



Sunset United Church

June 5, 2022 – Pentecost Sunday



*Sunset United, located on Treaty 4 Territory,
is an Affirming community of faith. All are welcome here.*

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Music

Call to Worship¹

On the day of Pentecost –

A day just like today –

The followers of Jesus –

We are followers of Jesus –

Gathered in one place –

We are gathered as one.

And suddenly from heaven, there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, and the Spirit gave them the ability.

Hello! Welcome! Tansi (tahn-si)! Ainiin (ah-neen)! Taanishi (tawn-shi)! Bonjour! Hola! Konnichiwa! Aloha! Ni hau! Marhaba! Guten Tag! Ciao! Namaste! Jambo! Hello!

We gather with words of welcome and love.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Passing the Peace

Hymn MV#23 Come, O Holy Spirit²

Come, O Holy Spirit, set the Church on fire;
strike it as the lightning hits a posing spire.
Burn away the structures and consume the sham
of our holy systems: Come, in Jesus' name!

Refrain Come, come, come, in Jesus' name!
Take our hearts by storm.
All the world lies open:
Pentecost is now!
I said a-come, come, come in Jesus' name!
Take our hearts by storm.
All the world lies open:
Pentecost is now!

Blow away the cobwebs of our stubborn past.
Come, send flying from us myths unfit to last.
Wind of change, refresh us and disturb our calm;
teach us what true love is, take our hearts by storm.

Refrain

Free us from the babble of our Babel mind;
spark in us a language all can understand.
Lighten then our darkness, come and show us how
all the world lies open: Pentecost is now!

Refrain

Prayer of Confession ~Silent Prayer~

Words of Assurance

Sung Response MV#104 Know That God Is Good³

Know that God is good,
Know that God is good
Know that God is good,
God is good, God is good!

Mungu ni mwema (*moon-ngoo nee mway-mah*)
Mungu ni mwema
Mungu ni mwema, ni mwema, ni mwema!

Know that God is good,
Know that God is good,
Know that God is good,
God is good, God is good!

Sharing the Story

Hymn MV#156 Dance with the Spirit⁴

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
Walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

WE LISTEN

Scripture Dramatic Reading based on Acts 2:1-21

Special Music

Reflection

Hymn MV#150 Spirit God, Be Our Breath⁵

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

Dedication of the Offering⁶

May the Spirit inspire your giving.
May the Spirit give life to your gifts.

In the Spirit, we have come together in joyful worship.
In the Spirit, we give thanks continually.
In the Spirit, we encourage each other.
In the Spirit, we care compassionately
In the Spirit, we energize our neighbourhood.
In the Spirit, we support mission work.

When people ask you “why do you care so
enthusiastically?” you will tell them,

“We pray, share and work in the Spirit.”
Amen.

Prayers of the Community and the Lord's Prayer

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 VU#625 I Feel the Winds of God⁷

I feel the winds of God today;
today my sail I lift,
though heavy oft with drenching spray
and torn with many a rift;
if hope but light the water's crest,
and Christ my bark will use
I'll seek the seas at his behest,
and brave another cruise.

It is the wind of God that dries
my vain regretful tears,
until with braver thoughts shall rise
the purer, brighter years;
if cast on shores of selfish ease
or pleasure I should be,
O let me feel your freshening breeze,
and I'll put back to sea.

If ever I forget your love
and how that love was shown,
lift high the blood red flag above;
it bears your name alone.

Great pilot of my onward way,
you will not let me drift.
I feel the winds of God today;
today my sail I lift.

Sending Forth and Blessing

Amen (*Hallelujah Amen*)

Postlude



Minister: Rev. Tricia Gerhard (she/her)

Children & Youth Minister: Michelle McConkey (she/her)

Choir Director: Corinne Groff (she/her)

Pianist: Shirley Hill (she/her)



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