into her child.

Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight  
when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.  
Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts  
found new delight,  
and then down the ages still she flew on.

She comes sailing on the wind,  
her wings flashing in the sun;  
on a journey just begun, she flies on.  
And in the passage of her flight,  
her song rings out through the night,  
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came,  
a whisper softly calling in the dark,  
the promise of a child of peace whose reign would  
never end,  
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart.

Flying to the river, she waited circling high  
above the child now grown so full of grace.  
As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky,  
and she carried him away in her embrace.

She comes sailing on the wind,  
her wings flashing in the sun;  
on a journey just begun, she flies on.  
And in the passage of her flight,  
her song rings out through the night,  
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,  
after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,  
the Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,  
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on.

She comes sailing on the wind,  
her wings flashing in the sun;  
on a journey just begun, she flies on.  
And in the passage of her flight,  
her song rings out through the night,  
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

### **Opening Prayer** (*unison*)

Come Holy Spirit, come. Come into our place of worship this day. Come into each heart, each prayer, each song, each life here today. You send us the Spirit of courage, be we have been afraid. You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions. You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of old hurts. Holy Spirit come to us anew. Shake our hearts, set our souls on fire with your love so that we may live and love with purpose, courage, and enthusiasm serving our world. May it be so. Amen.

### **We Are Blessed By God**

**Anthem:** "Wind of Change" Fred Kaan and Ron Klusmeier

<https://vimeo.com/546772538>

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

O God, how manifold are your works!

**With Wisdom at your side you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.**

There lies the great and mighty Sea,  
teeming with living things both great and small.

**Upon it sail the ships, and there is Leviathan,  
the monster you made to play in it.**

All these look to you,  
to give them their food in due season.

**What you give them they gather up.**

**When you open your hand,  
you fill them with good things.**

But when you hide your face they despair.

When you take away their breath, they die,  
and return to dust.

**But when you send out your spirit, they live again,  
and you renew the face of the earth.**

May your glory, O God, endure forever.

**May you rejoice, O God, in your works.**

When you look at the earth it trembles,

**when you touch the mountains they smoke.**

I will sing to God as long as I live.

**I will praise my God while I have being.**

**Scripture:** Genesis 11:1-9

**The Tower of Babel**

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the LORD said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth, and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

For those of you who are interested, the other readings for this week are: **Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17, (25-27)**. You can look them up on [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com) and search for the passage..... in any translation you prefer (ie. King James – KJV, NKJV, NRSV, etc.)

**Hymn VU** “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the  
valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.

You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,  
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes.

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world  
was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush  
of the wind.

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,  
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,  
with bold new decisions your people arise.

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.

**Meditation: "Tongues"**

**Hymn VU 477 "I Come with Joy"**

I come with joy, a child of God,  
          forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall  
          in love laid down for me,  
          in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near  
          to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
          in Christ's communion bread,  
          in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
          each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
          and strangers now are friends,  
          and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
          unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
          alive among us here,  
          alive among us here.

Together met, together bound  
          by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
          the love that makes us one,  
          the love that makes us one.

## **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God of wind and fire, your Spirit renews the face of the earth and warms the hearts of your people. We give you thanks for your gifts of pentecostal power:

tongues that utter prophetic words of truth and justice;

flames that kindle new visions of compassion and peace;

fresh breezes that blow down the walls which separate us from you and one another. And so it is that we join with every voice and tongue on earth and in the heavens to give you praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

On the eve of his betrayal, Jesus renewed God's covenant promise. He took bread, offered the blessing, broke it, and gave it to those who sat at table with him. Then, at the close of the meal, he poured the cup of blessing, raised it in thanks to God, and passed it among them. Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace, remembering Christ's life and death, proclaiming his resurrection, waiting in hope for his coming again.

Grant that in praise and thanksgiving, we may so offer ourselves to you that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, that we who eat and drink at Christ's table may share in his life.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth, and make it your new creation. Gather your church together from the ends of the earth into your realm where peace and justice are revealed -

that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised. At this time, we also remember all those with whom you would have us share your feast. We pray for:

all who mourn a loss, especially the friends and family of Harv Patterson, Fred Smith, and Eileen Gill

all who are ill or dying, recovering from treatment or awaiting medical intervention, especially, Paul McMillan, Marleen Parish, and their friends and loved ones and caregivers...

all who live with fear, oppression, or hunger . . .

all whom the world counts as last and least . . . .

We pray for your church and its varied ministries, especially St. Paul's United Church in Tilsonburg, and their minister, the Rev. Karlene Brown-Palmer . . .

for the nations as they strive for peace and justice, especially the peoples of Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, and Eswatini...

for the earth, and the fragile web of life we share . . .

for our families and friends and neighbours,

and for those known only in the silence of our hearts...

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever. With Jesus, we pray together, saying:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

**Prayer after Communion** (*unison*)

**We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world united in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

### **We Respond To God's Grace**

#### **Invitation to Invest in God's Mission**

God's Spirit has given us life.

God's Spirit has given us breath.

God's Spirit heals our wounds.

God's Spirit sets us free from all that binds us.

God's Spirit strengthens our faith.

We give thanks for God's Spirit in our lives, and in gratitude we respond through our tithes and offerings.

#### **Offertory Hymn MV 191 "What Can I Do?"**

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

Life-giving Spirit, bring to the bones of these gifts the flesh of our actions, and the breath of our caring, that our church and our service to others may come to life in your name. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

**Hymn VU 194** "Filled with the Spirit's Power"

Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord  
the infant church confessed its risen Lord.  
O Holy Spirit, in the church today  
no less your power of fellowship display.

Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,  
that unity may be our great desire.  
Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,  
and readiness in each to work for all.

Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace  
with your compassion all the human race.  
Like wind and fire with life among us move,  
till we are known as Christ's, and Christian prove.

**Commissioning and Benediction**

May the power of the Spirit transform us,  
The boldness of the Spirit lead us,  
And the gifts of the Spirit equip us

**To take risks in your name,  
To serve in new and daring ways,  
And to worship you this day and always.**

**Sung Response: MV 209** "Go Make a Difference" *refrain*

Go make a difference. We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world.  
Go make a difference. We can make a difference. Go make a difference in the world.

**Postlude:** "Spirit of God Descend upon My Heart with O Breath of Life."

Frederick C. Atkinson, J. Bloomquist Arr. by Cindy Berry



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ALL:**

### **DORCHESTER:**

**Central Board** meets Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. Please have committee reports to Karyn by Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the consent docket.

**The Holy Diner** will be starting up again this summer. Please contact Brenda Olejnik, at 519-268-3385, or Carol Reid, at 519-268-3129, if you are willing and able to assist with this ministry.

### **UNION:**

**Unified Board** meets Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

### **Scripture Readings for next week:**

June 12, 2022. First after Pentecost / Trinity Sunday:

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15