



May 31, 2020

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Tongues of Fire" composed and performed by
Lee Stubbe, *Wesley United Church*

GREETING Given by The Right Rev. Dr. Richard Bott,
43rd Moderator of the United Church of Canada

WELCOME and TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT
Jim Balfour, *Broadway United Church*

HYMN Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us **VU 198**
Westminster United Church

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us,
come with pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision,
help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation,
Jesus Christ, the cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission
that God's love shall be made known.

We would raise our hallelujahs
for the grace of yesteryears;
for tomorrow's unknown pathway,

hear, O God, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey
you have led us all the way,
still in presence move before us,
fire by night and cloud by day.

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us,
give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you,
glorify your holy name.
God, all holy, Son and Spirit,
three in one: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas
now and through eternity.

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE/PENTECOST FLAME &
CALL TO WORSHIP** Cindy Bourgeois, *Wesley United Church*

We light this candle as communities of Jesus the Christ

**Nurturing spiritual exploration and growth, we advocate for
justice and social action. We love and care for ourselves and
our neighbours throughout the world. Amen.**

We gather as United Churches of Regina, separated but not
alone, blown together by the Spirit on this Pentecost Day.

God is with us, we are not alone.

The Spirit, the Ruach Elohim, the breath of God vibrating over
the face of the deep, breathing life into not life.

God is with us, we are not alone.

The Spirit, Pneuma, uncontrolled and uncontrollable blows
where it chooses, and you feel it, but you do not know from
where it comes or where it goes.

God is with us, we are not alone.

A mighty wind, tongues of fire, breathing life into a community called to be the church.

God is with us, we are not alone.

On this day of Pentecost we celebrate God's presence in the Spirit as a community of communities.

God is with us, we are not alone. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER Russell Mitchell-Walker, *Eastside United Church*

HYMN Give Me Oil In My Lamp
Cam Fraser, *Knox-Metropolitan United Church*

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Keep me burning 'till the break of day.

*Sing hosanna! sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna let our voices ring!
Sing hosanna! sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna let us sing!*

Additional verses...

Give me joy in my heart, keep me serving.
Give me wax on my board keep me surfing...
Give me strings on my uke, keep me strumming...
Give me gas in my Ford, keep me trucking for the Lord...
Give me peace in my soul, keep me resting...

A TIME FOR ALL AGES A Pentecost Godly-Play Story
Cam Fraser with Cheryl and Isla Hymus-Fraser
Knox-Metropolitan United Church

CENTERING

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 104 (Part 2), VU p. 827 with Sung Refrain
Diane Robinson and Don Monk, *St. James United Church*

Refrain

Bless, O my soul, the Almighty who rules all Creation

O God, how manifold are your works!
With Wisdom at your side you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures. *Refrain...*

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. *Refrain...*

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. *Refrain...*

GOSPEL READING John 20: 19-23
Deb Anderson-Pratt
Regina Urban Native Outreach Ministry

A NEW CREED led by Darrell Reine, *Westminster United Church*
(We say together in unison)

**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.

ANTHEM *Broadway United Church*

SERMON Sue Breisch, *Lakeview United Church*

RESPONDING

OFFERING: PRESENTING AND BLESSING OUR GIFTS

Joy Cowan and Diane Taylor-Neale
Heritage United Church

Sung Refrain:

MV 191

*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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Peter Gilmer and Bonnie Morton

Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry

Spoken Refrain: God in your love... **Hear our prayer.**

THE PRAYER OF JESUS Vicki Nelson, Olive, Eva, and Rocco

**Our Father/Mother/God/Creator... 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, the power and
the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN Come Touch Our Hearts **MV 12 verses 1, 2, 5**

Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious, come touch and bless our
hearts.

Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us, come touch and bless our souls.

Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;
that we may love you with our heart, our soul,
our mind, our strength, our all, come touch us with your grace.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Led by Tricia Gerhard, *Sunset United Church* and
Lorna King, *South Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy*

We Gather At the Table

Carrying a vision of creation healed and restored...
And so, knowing that all are welcome to participate in
communion, Let us remember and celebrate together.

Minister: God is with us.

People: We are not alone.

Minister: Christ is present here.

People: The Spirit is among us.

Minister: Let us give thanks to God,

People: in memory and in hope.

Holy God of wind and fire...

On earth and in the heavens to give you praise
(spoken all together):

Holy, holy, holy God,

Source of life and love!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna through the ages!

Blest is the One who comes to bring your justice on earth!

As we remember that moment when...

And so, gathered around our virtual table,
We share together the bread of life,
And the cup of love.

Let's pray *(all together):*

**As Christ breathed the Holy Spirit on his disciples,
we pray, God of Love,
for you to send your Spirit upon us
and what we do as we gather while apart,
that we, and the gifts of common food and drink,
dispersed on many tables,
may be touched by your Spirit,
and may be signs of life and love to each other,
and to the world.
Amen.**

Breaking and Sharing of the Elements

People of God,

Let us share in this life giving,
Soul nurturing meal together.

Minister: This is the bread of life!

People: Thanks be to God.

(Break bread and eat piece)

Minister: This is the cup of love!

People: Thanks be to God.

(fill cup and drink)

Prayer After Communion (spoken all together):

Spirit of Wind and Fire,

**May the bread and this cup that we have shared
nourish us body and soul.**

May it connect us one to another,

And to You.

May it remind us that we are indeed

Disciples of the Risen One,

The one who calls us into the world,

**With love and compassion.
May this bread and cup strengthen us,
Embolden us,
And ground us in You.
Now and Always.
Amen.**

GO WITH GOD, GROW WITH GOD

HYMN: Come O Holy Spirit **MV 23**
Heritage United Church

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... (Repeat refrain)*

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 x2*)

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 x2*)

BENEDICTION James Balfour, *Broadway United Church*

CLOSING SONG I am Walking* the Path of Peace **MV 221**
Adapted by Laura Sundberg
Roel Tolentino and family, *St. James United Church*

I am trav-ling a path of peace,
I am trav-ling a path of peace,
I am trav-ling a path of peace,
lead me home, lead me home.

I am trav-ling a path of hope...
I am trav-ling a path of love...

* We are using "trav-ling" instead of "walking" to include people of all abilities.

POSTLUDE "Minuet & Baninerie" by J.S. Bach
Hart Godden (organ) and Tara Semple (flute)
Knox-Metropolitan United Church

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