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Worship Service

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Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 23rd, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Zeal is passion for a purpose we deeply value. We follow a vision of what is possible with enthusiasm and ardour. When we are zealous, we give our all. Zeal is fueled by our belief and faith. We do all that we can to serve a cause we believe to be real and true. We need tolerance as the ballast for our zeal when others' beliefs differ from our own. Zeal is being for something, not against anything. Zeal is the fire in our belly. It illumines even the smallest task with joy.

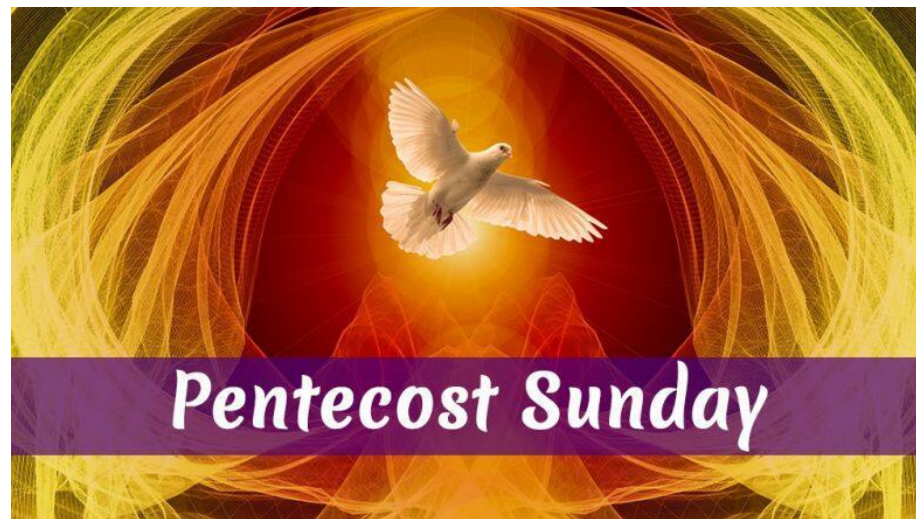
(Virtues Project)

“Experience shows that success is due less to ability than to zeal. The winner is he who gives himself to his work body and soul.” Charles Buxton

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Praising God

Prelude "The Lord's My Shepherd" Jessie S. Irvine
arr. Phillip Keveren



Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Let us take a moment to quiet our thoughts as we prepare our hearts for worship...

Soaring, flowing, questing, dancing...

the Holy Spirit leads us to praise.

Searching, finding, changing, challenging...

the Holy Spirit calls us to faithfulness.

Gently, calmly, simply, persistently...

the Holy Spirit invites us to reflect.

Come, Holy Spirit, and move us to action in our worship!

Opening Prayer (together)

Spirit of Pentecost, we worship You as the One who cannot be locked out by bolted doors, nor kept inside by a private faith. By Your Spirit, O God, You have empowered Jesus' friends to come out of their hiding places and burst into the streets with the Good News of Your presence. May the flames of Your Spirit burn away our fears and set us free. Inspire us with Your passion for living this day. Amen.

**Hymn (195) "On Pentecost They Gathered" vs. 1,2,3
(tune 421)**

- 1 On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ's disciples,
to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing,
filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire aglowing
inspired each person there.**
- 2 The people all around them were startled and amazed
to understand their language,
as Jesus Christ they praised.
What universal message,
what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen
to vanquish all our fear.**
- 3 God pours the Holy Spirit
on all who would believe,**

**on women, men, and children
who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit,
bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming,
responds in every hour.**

Prayer for Grace (unison)

Spirit of comfort and challenge, You know where we need stirring up and where we need soothing. You know when we need some fire in our belly and when we need the cooling waters of rest. You know when we need Your cleansing breath to sweep away complacency and You know when we need Your calming Spirit to lessen our fears. Help us to release anything that separates us from receiving the fullness of Your Spirit so that Your breath may renew our spirits this day. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

The Good News is that the Spirit of Pentecost that so transformed the disciples is the same Spirit here with us, ready and willing to enable new beginnings. Thanks be to God for the gift of the Spirit in our lives! Amen.

Listening for God's Word

Epistle Reading Acts 2:1-21 C. Watanabe
(The coming of the Holy Spirit.)

Solo "Open My Eyes, That I May See"
Clara H. Scott
L. Lazar, Soprano



Sermon “The Spirit at Work” Rev. Cooper

Hymn (382) “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” vs.1, 2,3

- 1 Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

- 2 Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine,
to do and to endure.

- 3 Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Responding to God

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (together)

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 trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass 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.

Hymn (380) “She Comes Sailing on the Wind”
(refrain, vs. 1 & 2, refrain)

**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.**

- 1 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. (to Verse 2)

2 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. **R**

Commissioning and Benediction

May the God of new beginnings light your path.
May the song of the Spirit, play in your heart.
May Jesus, our promise of new life, take you by the
hand and lead you in the dance of life.

And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.
(Irish Blessing)

Choral Amen (884) "You Shall Go Out with Joy"

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands
(clap, clap)
while you go out with joy.

Postlude "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"
F.C. Atkinson, arr. Lloyd Larson

Thank you for joining our Zoom audio/video worship
service. May your hearts be touched with a spirit of
peace and calm knowing God is always with you to
guide, support and care for you.

Many thanks to B. Kai, J. Brooker, R. Bloor and
R. Kunihiro for coordinating our Zoom audio
and video service. Thanks to C. Watanabe for
reading our scriptures. Thanks to K. Quinton,
L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with
their music.

Today is Pentecost Sunday. It is the day when the
Holy Spirit comes to the disciples, touching each one
with wind and fire. It is the birthday of the Christian
Church. To celebrate Pentecost you are invited to
wear red. You may even like to take a picture of
yourself wearing red while listening to the service and
send it to office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca for our
next newsletter.

Sunday, May 30th, Trinity Sunday

Spring/Summer 2021 Newsletter: If you would like
to contribute to the newsletter, we are looking for
stories and pictures that have encouraged or inspired
you over these last several months...maybe a poem,
a joke, an inspirational saying, your garden, a worship
service picture. Perhaps, you would like to write an

article or have an announcement or update from your Ministry Team. Please send your contribution to office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca by May 31st.

Prayers and Concerns: Please remember in your prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and healing.

BUC Prayer Group: These individuals offer confidential prayer support to anyone who is in need of God's healing love, support and compassion in their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a close friend or yourself. Please contact E. Turnbull or R. Shikaze with your prayer request.

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God bless you, stay well, and we hope you join in next week...same day, same time, same number and video link.



Crab apple trees at Rev. Cooper's home, 2021.

Have a Blessed Day!