

Sunday May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

We Gather In God's Presence

Acknowledgement of the Land: This land is our Creators'. For thousands of years, Indigenous people have walked on and cared for this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. As we come into worship we recognize that Dorchester United Church is located on the traditional territory of the Anishnabewaki, the Attawandaronk, the Mississauga, and others. The community of Dorchester is represented by the London Township Treaty of 1796.

As treaty people, we commit to listen, learn, and work toward justice and reconciliation as together we care for God's creation and for one another.

Prelude:

Birthdays, Celebrations, and Life and Work of the Congregation:

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Jesus Christ, the Light of the World

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Call to Worship

One: Spirit of the living God, on this day of Pentecost we open our hearts.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

One: Holy Spirit, sweep away the barriers that separate us and keep us from seeing one another.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

One: Ignite our tongues in ways that we might speak and listen with compassion and understanding.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

One: Ignite a love within us that resolves that which divides us and inspires us to find unity in You.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

One: Move among us and within us we pray,

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Hymn VU 396 Jesus, Stand Among Us

Opening Prayer

Anthem:

A New Creed VU 918

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Learning With All God's Children and Lord's Prayer (the Lord's Prayer is only added here for communion Sunday)

Hymn VU 396 On Pentecost They Gathered

We Open Ourselves to Receive God's Blessings

Responsive Reading: Psalm 104 vs. 24-35 (VU 826 Part 2, refrain #1)

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

Sermon: Love Language

Hymn VU 467 One Bread, One Body

The Celebration of Communion

The Invitation

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: God is with us.

All: We are not alone.

Once: Christ is present here.

All: The Spirit moves within us.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray to God remembering and giving thanks for God's loving actions:

(the prayer continues.....)

One: And so it is that we join with every voice and tongue on earth and in the heavens to give you praise, declaring:

All: 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.

(the prayer continues...)

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

All: Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

(the prayer continues....)

Sharing the Meal

Prayers From a Full Heart

One: Eternal and gracious One,
though we live in a world of need,

**All: here we have tasted your goodness
and hungered for a world more just.**

One: Though afflicted by brokenness and division,

All: here we have heard your call to be a people of healing community.

One: Though daily we touch our limits,

All: here we have received the fullness of your grace.

One: Send us forth, O God, in faith, in hope, and in love. Amen

We Respond To God's Grace

Invitation to Invest in God's Mission

Offertory Hymn: VU 544 (tune 625) In Gratitude and Humble Trust

In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself for us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

Prayer of Dedication

~~Prayers of the People – remove for Communion~~

Closing Hymn VU 376 Spirit of the Living God

Commissioning and Benediction

Sung Response: VU 961 "Let us, O God, Depart In Peace" George Whelpton, in the Public Domain.

Let us, O God, depart in peace,
who in your name are gathered here.
Disclose the brightness of your face,
and be forever near.

Postlude: